



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 4, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Psalm 100

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:1-5

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

All: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

SONGS OF PRAISE

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Tommy Walker 1998 TUNE: St. Anne; William Croft, 1708

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

*O God, You are, You are our help, You are our helper.
To all generations You will be forever and ever
Our shield and our eternal hope, O Lord,
You are the Ancient of Days and worthy of our praise.*

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

A Thousand Hallelujahs

WORDS & MUSIC: Brooke Ligertwood, Phil Wickham, and Scott Ligertwood, 2022

Who else would rocks cry out to worship; Whose glory taught the stars to shine
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing; But this joy is mine.

With a thousand hallelujahs We magnify Your Name.
You alone deserve the glory The honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs And a thousand more.

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 3) – Paul and Peter

Who else would die for our redemption; Whose resurrection means I'll rise
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done; But I have eternity to try

Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb
To the King of heaven. Praise for He rose
Now He reigns. We will sing forever.

(We sing) Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb,
To the King of heaven. Praise for He rose.
Now He reigns. We will sing forever.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30

CONFESSION OF SIN

The heavens declare Your glory, O Sovereign Lord, the majesty of Your creation surrounds us, and the mercy of Your salvation upholds us. Yet our love for You grows cold and our praises weak. We who have benefited most from Your kindness have thanked You least and our hardness of heart has caused us to injure our own family members, dear friends, and neighbors. Hear our confession of sin, O Christ, and purge our souls of guilt by Your precious blood. Dear Lord Jesus, grant us forgiveness we pray, and fill us with the same Holy Spirit who so mightily empowered Your obedience to the Father. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Come, Ye Sinners

WORDS: Joseph Hart, 1759 MUSIC: Todd Agnew

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

*I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms;
And in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, you weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

Sermon Notes

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON

“The Ephesian Walk– How we Are To Live in The Local Church”

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Ruling Elders: Braden Cook, Randy Hays, Kent Howze, Jason McCoy, Steve Nyquist

Deacons: Rick Davis, Lee Haynes, Phil Hutchens, Marvin Jones,
Wyatt Pettus, Bo Shirey

ORDINATION VOWS

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, at your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the church?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield to them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

LAYING ON OF HANDS & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740 MUSIC: Red Mountain Church

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.
Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave, oh! leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;

“Love . . . Reaching”

Gregg and Julie Nicholson live in Bangkok, Thailand where Gregg does church planting and leadership training. Julie teaches special education at an international school. They have four children, Joy, David, Sarah, and Grace. The following comments are from the December, 2023 edition of the Nicholson’s *Bangkok Post newsletter and a recent email:*

Top 11 Milestones and Blessings in 2023

An old hymn’s last line says, “and give Him the glory, great things He has done.” Reflecting on all that God’s done through your prayers and partnership with us, here is a countdown of just a few of the highlights in 2023.

11. Completing City to City Gospel Coach Training
10. Thailand had their first elections in 9 years!
9. Helping preach monthly at the Thai Church in Florida.
8. Our Thai Church (BCF) purchased land and made plans to plant a new church in Bangkok in the next 3 years.
7. Coaching two young Thai Church Planters.
6. Teaching at a Pastor’s Conference for 250 Thai and Laotian Pastors
5. Twenty-eight church planters trained at our first City-to-City all-Thai-language training intensive
4. Launching "The Story of Glory" in the U.S.
3. Julie completed 10 Years of teaching kids with learning disabilities at the International School of Bangkok and 25 years of ministry in Thailand!
2. Eleven new Thai believers baptized in our church!
1. Eleven new churches planted in Bangkok!

Our personal family blessings this year has been helping Joy and Brian prepare for their wedding on Jan. 14th. We are thankful for Brian and excited for the big day. Also, Sarah graduating high school in May, and David graduating college early (Dec, 2023). Grace is doing great at school here in the U.S. We are proud of them. Being here with family and visiting with many of you is a blessing as we prepare to go back to Thailand in July.

We Need Your Help!

In coming to the U.S. we have considerably higher expenses. With inflation, cost of living differences and Julie not teaching...Would you consider giving monthly, increasing your giving or giving a special one-time gift? You can click the link here <https://uwm.org/missionaries/31297/> We greatly appreciate your generosity and faithfulness in partnering with us for the glory of God and His Kingdom in Thailand

Thank you for your prayers and partnership with us.
For His Glory,
Gregg & Julie Nicholson
Bangkok, Thailand
United World Mission

Recent email update: I’ve attached a short 2 min 30 second update...to update your congregation on how God is using your church to plant churches in Thailand. You can access and download the video at this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Szb_DWREHo1ErazilDCXVvXuDQTVEBAV/view?usp=sharing

Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity,
For all eternity, for all eternity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Larger Catechism Q’s 102 and 122

Minister: What is the summary of the four commandments that contain our duty to God?

All: The summary of the four commandments containing our duty to God is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind.

Minister: What is the summary of the six commandments which contain our duty to mankind?

All: The summary of the six commandments which contain our duty to mankind is “to love our neighbor as ourselves” and to “do to others what we would have them to do to us.”

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

My Raptured Soul

WORDS: John Berridge, 1716-1793 MUSIC: Clint Wells, 2005

If Jesus kindly say, And with a whispering word,
“Arise my love and come away,” I run to meet my Lord.

My soul is in my ears; My heart is all on flame;
My eyes are sweetly drowned in tears, And melted is my frame.

*My raptured soul will rise up, And give a cheerful spring,
And dart through all the lofty skies, To visit Zion’s King,
To visit Zion’s King.*

He meets me with a kiss, And with a smiling face;
I taste the dear, enchanting bliss, And wonder at his grace.

A soft and tender sigh, Now heaves my hollowed breast;
I long to lay me down and die, And find eternal rest.

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday
12:00 pm Open Prayer in the Sanctuary

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

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

February 11
Church Service— Sara Haynes, John Nyquist
Sunday School— Evelyn Quinn

Covenant Kid's Corner

2/7 Menu—Hot Dogs
This Week—God Takes Sin Seriously (Eph. 2)

Variety Show

Do you have an act for our Christ Covenant Variety Show? A song, skit, dance, or maybe something else? Please pick up the yellow form in the narthex, fill it out, & return it to Karena or Zeb. The 7th Annual Christ Covenant Variety Show will be on Wednesday, February 21. Invite a friend! This is for all ages! We will have a catered dinner 5:30-6:30 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.

Birthday This Week

February 5.....Mary Rogers
7.....Christie Bright
Dawn Bentley
8.....David Roberts
10.....Hope Atchison
Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

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.easytithe.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 of the month 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

Precept Bible Study

A Precept Bible Study of Psalms 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.

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.

Roots '24

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

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 John.

Thursday night Bible Study will be 6:30-8:00 pm 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."*