

10/22/23 - The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. – 1 Peter 2:4-6; 9-10

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32:11 and Isaiah 61:10

Minister: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

All: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

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.
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How Great Thou Art

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1949 TUNE: Swedish Folk Melody

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, your chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love. We come to you to admit and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone., O Lord, are full of compassion and grace, you are slow to anger and full of mercy; there is forgiveness with you.to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken in our lives, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide with us until it bends us to your will. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

In Christ Alone

TEXT & MUSIC: Townend/Getty, 2002

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,

For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny;
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-6

SERMON

“The Mystery of the Gospel—Part One”

COMMUNION SONG

Come, Behold The Wondrous Mystery

WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa, 2013

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 54

Minister: What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Christian church?

Congregation: I believe that the Son of God, out of the whole human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself, by His Spirit and Word, in the unity of the true faith, a church chosen to everlasting life. And I believe that I am and forever shall remain a living member of it.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

God Is For Us

WORDS & MUSIC: Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Kleyn, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, James Tealy, Rich Thompson, 2018

We won't fear the battle; We won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with You by our side
You will go before us; You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble, Even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon; You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Chorus

Bridge x 2

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us, Holds me in His love (Repeat)

Chorus x 2

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

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Men's Morning Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

6:15 p.m. Covenant Kids, Covenant Groups, Youth Group

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Friday

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Guys
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Girls

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

October 22

Church Service— Sue Roberts, Lee Haynes
Sunday School— Allison Bright

October 29

Church Service— Jessi Eidson, Evelyn Quinn
Sunday School— Julie Kennedy

Covenant Kids Corner

10/25 Menu: Pasta (Connie Jacobs)

This week: Special Activities Night—Parents please make sure your kids wear tennis shoes.

Nursery Ministry

Our nursery welcomes children 0-3 years of age. Parents need to fill out information on Check-In stickers each week. Volunteers are needed; text Karena to be added to the list. We also have openings for paid nursery staff on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is 18 years old or older and interested in working 2-4 regular shifts per month, please contact Karena Haynes at (256) 636-0999

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Birthday This Week

October 22.....David Haynes
24.....Leamon Dotson
25.....Abby Pearson
.....Anna Shirey
.....Sue Eidson
.....William Eidson

26.....Anne Moultrie
.....Joe Orosz
.....Wesley Holmes
27.....Cecilia Cook
Did we miss a birthday? Email Brooke.

Fellowship Workday

Mark your calendars for a fellowship workday at Christ Covenant on Saturday, December 2nd! Please plan on joining us as we care for our property by planting new shrubs, putting out new straw, and tackling a handful of other jobs. More details to come, but please go ahead and add this opportunity to serve on your calendar.

Worship Ministry Help Needed

The worship ministry is in need of volunteers to sing or play instruments in worship on Sunday mornings. is minimal time commitment and the schedule from Sunday to Sunday is flexible. see Zeb Powell or Mike.

Church Membership—Pastor’s Inquirers Class

If you are interested in joining Christ Covenant or discovering more information about our church, please reach out to Pastor Ellerbee or one of our elders – their contact info is on the back of the bulletin.

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 Morning Study – Tuesdays @ 6:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A hearty breakfast will be served. We will be studying the book of 1st Timothy.

Men’s Fellowship Cookout – Sunday, October 22nd – 5:00PM – at the home of Bo and Julie Kennedy.

Men’s Prayer Time – Friday mornings, 7:00 am in the church session room.

Crates for Ukraine Donations

We will be accepting donations during October to support Crates for Ukraine (CFU), a ministry of MTW and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ukraine to provide personal and humanitarian aid from churches in the U.S. to churches and displaced communities in Ukraine. Based on donations received during October, we will provide as much support as the donations will allow. CFU requests that registered churches provide at least four crates. The types of crates and approximate cost are as follows: 1) Basic Wound Care Crate-MOST NEEDED (~\$2,500); 2) Basic Med Crate (~ \$1,500); Basic Care Crate (~ \$1,000). You may donate through the easyTithe app by selecting the Crates for Ukraine fund or you may donate by check with Crates for Ukraine in the memo.

Sound Booth Help Needed

Would you be willing to help with the soundboard, projector slides, or live stream production. Contact Roger Tew for more information..

Roots ‘24

Roots is a weekend camp with fun, relationship building, and hearing from God’s Word. Open to all 7th-12th graders. Registration and flyers available in the narthex following the service

Date: January 19th-21st

Where: Camp Toknowhim in Pisgah, AL

Cost: \$145

Women's Ministry Events

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: In the Bible we are introduced to different kinds of faith- great faith, weak faith, child-like faith and steadfast faith. James wrote this book to bring hope and encouragement to the Jewish and Gentiles Christians who were scattered throughout all of the Roman Empire due to persecution. They were experiencing perilous and challenging times and he wrote this book to help them know how to have steadfast in the midst of all these. His primary theme is how to live out one's faith. As we study the book of James we be encouraged to be a doer of the word and not just a hearer of the word. Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 here at CCPC. Please contact Patty Hutchens for information as to how to order the book. Our teacher will be Yvonne Welch. We hope to see YOU there!!

Thursday Women's Bible Study: The Thursday Night Bible Study will look at the wonderful book of Hebrews this fall. We will use Nancy Guthrie's book "Hoping for Something Better" as a guide. The study is on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Gloria Edwards Room at church. The nursery will be available upon request. Everyone is invited to come! We hope to see you there.

Ladies Prayer Time: Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting on Monday, October 16th, from 10:00-11:00 in the Bride's Room at the church. Women of all ages are invited. is a great way to serve the Lord through intercession for our church. 6:18: "*Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all and intercession for all the saints.*"

Ladies Night: Ladies night will resume in January.

Art Fellowship

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. Contact Marion Frey if you have any questions.

Prayer Chain

Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to pray for you. Please call, text, or email Gwen with any requests.

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 Class - Scott/Becky Lewis—Room 14

PreK-Kindergarten - Braden & Whitney Cook/Kristi Nyquist & Ginger Pettus—Room 15

1st Grade - Anthony & Rebecca Taylor/Chris & Merrill Dotson—Room 6

2nd Grade - Shawn & Nicole Robb/Madison McCoy/Sara Haynes—Room 8

3rd Grade - Sheena Johnson/Laura Reeder—Room 9

4th - 6th Girls - Caroline Lunsford/Siusan Peek—Downstairs

4th - 6th Boys - Bo Shirey/Daniel Johnson/Dennis Porter—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.

30s	Andy Starnes / Derek Rakestraw	Gloria Edwards
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Salt & Light	Steve Nyquist	Fellowship Hall
Current series - <u>Encouraging the 'Counter-Culture' Family</u>		
Today: Special Salt & Light Community Building Challenge		

The Bereans (Acts 17:10-12)	Randy Hays	Room 4
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I would like to invite each of you to consider attending our study of the Apostle John's Letters to the churches. Letters are John's call to each believer to live in God's Light and in God's love if we are truly His. "I write things to you who in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13 ESV

Women of all ages	Tina Hulse	Room 10
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Join us as we explore the life of Joseph and our wisdom for dealing with life's trials through the study of Scripture.

Church Membership—Pastor's Inquirers Class

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 in the Sanctuary 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 or Diane.

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.