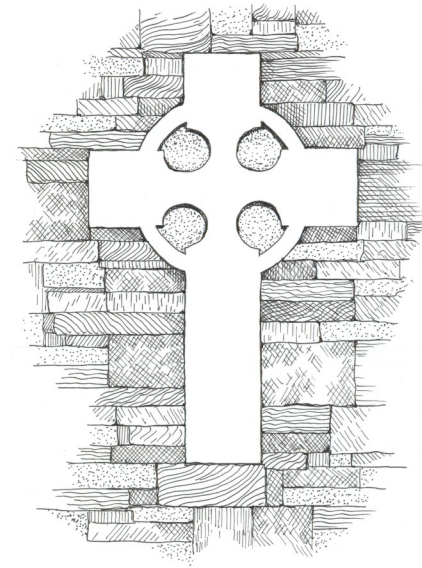


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 14, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Lord Jesus, I am blind, be thou my light, ignorant, be thou my wisdom, self-willed, be thou my mind. Open my ear to grasp quickly thy Spirit's voice, and delightfully run after His beckoning hand; melt my conscience that no hardness remain, make it alive to evil's slightest touch; when Satan approaches may I flee to thy wounds, and there cease to tremble at all alarms. Be my good shepherd to lead me into the green pastures of thy Word, and cause me to lie down beside the rivers of its comforts. Fill me with peace, that no disquieting worldly gales may ruffle the calm surface of my soul. – from *The Valley of Vision*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 69:30,32-34

Minister: You who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise His own people. Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

All: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

SONGS OF PRAISE

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

WORDS & MUSIC: Nigel Hendroff, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, 2021

How I love the voice of Jesus On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us Rose that we would be free indeed!

Death was once my great opponent Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross It was finished upon that cross

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: 'Counter-Culture' Wrap Up (part 2)

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

WORDS: Peter Ellis 1986 Curb Word Music MUSIC: Zeb Powell, 2022

Lavish love, abundant beauty,
Gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses
All burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father,
Great Creator, God and Friend,
Boundless power gave full expression
To Your love which knows no end.

Who am I that You should love me,
Meet my every need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully
In a creature made of earth?

In Your loving heart You planned me,
Fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit,
Planted Your own image there.

I am Yours, Eternal Father,
All my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory,
Form Yourself in every part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness
Flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being
Rise to You, their source and goal.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

WORDS: Joseph Swain, 1792 MUSIC: Kevin Twit, 2013

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted, Through the cross behold the crown.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus—
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it; Love will make your obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His grace shall guide your feet.

Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that hear His voice;

Blessèd are the souls that trust Him, and in Him alone rejoice.

His commandments, His commandments, His commandments

Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, Light to newly-opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary, Is the rest the cross supplies.

All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus—
Mercy flows through him alone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON

“The Breastplate of Righteousness”

COMMUNION SONG

There Is A Fountain

WORDS: William Cowper 1731-1800 MUSIC: Early American melody

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel’s veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains:

Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;

And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

Ephesians 6:10-20

“The Breastplate of Righteousness”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away,
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow’r,
Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more,
Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.

CONFESSION OF FAITH **Westminster Large Catechism Q. 32**

Minister: How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

All: The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant in that He freely provides and offers to sinners a mediator, and life and salvation by that mediator. Requiring faith as the condition to give them a legal union with Him, He promises and gives His Holy Spirit to all His chosen ones to work that faith into them, along with all the other saving graces, and to enable them to all types of holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith and their thankfulness to God, and as the path that He has appointed to them for salvation.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand

TEXT: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795 MUSIC: Christopher Miner, 1997

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan’s fair and happy land Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land,
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.*

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain, and death Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I see that happy place And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face And in His bosom rest?

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday
12:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship— Andy Starnes Barn

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

April 14
Church Service— Elizabeth Adkins, Hayes Eidson
Sunday School— Sherry Davis

April 21
Church Service— Anna Bright, Connie Jacobs
Sunday School— Lee Haynes

CPR/AED Class

Christ Covenant will be offering a CPR/AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) class for anyone that is interested on Sunday afternoon, April 14th, from 4:30 to approximately 5:30. The location will be our church. Our own Bo Shirey will be the instructor. There is no cost for the class! However, if you want to receive a CPR Certification Card there is a 20.00 fee for that. Whether you need your first C/P/R class, or a refresher, this course should meet your needs. Contact Bo Shirey or Phil Hutchens for more information.

Covenant Kids Corner

4/17 Menu—Tacos
This Week—Special Activities Night

Birthday This Week

April 14David John Cook
Harold Sheffield
Levi Pettus

15.....Linda Morgan

16.....Becky Lewis

17.....Dawn Cook

18.....Hunter Benson
Sherry Davis
Sloane Eidson

19.....Allison Bright
Olive Robb
Olivia Yeager

20.....Linda Hill
Ryles Eidson

Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

Rummage Sale Roundup Week 8

You have less than a month to donate to the Rummage Sale. Do you have questions about what you can donate? The answer is anything and everything that is in working order. We have items from Address books and Appliances to Zippered bags and Zoo animals. From A to Z your items are exactly what the Rummage sale needs. Our public sale is May 17-18. Please call or text Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 if you have questions. Thank you for supporting Short Term Missions with your donations.

Wanted

One week's use of two benches with backs (like the Buettner Bros. benches) for our Refreshment Tent at our Rummage Sale. Rick White 256-727-0871.

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, April 15th - Andy Starnes Barn @ 6:00 PM

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. Parents, you can now sign up with the QR code below! 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
Merrill Dotson
Jessi Eidson

Emily Haynes
Siusan Peek
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.

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

Graduate Bible Study

When: June 13th, 27th July 11th, 25th at 6:30- 8pm
Where: The Lunsford's Back Porch

Attention all recent graduates! You are invited to join our Summer Graduate Small Group on the cozy back porch of the Lunsford's residence. This is a great opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship, and Bible study with like-minded peers. Join us as we dive deeper into the Word, and discover how it can help us grow in faith and community.

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: May Ladies' Night will be Monday the 13th @ 6 p.m at Grumpy's.

Ladies Lunch: May Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday the 15th at @ 12 noon at Rumors.

Made For More: The PCA Women's Ministry is having one of their 2024 conferences at Covenant Presbyterian in Birmingham 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, April 15th, 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."*

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