



# CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“You, O God, are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.” (Psalm 22:3-5) - Today, Your people are again gathered before Your throne, crying out for Your deliverance from their sin, trusting in Your steadfast love, and praising You for Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear, O God, to hear the prayers of Your people. Accept their worship and strengthen their souls with Your presence.

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 149:4,6 & Psalm 42:5,6**

Minister: The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation. Let the high praises of God be in their throats.

**All: I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### *Only A Holy God*

WORDS & MUSIC: CityAlight, Dustin Smith, 2018

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a holy God.

*Come and behold him, the One and the Only,  
Cry out, sing, “Holy!” Forever a holy God,  
Come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failure?  
Who else would offer his only Son?  
Who else invites me to call him Father?  
Only a holy God, Only my holy God!

## 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](http://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.

<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	The Hill (Big Room)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Hayes & Jessi Eidson	The Hill (Green Room)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	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  
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

Current series - *Encouraging the 'Counter-Culture' Family*

**Today:** Unity – Be at peace with One Another (part 2)

## *God Of Wonders*

WORDS & MUSIC: Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong, 2000

Lord of all creation Of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on High  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth x 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father, holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy, Holy, Holy

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth x 3

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Exodus 20:1-21**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You alone do I trust, O my God. Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. For the sake of Your name forgive my iniquity, for it is great. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. These things I ask in the strong name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

### *Amazing Grace*

TEXT: John Newton, 1779 TUNE: New Britain, chorus: Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns—Unending love, Amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below will be forever mine

# Sermon Notes

## **BAPTISM**

Ledger Alexander Bright

*Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, does signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him, but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

## **OFFERING**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Ephesians 6:1-10**

## **SERMON**

**“Submitting to One Another Out of Reverence For Christ ”**

## **COMMUNION SONG**

### ***You've Already Won***

TEXT: Shane and Shane

There's peace that outlasts darkness  
Hope that's in the blood  
There's future grace that's mine today  
That Jesus Christ has won  
So I can face tomorrow  
For tomorrow's in Your hands  
All I need You will provide  
Just like You always have

I'm fighting a battle  
That you've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome  
I don't know what You're doing  
But I know what You've done  
I'm fighting a battle that  
You've already won

There's mercy in the waiting  
Mana for today

# “Love . . . Reaching”

Argyris and Dina Petrou are natives of Athens, Greece. Argyris is a pastor and professor at the Greek Bible College. Dina is the director of Community House Damaris (CHD), a Christian ministry for victims of sex trafficking. The excerpts below are from the CHD newsletter for December.

My dear friends,

I am looking back at all the blessings God has bestowed on us and know that all of His gifts to this ministry come out of His love and care. I am so grateful to Him for all these girls who have come to Damaris House with their children to find a safe haven and hope for the future. I am grateful that they all have experienced love, found a family with a warm hug for them, had food, heat, a place to sleep, and above all, the chance to listen to the Good News and to be touched with the Gospel and God’s love for them. I also thank Him for His protection throughout the year, as we didn’t have any accidents. God kept us all safe and sound.

I would also like to thank all the visiting teams that came during 2023 to serve here at Damaris House, and all the sisters who shared their personal stories and touched the hearts of the girls. I would like to thank all the churches and individuals who financially supported this ministry, providing the means for us to continue our work and mission. And I don’t forget our volunteers for the Bible studies that they were held throughout the year by Mrs Evangelia and her husband who preached the Word of God to these young girls - many of them Muslims.

In the previous letter, I wrote to you about the rising of prices here in Greece, which resulted in the rising of the costs of our services as an organization and an operational deficit of approximately \$38,350.00. We would like to thank all of you who immediately responded to our call and made the deficit to diminish to approximately \$27,900.00. This means that we still lack this money and it’s vital for Damaris House to obtain some new stable supporters who will be able to support us monthly even with a small amount – but so precious to us- so that we can eliminate this deficit once and for all for all the coming months.

I would also like to share with you some prayer requests. Please pray:

- For A. our beneficiary from Somalia, who I mentioned in the previous letter, has an interview for asylum with the government. Please pray that her interview is effective and that she will be given Asylum from the government.
- That God gives new supporters and provides financially according to the needs.
- For the ongoing construction of our new Safe House, that God blesses this project and carries it out successfully.

