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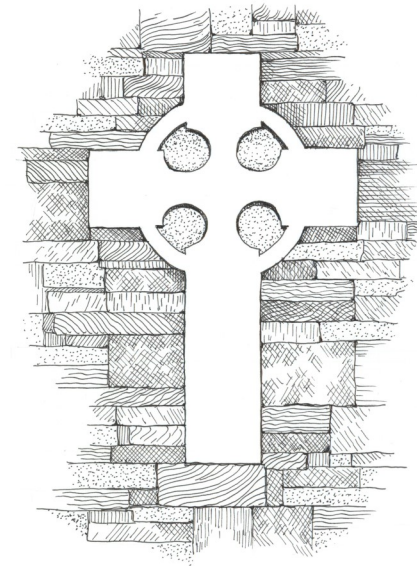
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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Diaconate

The deacons are elected by the congregation to care for the material needs of church members, promote generosity, and oversee the church facility. They also extend the love and generosity of Christ to those outside the church. Please contact them if you or someone you are concerned about has a physical or material need.

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CHRIST COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 24:7-10

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle!

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

Minister: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hosanna

TEXT & MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown, 2006

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You. We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You. We long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come, have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You. We turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new. You make us new.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

King Of Kings

WORDS & MUSIC: Jason Ingram, Brooke Ligertwood & Scott Ligertwood, 2019

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light,
Till from heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!*

60+

Randy Hays / Mike Burton

Room 4

This class will be studying the parables of Jesus.

For women of all ages

Jennifer Westall

Room 7

Join us each week immediately following the worship service as we work through the book of Genesis, looking at the story of Jacob and how God's promises to him through Abraham apply to our personal story.

Church Membership

We have an Inquirers Class for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This class meets, as needed, in the Session Room during Sunday School. Please contact Jason Ellerbee or Brad Eidson if you would like to attend.

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups are cross-generational groups intended to allow participation of all Christ Covenant members plus regularly participating non-members for the purposes of belonging, serving, encouraging, and nurturing. You may contact any of the elders on the back of the bulletin to get connected with a Covenant Group.

Women for Christ

The CCPC Women's Committee was developed to serve the women in our church body based on Romans 12:2. We are committed to teaching women to be transformed by the renewing of their minds through Scripture so that the women of our church will be able to test and approve God's good, pleasing, and perfect will. Our desire is that every woman at CCPC has an opportunity to serve and connect. We are focused on outreach, prayer, mercy ministry, and spiritual growth. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas of service to our church family, please contact Tina (256) 347-3593 or Diane (256) 709-2642.

Church Directory Updates

Our church directory is available to view on your mobile device. Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices. Download the Instant Church Directory app from the App Store on your device. You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Jonathan Haynes know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email, and text right from the app. More information can be found at www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app.

Classes & Other Information

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. All children 3rd grade and younger go directly to Room 3 (the "chandelier room") following the service. Children 3rd grade or younger should be picked up from their class once Sunday school is over. All 4th-6th grade students should go directly to their class downstairs and will be dismissed following Sunday School. Below you will find a class list and room numbers.

Toddler 3yrs - Scott/Becky Lewis - Room 14

Preschool 4yrs - Joyah/Wyatt Pettus & Sue/Grace Eidson & Anna Bright - Room 15

Kindergarten - Kristi Nyquist & Rachel/Taylor Eidson - Room 6

1st grade - Blake/Allison Bright & Lee/Sarah Haynes - Room 8

2nd - 3rd grade - Sheena Johnson & John/Audrey Nyquist - Room 9

4th - 6th grade girls - Siusan Peek/Caroline Lunsford (back up) - Downstairs

4th - 6th grade boys - Rick White & Bo Shirey - Downstairs

Youth Sunday School

The youth will meet in three classes at The Hill and will all be studying the book of Joshua.

7th and 8th Grades	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	The Hill (Big Room)
9th and 10th Grades	Hayes & Jessi Eidson	The Hill (Green Room)
11th and 12th Grades	Benjamin & Mary Rogers	The Hill (Orange Room)

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school classes are divided roughly along the lines of age and stage of life. Each Sunday provides an opportunity for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer with others experiencing similar circumstances according to the particular age and stage of life. These classes are for both men and women unless indicated otherwise.

20s	Luke Mosteller	Bell Tower Room
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30s	Andy Starnes / Derek Rakestraw	Room 3
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40s/50s	Steve Nyquist / Jason Ellerbee	Fellowship Hall
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March 19: Drawing Near: Old Man vs. New Man (Colossians)

March 26: Drawing Near – Old Man vs. New Man (Ephesians)

April 2: Drawing Near – Wrap Up

April 9: Easter Sunday – no SS

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath,
Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame,
Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free.
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9-17

CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from "The Valley of Vision" page 76

