



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 28, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Adapted from The Valley of Vision

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and supplication, each prayer perfumed with the incense of atoning blood. Help me, defend me, until from praying ground I pass to the realm of unceasing praise. Urged by my need, invited by Your promises, called by Your Spirit, I enter Your presence, worshipping You with godly fear, awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory, always encouraged by Your love.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 25:1 & Psalm 139:14

Minister: The Lord is your God; exalt Him; praise His name, for He has done wonderful things.

All: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

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.

What A Beautiful Name

MUSIC & TEXT: Hillsong, 2013

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in you, our Christ.

*What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is—
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this—
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater, What could separate us now?

The Bereans (Acts 17:10-12)

Randy Hays

Room 4

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

Women of all ages

Tina Hulse

Room 10

In January we will begin a study of Habakkuk, and see how the questions from this Old Testament prophet are relevant to our world today. Habakkuk shows us how to faithfully wrestle with God when we don't understand His ways.

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.

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.

Foundations	Andy / Derek / Jason	Gloria Edwards Room
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Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation – Come join us as we dive into the book of Revelation and discover how Revelation is less about when Jesus will return and more about who we are to be, what we are to do, and what we can expect to endure as we wait for Jesus to return to establish his kingdom in the new creation. We will be using Nancy Guthrie's theologically robust guide to help us in our understanding.

Salt & Light	Steve Nyquist	Fellowship Hall
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Current series - *Encouraging the 'Counter-Culture' Family*

Today: Love One Another (part 2) – John 13

*What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is—
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this—
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, The veil tore before you, You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory For you are raised to life again

You have no rival, you have no equal, Now and forever, God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is—
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against—
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.*

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 2

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

Great God, I am all poverty as well as all guilt, having nothing of my own with which to repay You. But I bring Jesus to You in the arms of faith, pleading His righteousness to offset my iniquities, rejoicing that He will weigh down the scales for me, and satisfy Your justice. I bless You that great sin draws out great grace, that, although the lest sin deserves infinite punishment because done against an infinite God, yet there is mercy for me, for where guilt is most terrible, there Your mercy in Christ is most free and deep. Bless me by revealing to me more of His saving merits, by causing Your goodness to pass before me, by speaking peace to my contrite heart; Strengthen me to give You no rest until Christ shall reign supreme within me, in every thought, word, and deed, in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens me to You, and ever clings to the cross. 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

Sermon Notes

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-21

SERMON

“Walk In Wisdom”

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.*

“Love . . . Reaching”

Ryan & Kelly Akers and their youngest daughter, Hannah, work with Campus Outreach SERVE in Edinburgh, Scotland. Arriving in June, 2023 they have begun to build relationships with students for the purpose of life-on-life evangelism and discipleship. Ryan will be leading the Campus Outreach team that is scheduled to arrive in Summer, 2024. Additionally, the Akers will be developing a partnership with St. Columba’s Free Church.

A Week in the Life of the Akers - Our sending church featured our ministry in Edinburgh in their children's ministry event, Passport Night. To help the children understand and "experience" a bit of life in Scotland, Kelly made a video that gives a picture of a week in the life of the Akers. We thought you all would enjoy seeing it! Link: https://youtu.be/2IV5KtSgkuk?si=RrRYdNsiS2_oszFo

Weekend Away - Our church, St. Columba's, has a weekend retreat every January called "Weekend Away." This provides an opportunity to be encouraged by worship and the preaching of God's Word, and also to grow deeper in relationship with people in the church. We left the weekend even more thankful for the church that the Lord has provided for us!

Upcoming term - Students begin classes today (Jan. 16) for the Spring term. There are new students who have come to the University of Edinburgh and there will be new “rhythms” on and around campus. I will be trying to answer questions like: How is the Spring term different from the Fall? What are the opportunities for meeting and getting to know students available in the Spring? Where do the students hang out and when are they there? At the end of the semester, I will aim to have a summary of our investigation that will help me and my team make plans going into next year. Please pray that I would have wisdom this semester in discerning the opportunities that are available for ministry.

Family Update - Thank you all for praying for our time back in the U.S. It was great getting to spend Christmas with the boys, the grandparents, and other family. We were able to see everyone and get a little rest. We were able to spend time with Kelly's grandmother and say goodbye before she went to be with our Savior. We are very thankful for the ability to spend this time with our family as everyone gets adjusted to this new season of life.

"The primary way of reaching the world for Christ is prayer! We must pray for specific fields, specific people groups, and specific states and nations, asking the Father to deliver each one to the Son as His rightful inheritance for His redemptive work at Calvary." - John Devries, Mission India

Please pray...

- For me as I investigate campus in the Spring term. Pray that I would have wisdom in the investigation process to discern the best places to begin doing ministry.
- For our continued adjustment to the weather and shorter days. This may seem like a small thing, but the weather plays a big part of life in Scotland. It affects our moods and dictates what we can and can't do on many days. Continue to pray for our mental and emotional health as we navigate the next couple of months.
- For our church, St. Columba's, as we send out our current Senior Pastor and his wife to plant a church in another part of Edinburgh. Pray that our church will continue in unity and on mission during the transition to a new pastor.

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Canons of Dordt – Articles 1 & 2

Minister: Does God have the right to condemn all people?

