



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 12, 2023 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.” – Psalm 20:7-8

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP **Ephesians 1:3-4 & Psalm 28:7**

Minister: Come and bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

All: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

TEXT & MUSIC: Brian Doerksen, 1998

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

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.

Women of all ages

Tina Hulse

Room 10

Join us as we explore the life of Joseph and increase 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.

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.

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| 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.

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| 30s | Andy Starnes / Derek Rakestraw | Gloria Edwards |
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| Salt & Light | Steve Nyquist | Fellowship Hall |
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Current series - ***Encouraging the 'Counter-Culture' Family***

Today: Matthew 5:13 What does 'You are the salt of the earth' look like?

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| 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. These 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 these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13 ESV

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

Psalm 103

CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lust of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but rule over me in liberty and power. For the glory of your name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

TEXT & MUSIC: Nathan Stiff

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song, when enemies surround me
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise
My joy, when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

Sermon Notes

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING **Ephesians 3:14-21**

SERMON **“Strengthened with Power”**

COMMUNION SONG ***Jesus, Strong And Kind***

WORDS & MUSIC: Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Colin Buchanan, 2019

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

“Love . . . Reaching”

Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC) was established in 1989 to serve Christ through building a better community. Through the cooperative efforts of local churches, the volunteers of the CCC join in a common effort to assist our Cullman neighbors in a way that will advance the Kingdom of God. As a non-profit organization, CCC provides assistance with utility bills, rent, and prescriptions to approximately 600 Cullman families each year. All funds are donated by local churches, individuals, and organizations. Volunteers see clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Department of Human Resources (DHR) building. The letter below was received on October 4th.

Dear Friends of the CCC,

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.” Philippians 1:3

Each Thursday we have a meeting to decide the amount to give each client for their power bill or pharmacy bill. We always begin the meeting with a prayer asking for the Lord’s guidance in making good decisions in helping our clients, and in making the best use of our donors’ money. We always thank God for our generous donors who faithfully contribute so that we can continue to minister to families in need. **We truly thank the Lord for you**, our generous donors, who faithfully contribute so that we can continue our ministry to families in need.

Everyone has seen prices go up and up, on rent, gas, food, electricity —every “necessity of life.” More and more people are just not able to afford these necessities, and more and more people are coming to the CCC for relief. We are so thankful to be there to assist them.

The CCC also co-operates with other organizations in getting people the help they need. Just recently we saw a woman who lives on a very modest monthly check and has many serious health problems. She had a huge bill at her pharmacy, larger than the CCC could pay. So we reached out to other sources and were able to patch together funds from 4 different sources to pay the entire bill. Needless to say, she was very grateful.

As always, we deeply appreciate your support of this mission. May the Lord continue to bless us as we work together to be His hands on earth.

If you like more information about the work of the CCC or like someone to speak to your group, please call me at 256-507-1069.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you.

Hazel Heinze, Director of Volunteers
The Committee on Church Cooperation

CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q. 116

Minister: Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

All: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness which God requires of us. Moreover, God will give His grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who constantly and with heartfelt longing as Him for these gifts and thank Him for them.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Inhabit the Land

TEXT & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2009

I cried to the Lord. I called out to Him.
Is He listening?
My troubles are deep; I’m down on my knees.
Is He listening?
Then I hear that still small voice again,
“Child my love for you will never end.”

*I will never leave you, I will not forsake you.
I will be with you wherever you go.
I will be your God and you will be my people
Though there are giants, inhabit the land. Inhabit the land.*

Thinking ‘bout the past, all the joy I had.
Is He listening?
Where’s His kindness gone? Where’s the love I’ve known?
Is He listening?
Then I hear that still small voice again,
“Child my love for you will never end.”

Greetings 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

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| Monday | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Prayer Time |
| 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 |
| 5:00 p.m. | Thanksgiving Fellowship |

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

November 12
Church Service— Mary Ellen Kennedy, Tina Hulse
Sunday School— Amanda Satterfield

November 19
Church Service— Diane Burton, Anthony Taylor
Sunday School— Amanda Knappenberger

Covenant Kids Corner

11/15 Menu: Tacos
We are Learning: "God Provided For Ruth"
(Ruth)

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.

Birthdays This Week

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| Nov 12..... | Anne Lunsford |
| | Trent Pettus |
| 14..... | Amos Johnson |
| | JC Ellerbee |
| | John Cook |
| 15..... | Jonathan Knapp |
| 17..... | Blaise Robb |

Did we miss a birthday? Email Brooke.

Opportunity to Give

We recently received word from Argyris Petrou in Greece that the Damaris House is currently experiencing a financial need due to the rising costs for food, heating, etc.. The Damaris House is a Christ Covenant supported ministry that cares for the physical and spiritual needs of refuge women, and their children, who have been sexually exploited. To learn more about this ministry you can watch the video found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzNv3JBYWEo>. If you are interested in helping with this current need, please connect with Johnny Cook.

CCPC Thanksgiving Dinner

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner is quickly approaching and we are SO excited, please mark your calendars!
Location: Cotton Creek
Sunday, November 19th at 5:00 pm
Guest speaker: Mark Travers with Turning Hearts Ministries - www.turningheartsmministries.com.
Please sign up to help us estimate our group:



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— Tuesday, November 28th at 6pm.

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

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 256-338-8285 or email westpoint02@hotmail.com.

Worship Ministry Help Needed

The worship ministry is in need of volunteers to sing and/or play instruments during worship on Sunday mornings. There is minimal time commitment and the schedule from Sunday to Sunday is flexible. Please see Zeb Powell or Mike Lunsford or email Mike at mjlunsford21@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

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

Prayer Chain

Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to pray for you. Please call, text, or email with any requests Gwen Hays 256-709-5276 gwen2829@yahoo.com.

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 faith in the midst of all these trials. His primary theme is how to live out one's faith. As we study the book of James we will 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. 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."*

Women's Christmas Party: November 27th from 6-8pm at Vicki Knight's home. Bring your favorite Holiday goodie and bring the recipe to share.

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. 256-347-4201