O Lord, even though I have nothing to offer, I have been chosen by you from eternity, given to Christ, and been made new by an unseen power of grace. While I am deeply convinced of the sufficiency of Christ, I am also deeply convinced of the evil and misery of a sinful state, and the vanity of humanity. So often when you would guide me, I control myself. When you would be sovereign, I rule myself. When you would take care of me, I suffice myself. When I should depend on your provision, I supply myself. When I should submit to your providence, I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor, and trust you, I serve myself. I change your laws to suit myself. Instead of you, I look to man's approval, and am by nature an idolater. Lord, it is my chief desire to have a heart fully surrendered to you. Convince me that I cannot be my own god, or make myself happy; nor my own Christ to restore my joy; nor my own Spirit to teach, guide, and rule myself. Take away my wandering eye, curious ear, greedy appetite, and lustful heart. Show me that none of these things can heal a wounded conscience, or support a tottering frame, or uphold a departing spirit. Holy Spirit, please wash me with God's Word today, that I might experience healing, and receive strength for the journey ahead.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Take Shelter

WORDS & MUSIC: Kristyn Getty, Skye Peterson, & Ben Shive, 2022

When the nations rage and death is at the door, When the wars are waged as they have been before,
There's a refuge that I run to, A respite from my fear, Nothing in this world can harm me here.

When my song of hope is swallowed by the pain, As the weariness of grief floods in again,
Will you find me in the valley? Oh hear my helpless cry! Hold me as a mother holds her child.

Sermon Notes

*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.*

When a greater war had torn apart my soul, And the iron hold of sin would not let go.
All of heaven stormed the darkness In the power of the cross.
I'm freed beneath the banner of His love

*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.*

When the labors of this fleeting life are done, As the shadows fall we'll see the lights of home.
And then all our present troubles Will be stories of the past.
Safe within His gates we'll find our rest.

*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

“The King’s Entry”

COMMUNION SONG

I Will Wait For You

WORDS & MUSIC: Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Keith Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2018

Out of the depths I cry to You, In darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You. On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone, Take courage in His power to save;
Completely and forever won By Christ emerging from the grave.

Now He has come to make a way, And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, For Your love is my delight.

“Love . . . Reaching”

Chris and Mary Granberry serve on the Yakama Indian Reservation in White Swan, Washington. The Granberrys started Sacred Road Ministries (SRM), an organization that serves the Native American community. As part of SRM, they also planted a church, Hope Fellowship. Their ministry includes hosting backyard Bible clubs, evangelizing and discipling at-risk teens, and coordinating short-term work teams. The update below is excerpted from their December Newsletter.

Ministry has been steadily growing. We have more adults and youth coming to church all the time. The after-school program is growing...Life on life mentoring and discipleship within the ministry is part of the daily routine now and we are raising up the future leaders of Sacred Road, the church (Hope Fellowship), and the communities of White Swan and Warm Springs.

Chris and I have had a full year, personally, as well. We have had 4 foster children and up to 4 young adults living with us; as well as the addition of our oldest daughter, Ann Marie, her husband, and baby moving in with us as they transitioned here for Danny’s new job. Having our grandson, Judah, with us these recent months is a blessing that I can hardly believe! Our children have been living a long distance for quite a while now. Beth is currently in Miami. Morgan married Isaac, in May, and they transitioned from Chattanooga to Huntsville, AL. Davy is still in Chattanooga working in the film, advertising, and editing arena. We traveled to Chattanooga with all of our large household for Morgan’s wedding last May!

In the midst of growth, the year has held heartache for our team. One of the young men on our staff lost his sister to a car accident last summer. He stayed with us so he could continue to work. In his mom’s home, the chaos and dysfunction kept him up all night and he was not able to make it to work on time in the mornings. All of his personal income has gone to supporting his younger siblings, while his mother and grandmother were unstable. Just last week, his grandmother passed away, as well. He has had to move back to help the household and take care of the siblings.

At the moment, we have 2 foster girls, Forever (age 12) and Octavia (age 17). Yesterday the case worker visited Forever at her school. She called me to tell me how good Forever looked. Forever came home melancholy. She couldn’t shake the injustice of how things are and how things “ought to be.” Her mom and dad should be raising her and she told me so. I reassured her how much I love her, knowing it doesn’t negate the longing.

Our home has had an “open door” for 20 years now. We walk through the trauma and chaos of reservation life with those in our home in a very personal way. We celebrate everything we can celebrate; yet I am reminded constantly of the hardship of life. So many funerals, so many car accidents, so many home break ins and losses of things necessary for daily life. Immanuel, God with us, is especially helpful as we look back on the year, and especially needed in order to look forward. We have been watching the new series called “The Chosen” on Sunday evenings at the church. It has been amazing how our folks can relate to the life Jesus and the disciples lived on earth. Jesus understands. Jesus came to save us. Jesus is with us.

We want our lives to constantly echo these messages. We want our church to be a community that reveals this Gospel hope together. Thank you for being there for us through the years as the Lord builds His church and brings light in dark places.

