



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Habakkuk 3:18 & Psalm 126:3

Minister: Rejoice in the Lord; take joy in the God of your salvation.

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

TEXT: John Newton, 1774 MUSIC: Laura Taylor, 2001

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to 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.

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
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: Service/Humility– Consider One Another more important than yourself (Philippians 2)

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptations threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation holds in view the conqueror's crown:
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with His blood; He who washed us with His blood;
He who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;
“Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou are worthy, Lamb of God!”

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. We confess with Godly sorrow, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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

Sermon Notes

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

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

GREECE MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:5-9

SERMON “Submitting to One Another Out of Reverence For Christ – Part Two ”

COMMUNION SONG *Christ Is Risen*

WORDS & MUSIC: Shane Barnard, Shane Everett, 2012

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame,
We fix our eyes upon the cross and run to him who showed great love
And bled for us—freely you've bled for us.

“Love . . . Reaching”

Argyris and Dina Petrou are natives of Athens, Greece. Dina is the director of Community House Damaris (CHD), a Christian ministry for victims of sex trafficking. Argyris is a pastor and professor at the Greek Bible College. The excerpts below relate to a translation project that Argyris has been working on with Third Millennium Ministries for fifteen years.

In 2009, Dr. Richard Pratt, President of Third Millennium Ministries - <https://thirdmill.org/>, wrote the following letter of support for Argyris:

It is my great honor to write to you on behalf of Dr. Argyris Petrou and his work in Athens, Greece. God is blessing the work of evangelicals in this ancient city, and I thought you would like to know about one particular way in which He is doing this.

I am the president of Third Millennium Ministries, a ministry designed to provide seminary level education to parts of the world where few opportunities exist for pastors to be trained in Scripture and sound theology. We produce lessons in English, Russian, Spanish, Mandarin, and Arabic that are used in over 100 countries in a variety of settings. This curriculum is produced at very low cost, but at very good quality.

Dr. Petrou became familiar with our work...and decided that there is a tremendous need for them in the Greek-speaking world. As a result, he has taken it upon himself to translate our curriculum into Greek. He is well qualified for this work and has devoted himself to the task. Already we see growing interest in the churches of Greece where there is little opportunity for evangelical pastors to receive the education they need to serve the church.

I am writing to let you know that there are financial needs associated with this effort. The costs are kept very low, but those involved in production are in need of financial support. Gifts given to this effort should be sent directly to Dr. Petrou and will be used entirely for Greek production. Third Millennium does not receive any financial remuneration for our materials.

Let me invite you to consider prayerfully how you might become involved in helping Dr. Petrou in this work. I can assure you that providing reliable educational materials for Greek pastors is a crucial part of seeing the gospel go forward in that part of the world.

God bless you for any consideration you give to this ministry

On February 15th, Argyris emailed the following request:

I always wanted to have your church support one of the Third Millennium translations that I am doing for 15 years now. <https://greek.thirdmill.org/> This year I would need to raise \$4000 for 4 lectures mp3 translation & recordings on the book of Joshua. <https://thirdmill.org/seminary/course.asp/vs/JOS>

Yours in Christ
Argyris Petrou

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death.
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave,
Christ is risen from the dead. We are one with Him again,
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.*

Beneath the weight of all our sin you bowed to none but heaven's will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down.
In strength you reign—Forever let your church proclaim:

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light. The glory of God has defeated the night.
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light. Our God is not dead, he's alive, he's alive!

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism Q's 45 & 46

Minister: What is the first commandment?

All: The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Minister: What is required in the first commandment?

All: The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Come, People Of The Risen King

TEXT & MUSIC: K & K Getty, Townend, 2008

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land, Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands, Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!”

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday

12:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
6:00 pm Men's Fellowship

Tuesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

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

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 25

Church Service—Justin Robinson, Linda Morgan
Sunday School—Amanda Knapp

March 3

Church Service—Audrey Nyquist, Luke Satterfield
Sunday School—Christie Bright

Covenant Kids Corner

2/28 Menu—Chicken Fingers (Guthrie's)
This Week—Israel Demanded a King (1 Sam 8-10)

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.

Birthdays This Week

February 25.....Arrow Robb
Elizabeth Rose Kornegay
26.....Joshua Skinner
28.....Carla Kornegay
Holly Marks
March 2.....Wyatt Pettus
Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

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.

Precept Bible Study

A Precept Bible Study of Psalms Part II 23-41 will start Thursday, 22 February 2024 at the home of Vince and Dixie Bergquist. Precept studies include homework and a weekly discussion held separately for men and women. We are actually learning how to study scripture by doing so. Women meet at 8:30 am or 7:00 pm, while men meet at 7:00 pm. This 4-week study, we will learn about God's attributes, His relation to the righteous and the wicked, how blessed we are, and how we respond to Him in worship. For more information, contact 256-338-1313.

Prayer Meeting

Every Monday, the Sanctuary will be open throughout the lunch hour (12:00-1:00) for a time of prayer. Please consider coming to join us as we lift up our families, our church, our city, our country, and our world to the throne room of God. All are welcome!

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.

Monday, February, 26th at 6:00 PM at the CCPC Youth House, we will have guest speaker Bobby West with Awaken Ministries out of Birmingham join us for the evening. Bobby will share his personal testimony and give us wisdom and guidance in how to best navigate through life victorious in a sexually broken world. This would be great for older sons to join as well. We will eat, fellowship, and be challenged to walk with Christ with pure hearts. COME JOIN US!!

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 Susan Peek
Jessi Eidson Tracie Rakestraw

Youth Service Camp

When: June 5th- 9th **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.

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.

Made For More: The PCA Women's Ministry is having one of their 2024 conferences at Briarwood on Friday & Saturday, September 13th & 14th. We plan to take a group from CCPC. Here is a link where you can find out more information and register -<https://women.pcacdm.org/events/> Please let Tina know if you register or have questions. We can reimburse you the \$75 early registration cost! Registration starts March 15th!

Ladies Prayer Time: Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting Monday, March 11th, 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."*

Roots '24

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

Art Fellowship

The Art Fellowship will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd 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.