

Sermon Notes

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

"This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. It does not lie asleep in the soul. Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man, and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident." –Martin Luther

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:6–7

Minister: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SONGS OF PRAISE

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

TEXT: Edward Perronet, 1779 TUNE: Oliver Holden, 1793

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

*The rocks cry out! Your children sing: Hallelujah to the King of kings!
You are clothed in majesty, robed in splendor, Crowned with glory.*

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

Psalm 45: Fairest Of All

WORDS & MUSIC: Shane Barnard and Shane Everett, 2015

My heart burst at its banks, Spilling with beauty and goodness.
I pour it out as a song to my King, Shaping the rivers into words.
What grace pours from your lips, The sound calls the midnight to morning;
The melody turns my winter to spring, I echo it now in my worship.

*Ten thousand strong, You're the fairest of all,
Fairest in heaven and earth.
Of the children of men You're the fairest of them,
Fairest in heaven and earth.*

Your heart burst at the seams, Flowing with blood and with water.
A song of love pouring out from the tree singing,
“For the joy set before me.”

You ransomed your bride On the day that you died,
Ascended to heaven in glory.
She stands clothed in white With her head lifted high singing,
“Come and return in Your glory.”

You ransomed your bride On the day that you died,
Ascended to heaven in glory.
We stand clothed in white With our voice lifted high singing,
“Come and return in Your glory.”

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 1:1-2:4

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from “The Valley of Vision”

My God, I bless you that you have given me the eye of faith, to see you as Father, to know you as a covenant God, to experience your love planted in me. For faith is the grace of union by which I spell out my entitlement to you. Faith casts my anchor upwards where I trust in you and engage you to be my Lord. Be pleased to live and move within me, breathing in my prayers, inhabiting my praises, speaking in my words, moving in my actions, living in my life, causing me to grow in grace. Your abundant goodness has helped me believe, but my faith is weak and wavering, its light dim, its steps tottering, its increase slow, its backslidings frequent; it should scale the heavens but lies groveling in the dust. Lord, fan this divine spark into glowing flame. When faith sleeps, my heart becomes an unclean thing, the fount of every loathsome desire, the cage of unclean lusts all fluttering to escape, the noxious tree of deadly fruit, the open wayside of earthly tares. Lord, awake faith to put forth its strength until all heaven fills my soul and all impurity is cast out. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

His Mercy Is More

WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, 2016

What love could remember no wrongs we have done,
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:15-32

SERMON

“Reformation Sunday – The Righteous Shall Live by Faith”

COMMUNION SONG

Be Thou My Vision

TEXT: Irish Poem, 8th Century TUNE: Trad. Irish Melody

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou my inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 5 Solas of the Reformation

Minister: Sola Scriptura

All: The Scripture alone is our only authoritative rule for faith and life.

Minister: Sola Gratia

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone.

Minister: Sola Fide

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone.

Minister: Solus Christus

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone.

Minster: Soli Deo Gloria

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone that we might Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

All Things New

WORDS & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2013

You've said you know the plans you have for me; You've said that I am wonderfully made.
But I've forsaken all you have for me, For idols that will all melt away.

*But you stayed true, My God, I praise you!
You came to me in my brokenness, And pulled me out of the mess,
And you turned me around.
You heard me call out in my distress, In spite of your holiness, You came down.
And you're making all things new, You're making all things new.*

You've told me I was made in your image, That you've adopted me as your son.
I've walked through life more like I'm an orphan And not as one of your chosen ones.

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><i>Encouraging the 'Counter-Culture' Family</i></u>		

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 writethings to you whoin 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

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 (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.

Nov 2.....Alden Rakestraw
.....Elaine Williams
.....Holden Skeen
.....Lily Howze
.....Sarah Holmes
3.....Craig Adkins

Did we miss a birthday? Email Brooke.

Greetings From Our Pastor

Welcome to Christ Covenant 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

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 Lunsford if you are interested in helping.

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.

3M Men's Fellowship—November 20th at 6pm.

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

Church Membership 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.

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, November 13th and December 11th, 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 with any requests Gwen Hays .

“Love . . . Reaching”

The Link of Cullman County seeks to inspire Cullman County neighbors living in poverty to dream and to encourage the homeless, the struggling single-mom, the addict, and the under-employed that God has more for them. The Link connects resources, people, and needs to community members, school leadership, church staffs, and other non-profits to create programs and services that not only come along-side those in poverty, but do so in a way that builds relationships. The Link of Cullman County is a transformational ministry that loves people right where they are, no matter what their circumstances, beliefs, or economic status. Melissa Betts, Executive Director of The Link, provided the announcement below.

The Link Annual Awards & Gala

The Link Gala and Awards event is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 2nd at The Venue at Cotton Creek. This year's theme is "Planted-We cannot grow things unless they are planted." The Link invites everyone to join them on November 2nd to learn about the growth of The Link during 2023 as well as looking ahead to anticipated growth in the future. If you plan to attend, please let Jonathan Haynes or a member of the missions committee know, so we can ensure that we have support from Christ Covenant at this annual event. Thank you!

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at -
<https://linkingcullman.ticketspice.com/the-link-annual-meeting-awards-gala-2023>

MNA Disaster Response Opportunities

Future Work Days - Mark your calendars for upcoming work days at the warehouse. We start at 9 am Eastern on the Third Saturday of the month. Work day projects often include packing relief kits or working on a special project. All ages are invited to participate. This is a great family service project. Please notify Mike Kennamer at mkennamer@pcanet.org if you plan to attend. Upcoming dates for the remainder of 2023 include: October 21, November 18, & December 16

Contact Management Software - If anyone can recommend a good (and affordable) contact management software, contact Mike Kennamer—mkennamer@pcanet.org. It would be extra helpful if the software would also send email blasts, but that is not required.

Prayer Requests

Trisha's Knee Replacement - Please pray for Trisha Kennamer, who had knee replacement surgery on October 9. Pray for a good recovery.

Praise for New AC Unit - Thank God for His provision in a new HVAC unit for the training center section of the MNA Disaster Response Warehouse, where Mike's office is located.

Hurricane Season - Continue to pray for a light hurricane season and for no fall/winter tornadoes.

Praise for God's Provision - Praise God that He has provided financially, through the generosity of His people, this year. Pray for a good finish to this year and a strong start for next year.