Blessings,
Mary Granberry

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 31

Minister: Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

People: Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Death Was Arrested

TEXT: Brandon Coker, Paul Taylor Smith, Adam Kersh, and Heath Balltzglier, 2015

Alone in my sorrow dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh your grace so free Washes over me
You have made me new Now life begins with you
It's your endless love Pouring down on us
You have made us new Now life begins with you

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom he faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and he called me his friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Oh we're free free Forever we're free
Come join the song Of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free Forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

Christ Covenant News

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Greeting; From Our Pastor

Welcome to Christ Covenant! We are honored and delighted to have you worshipping with us this Lord's Day. The entire CCPC family is eager to meet you, answer any questions you may have, and serve you best we can. After the service my wife and I will be in the lobby where we would love to personally greet and welcome you. I pray that our time together has been a source of encouragement to your soul, and that you have been refreshed by the Lord's Word and His people. Please let us know how we can serve you!

Grace and peace, Jason Ellerbee, Sr. Pastor

Holy Week Service

Prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection by remembering his words and actions in the Upper Room on the night he was betrayed. Singing, Gospel readings, and the Lord's Table take us back to that most holy night. Join us Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. Nursery provided.

Church Membership

An Inquirers Class will be continuing today for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This class will meet in the Session Room during Sunday School. Please contact Jason Ellerbee or Brad Eidson if you would like to attend.

Ladies' Prayer Time

Ladies will be meeting on Mondays, March 20 and April 17 from 10:00-11:00 in the Bell Tower at church. Women of all ages are invited. This is a great way to serve the Lord through intercession for our church. Ephesians 6:18 - "Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints."

This Week's Activities

<u>Tuesday</u> 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u> 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Covenant Groups, Covenant Kids, Youth Group
<u>Thursday</u> 6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<u>Friday</u> 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Worship Service & Communion Sunday School Youth Bible Study Groups

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

Mar 19
Church Service—Christie Bright, Taylor Eidson
Sunday School—Patricia Branscomb

Mar 26
Church Service—Rachel Eidson, Tina Hulse
Sunday School—Braden Cook

Birthdays This Week

March 21.....Lisa White
23.....Dorothy Dotson

Did we miss a birthday? Email Brooke.

RYM - July 3-7

RYM is a conference for High Schoolers (current 8th–12th grade) hosted at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. Students will spend the week in fellowship, worship, and learning God's truth. **Individual registration deadline is April 1st.** You may register at rym.org/hsfl1-registration. See Mr. Knappenberger if you need additional information.

Women's Bible Studies

Tuesday Mornings - Our Tuesday morning Bible study will begin a study on the books of Joshua and Judges on March 21st at 9:30 a.m. and will be led by Yvonne Welch. We would love to have you!

Thursday Night - We are continuing our study of Exodus with Jen Wilkin's *God of Freedom: A Study of Exodus 19-40*. This 10-week study meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Gloria Edwards Room. Materials are provided. Nursery available upon request.

Rummage Sale

Our Rummage Sale to support our Belize Missions Team is scheduled for May 19th-20th. We are now accepting ALL donations including clothing. Due to the time-consuming nature of sorting and pricing clothing, we will be accepting clothing donations for one month only- March 12 until April 16. So, please clean out your spaces and bring your gently-used items to us soon! All proceeds from the sale go to CCPC short term missions. Please contact Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999 if you have any questions regarding the Rummage Sale including where to drop-off donations.

Crates For Ukraine

At the request of Mission to the World national partners, Crates for Ukraine provides personal and humanitarian aid from churches in the U.S. to churches in Ukraine. This takes place in three steps: #1. Collect supplies, #2. Pack Crates, #3. Deliver crates to Chattanooga. Once crates are delivered to the warehouse, a shipping company partnering with CFU flies aid to Europe and delivers to Lviv, Ukraine where the church distributes to most needed areas within days. To help purchase supplies, you can select Crates for Ukraine on the EasyTithe app or by indicating CFU on your check. If you would like to help purchase items, pack crates, or deliver crates, contact Matthew McGrath or Siusan Peek. For more information, go to www.CratesForUkraine.com.

Arty Party

On the 1st & 3rd Sunday each month from 2-4 p.m. come and paint at the church. No experience required. Bring your own supplies. See Marion Frey if you have any questions.

Men's Ministry Events

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Men's Ministry Fellowship Cook-out - Sunday, March 19 @ 6:00 PM at the Youth House

Men's Morning Study – beginning April 4th @ 6:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

3M (3rd Monday) Men's Fellowship – launching on Monday, April 17th – time and location TBD

Change; Coming to Children's Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday school is a time when my regular teachers have a break from teaching each week. It's also a time where our covenant children are learning Children's Catechism Q & A. For the past several years we have had sign-up/volunteer system in place, this summer will be different. I am looking for two people per class to be committed to that class for the summer which is 10 weeks. I am excited to announce that all classes have been filled except for the 4th—5th grade class. The classes are based on the grade your child JUST COMPLETED with the exception of the 6th graders who will go ahead and promote up to the youth house for Sunday school on June 4. The classes are;

Toddler class - Scott/Becky Lewis
Prek-K class - Kristi Nyquist/Ginger Pettus
1st grade class - Randy/Tara Quinn
2nd - 3rd grade class - Julie Kennedy/Dana Starnes
4th - 5th grade class - 2 teachers still needed
I will also need people willing to be on a sub list for these summer teachers.
Summer Sunday school dates are June 4 - Aug 6.

If you have any questions please see Tracie. Please be in prayer about how you can serve in children's ministry this summer.