Love in Christ,  
Dina

And when it's gone I know you're not  
You are my hope and stay  
When the sea is raging  
Your Spirit is my help  
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ  
And I'll say that is well  
Oh I know that it is well

I know how the story ends  
We will be with You again  
You're my Savior my defense  
No more fear in life or death  
I know how this story ends

## CONFESSION OF FAITH      Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 7

Minister: What is God?

**All: God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.**

## COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

### *Oh, How Good It Is*

WORDS & MUSIC: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend, 2012

Oh, how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love,  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come.  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

# Christ Covenant News

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## This Week's Activities

- Monday  
 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
- Tuesday  
 6:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study  
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday  
 5:30 p.m. Variety Show & Dinner
- 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

- February 18  
 Church Service— Mary Ellen K., Benjamin Rogers  
 Sunday School— Caroline Lunsford
- February 25  
 Church Service— Justin Robinson, Linda Morgan  
 Sunday School— Amanda Knapp

## Nursery Help Needed

Moms and grandmoms of Christ Covenant, if you would enjoy playing with and caring for our youngest covenant children for a couple of hours on a Sunday morning, the church nursery may be the place for you! We are in need of two adults who would be willing to work one Sunday morning per month in the nursery. Contact Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999 for more information.

## 7th Annual Variety Show & Dinner

Date: **Wednesday, February 21** Time: **Dinner 5:30-6:30, show following.** Nursery will be provided, beginning at 6 pm. ALL attendees sign up for Grumpy's Dinner using the QR code. Performers, sign up your act using the yellow form in the narthex. (Rehearsal is Sunday, Feb. 18. at 3 pm) An offering will be taken up for Christ Covenant Short Term Missions. Prayerfully consider how you might support our missions ministry. For more details, contact Zeb Powell 256-620-3465 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999.



## Birthday's This Week

- February 19.....Woody Jacobs  
 20.....Nora Sheffield  
 21.....Cheryl Springer  
                         Millie LaGanke  
 14.....Tara Quinn  
 22.....Dixie Bergquist  
                         Emma Kate Price  
 23.....James Haynes

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.*

## A Note Of Gratitude

Dearest Christ Covenant,  
 We want to thank you for the outpouring of love and support we received during my spine surgery and recovery. You all made the hands and feet of Christ palpable to our family. Your steadfast concern, offers to help us in anyway, food, and sincere prayers held us up. We are humbled and grateful!  
 Love in Christ,  
 The Quinn Family

## 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** – Tuesday mornings @ 6:15 am. Studying 2nd Timothy.  
**3M Men's Fellowship**— Monday, February 26th @ 6:00 pm— location CCPC Youth House  
**Men's Prayer Time** – Friday mornings, 7:00 am in the church session room.

## VBS Announcement

Save the date  
 On June 8th our church will have a one day VBS. It will be for children that have just completed 4 yr. preschool– 4th grades. We are super excited about this, but we will need your help to make it a success. We are in need of volunteers to assist with various activities such as crafts, games, storytelling, snacks/lunch and more. More details to come about VBS, but if you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please see anyone on the VBS team.  
 Anna Bright                      Emily Haynes  
 Merrill Dotson                     Siusan Peek  
 Jessi Eidson                         Tracie Rakestraw

## Rummage Sale Fundraiser 2024

Now Accepting Donations! Our storage unit located on Sportsman Lake Road is ready for your boxed items or small furniture. Large furniture can be stored in Judie Hubbard's basement, once arrangements have been made. At this time, we are NOT taking clothing items which would include shoes, purses, and belts. Our public sale is May 17-18. Please call Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 for details on how and when to deliver your items to the designated place. Thank you for supporting Short Term Missions with your donations.

## Youth Service Camp

**When:** June 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> **Where:** Cullman, AL  
**What:** This year, our young people will actively serve our local community by collaborating with local ministries. Throughout the week, they will engage in various service projects aimed at benefiting the community. Alongside their service activities, the youth will come together to explore and reflect on God's teachings, emphasizing the importance of serving others. Each evening, the youth will stay at the homes of generous church members who have volunteered to host them for the week.

## Women's Ministry Events

**Women's Bible Studies:** Tuesday Morning Bible study will be held on Tuesday's at 9:30 at the church. Please join us as we study the book of 1 & 2 Peter.

Thursday night Bible Study will be 6:30-8:00 pm at the church.

**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](http://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."*

## Art Fellowship

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

*For more announcements and information, please refer to our weekly email and website.*