



CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 3, 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"

Heavenly Father, You have led me singing to the cross where I fling down all my burdens and see them vanish, where my mountains of guilt are leveled to a plain, where my sins disappear, though they are the greatest that exist, and are more in number than the grains of fine sand. For there is power in the blood of Calvary to destroy sins. You have given me a hill-side spring that washes clear and white, and I go as a sinner to its waters, bathing without hindrance in its crystal streams. At the cross there is free forgiveness for poor and meek ones, and ample blessings that last forever. The blood of the Lamb is like a great river of infinite grace with never any diminishing of its fullness as thirsty ones without number drink of it.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 9:1-2

Minister: There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides Him; there is no rock like our God. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.

All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Mighty Fortress Is Our God

TEXT & MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate—
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same—
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure—
One little word shall fell him.

The Bereans

Randy Hays/Jason McCoy

Room 4

Some 2000 years ago Jesus preached one of His most famous sermons. His Sermon on the Mount as told by the Apostle Matthew details how we Christians are to live in this fallen world. Join us as we study this important message about our Lord's present and future Kingdom.

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 (part 2)

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still—
His kingdom is forever.

10,000 Reasons

TEXT & MUSIC Mark Redman, 2011

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger;
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing—
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending—
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 20

CONFESSION OF SIN

What wondrous love is this, O God, that You should give to us Your eternal Son in human flesh. We confess our unworthiness to receive such a gift, for we have sinned daily against heaven and in Your sight. The thoughts and intentions of our hearts are often far from You. Yet we humbly plead that as You have given us Your Son, You will also strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, to enable us both to confess and to forsake our sins, and to find full forgiveness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

The Goodness of Jesus

WORDS & MUSIC: R.Thompson, M.R.Farren, J.Robinson, M.Jaywan, F.Aghajanian, & H.Druery, 2018

Come you weary heart now to Jesus; Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears; Rest here in His wondrous peace

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

Come find what this world cannot offer; Come and find your joy here complete

Taste the living water, never thirst again; Rest here in His wondrous peace
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

Come and find your hope now in Jesus; He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart; Rest here in His wondrous peace

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-13

SERMON

“Spiritual Warfare - Stand Firm ”

COMMUNION SONG

New Wine

WORDS & MUSIC: Brooke Ligertwood, 2018

In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil, I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand,
When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering,
Make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing, but all You have given me—
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 6:10-13
“Spiritual Warfare - Stand Firm”

“Love . . . Reaching”

Adam Venable serves in our presbytery as a church planter in south Huntsville. He previously served as the Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship at UAB. Adam graduated from North Carolina State University and attended seminary at Greenville Theological Seminary. His wife, Lisa, is from Charleston, South Carolina, and she graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. They have three children: Eli, Lucy and Jacob. The text below is from an email that Adam sent on January 29th.

Thank you for reading this update about the Venables and the work of Southside Presbyterian Church Plant in Huntsville.

I am emailing you to update you on what God is doing in Southside Huntsville. This week we meet for worship at 10AM at the Vision at Bailey Cove Rd. We have been having regular morning worship since December. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew right now in worship.

Sunday evening at 5pm we meet at the Venable's home for Neighborhood Group. This is an opportunity to share life together in Southside. We usually sing, pray, eat, and share stories of how God is at work. We currently have 3 Bible Studies throughout the week. They are studying Daniel, Revelation, and Matthew. Lord willing, we hope to have our first adult baptism soon which we are very excited about. Adult baptisms are something we have prayed for and we thank the Lord for this. Recently we had our first New Members Class with about 8 people in attendance. We hope to have these folks formally join Southside in the next few weeks.

Just last week someone else in our neighborhood that we have prayed for two years would come to know Christ came to our Neighborhood Group and got to hear the Gospel. Please pray that our group would feel inclined to invite unbelieving and unChurched friends into our fellowship.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our work in Huntsville. Please pray that our group would become financially self-supporting. Until then, we need your support! Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to reach out to Adam with a word of encouragement or a question, he may be reached at adam@southsidepres.com.

To give to the work of Southside Pres visit: www.southsidepres.com.

Where there is new wine there is new power,
There is new freedom, The Kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism Q's 49 & 51

Minister: How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

All: First, He is our Advocate in heaven before His Father. Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, our Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself. Third, He sends us His Spirit as a counter-pledge, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

Minister: How does the glory of Christ, our Head benefit us?

All: First, by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members. Second, by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Who You Say I Am

WORDS & MUSIC: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2018

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in—
Oh, His love for me! Oh, His love for me

*Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin—
Jesus died for me! Yes, He died for me!

*Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.
In my Father's house There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.*

I am chosen, Not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, Not against me. I am who You say I am.

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
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
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

March 3
Church Service— Audrey Nyquist, Luke Satterfield
Sunday School— Christie Bright

March 10
Church Service— Tara Quinn, Anthony Taylor
Sunday School— Jessi Eidson

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.

Variety Show

Thanks to all who came to the Variety Show to support our Short Term Missions! Our offering totaled \$2510.00

Covenant Kids Corner

3/6 Menu—Pizza
This Week—Special activities night

Birthday This Week

March 3Anna Bright
4.....Elizabeth James Eidson
 Emma Taylor
 James Marks
 Joyah Pettus
 Tracie Rakestraw
6.....Audrey Nyquist
7.....Elizabeth Adkins
8.....Daren Rakestraw
 Dollie White
 Steve Skinner
9.....Carly Starnes
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.

Rummage Sale Roundup Week 2

Are toys taking over your house? Costumes and make believe clothes scattered everywhere? Get the children involved in donating the things that are no longer their favorites.

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, March 18th.
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

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.

Roots '24

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

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!

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. Nursery available upon request.

Ladies Night: March 11th at 6:00 pm. This month, we will meet at Urban Cookhouse. Nursery available upon request.

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."*

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.