All: Since all people have sinned in Adam and have come under the sentence of the curse and eternal death, God would have done no one an injustice if it had been His will to leave the entire human race in sin and under the curse, and to condemn them on account of their sin. As the apostle says: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death.

Minister: How has God then manifested His love towards us?

All: This is how God showed His love: He sent His only begotten Son into the world, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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,

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Tuesday
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

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

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

Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Art Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Guys
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Girls

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

January 28
Church Service— Merrill Dotson, Rachel Eidson
Sunday School— None

February 4th
Church Service— Whitney Cook, Stan Kennedy
Sunday School— Elizabeth Ellerbee

Covenant Kids Corner

1/31 Menu—Burgers (McDonalds)
This Week—Eli's Son's Disobeyed God (1 Samuel 4-6)

Variety Show

Do you have a skit, story, song, or magic trick to share? Or do you know someone who does? Let us know so we can add it to the 7th annual Christ Covenant Variety Show on Wednesday, February 21. Then mark your calendar and invite a friend. This is for all ages! We will have a catered dinner followed by the show. An offering will be taken up for Christ Covenant Short Term Missions. Please prayerfully consider how you might support our missions ministry. For more details, contact Zeb Powell 256-620-3465 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999.

Birthdays This Week

January 29.....Shane Sheffield
30.....Tamara Sheffield
February 1.....Remi Willbanks
2Washington Sheffield
3..... Ginger Pettus
Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

Officer Elections & Congregational Meeting

The following men will be on the ballot for election to church office at our annual congregational meeting, today during the Sunday School hour.
For Ruling Elder:
Braden Cook, Randy Hays, Kent Howze, Jason McCoy, and Steve Nyquist
For Deacon:
Rick Davis, Lee Haynes, Phil Hutchens, Marvin Jones, Wyatt Pettus, and Bo Shirey

CCPC Tithes & Offerings

As we start a new year, please continue to support the work and ministry of Christ Covenant to include our partnerships with missionaries and ministries both locally and around the world. Here are some ways you can give your tithes and offerings: 1) Use the offering plates as they are passed in the worship service; 2) Give online at <https://app.easytithes.com/App/Giving/chripo159>; 3) Use the EasyTithe (Not easyTithe Plus) app on your smartphone or tablet; 4) Send a text to (256) 202-5858 and enter the amount of your gift in the message line; 5) Mail your donation to CCPC, PO Box 250, Cullman AL 35056

Art Fellowship

The Art Fellowship will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday in January from 2-4 p.m. Contact Marion Frey if you have any questions. 256-347-4201

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 Breakfast Bible Study – Starting back Tuesday February 6th @ 6:15 am.
3M Men's Fellowship— Monday, February 26th @ 6:00 pm— location TBD
Men's Prayer Time – Friday mornings, 7:00 am in the church session room.

Precept Bible Study

A Precept Bible Study of Psalms 1-22 will start Thursday, 11 January 2024 at the home of Vince and Dixie Bergquist. Precept studies include homework and a weekly discussion held separately for men and women. Women meet at 8:30 am or 7:00 pm, while men meet at 7:00 pm. This 5-week study will cover Psalms 1-22. We will learn about God's attributes, His relationship to the righteous and the wicked, how blessed we are to be in a right relationship to God, and how we respond to Him in worship. For more information, contact 256-338-1313.

Roots '24

Due to the weather, Roots has been rescheduled to March 15th-17th.

Always Ready Youth Conference

February 3rd 8:30 am– 330 pm. Christian young people face a variety of attacks on the truth of Christianity, and it is vital that they be prepared to give an answer for the hope within them (1 Peter 3:15). To help equip young Christian men and women for defending the faith, this conference will provide an overview of key issues in apologetics and give answers to some of the most common attacks on the Christian faith. Christ Covenant will be taking a group to this event. We will leave at 7:30 from the youth house and return at the conclusion of the conference. The cost is \$35 and the students (and interested parents) will need to register as individuals, contact Jonathan to register.

Women's Ministry Events

Women's Bible Studies: Tuesday Morning Bible study resumes Tuesday, January 9th at 9:30 at the

church. Please join us as we begin our study on the book of John.

Thursday night Bible Study will begin, Thursday, February 1st at 6:00 at the church.

Ladies Night: Join us for Ladies' Night, Monday February 12th, at 6:00. We will meet at the home of Laurie Ewing. CPC Ladies meet the 2nd Monday night of each month. For questions contact Tina Hulse, 256-347-3593.

Extravagant GRACE Conference: We plan to take a group to Westminster Presbyterian in Huntsville for their women's conference, Friday, March 1st & Saturday March 2nd. Barbara Duguid, author of Extravagant Grace, will be the speaker. The cost is \$30. Use this QR code to register. Please let Tina know if you register or have questions.



Behold & Believe, Encountering Jesus as the Great I AM: We plan to take a group to Indianapolis, June 19 - June 22. Speakers include Jen Wilkin & Nancy Guthrie. Go to www.thegospelcoalition.org and look for TGCW24 for more information. We have been gifted money to cover our room and registration. Please let Tina know if you have registered or have questions. We will have a table set-up after worship today, with information on all these conferences.

Ladies Prayer Time: Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting Monday, February 19th, at 9:30 am 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."*