



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 12, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways! You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments. I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your righteous rules. I will keep Your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!
~ Psalm 119:1-8

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 118:1,27a,28**

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

All: The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826 TUNE: J.B. Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Ashley Wilbanks

Room 10

Join us for a profound exploration of faith and resilience starting the first week of May in our Sunday School class. Inspired by Romans 12:2 and James 1:2, we'll embark on a journey of understanding the transformative power of embracing pain to grasp the depth of Jesus' nature. Together, we'll dive into the timeless wisdom of not conforming to the world's patterns but being renewed in mind and spirit, Through interactive discussions and heartfelt reflection, we'll learn to count it all joy when facing trials, recognizing them as opportunities for growth and spiritual maturity. As we navigate life's challenges, we'll uncover the profound joy and strength that come from a deepened understanding of Jesus' character. All are invited to join us on this journey of discovery and transformation. See you there!

Church Membership—Pastor's Inquirers Class

We will have an Inquirers Class for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. Starting on June 2nd 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 - *Favorite Passages*
Today: NO SS

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:1-9

CONFESSION OF SIN

Colossians 3:1-10

Minister: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."

People: O Lord, I have put my trust in You; I have been raised with Christ my Lord, but the things above seem so far off.

Minister: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

People: O Lord, the things of earth captivate me, they thrill me, they distract me; the things above seem so far off.

Minister: "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

People: O God, my Father, the present task, or success, or fun; the present crisis, or pain, or boredom captures me; and the future glory won for me by the Savior on the Cross, seems so far away.

Minister: "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived."

People: O Lord, so much that is impure is still in me, and it is so painful to put it to death. O Lord, have mercy on me.

Minister: "But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

People: O Lord, I have sinned. I have not put these things away. Even though Your Spirit has created a new heart in me, I find myself unwilling to leave the old dead ways behind. O Holy Father, forgive me; O Christ my Savior, remember Your sufferings on my behalf; O Spirit of purity, have mercy on me, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Shepherd

WORDS: Nate Singh, Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

Though I walk through the valley And I can't see the way
When the shadows surround me I will not be afraid
For I know You are with me You will always provide
Though the path may be lonely You will stay by my side
I will rest my soul I'll trust in You alone

*For the Lord my Shepherd Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need In the darkest valley
I know, I know My Shepherd is all I need*

Lord I know that You seek me When I'm trying to hide
And Your love it pursues me All the days of my life
I will rest my soul I'll trust in You alone

*For the Lord my Shepherd Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need In the darkest valley
I know, I know My Shepherd is all I need*

I rest my soul In You alone
You light my way You lead me on
I rest my soul In You alone
You light my way You lead me on

*For the Lord my Shepherd Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need In the darkest valley
I know, I know My Shepherd is all I need*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON

“Spiritual Warfare -The Sword of the Spirit”

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Strong And Kind

WORDS & MUSIC: Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Colin Buchanan, 2019

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.

Ephesians 6:10-20

“Spiritual Warfare - The Sword of the Spirit”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

John and Karen Stodghill have served as church planters with Mission to the World in Belize since 2019. John and Karen help in the revitalization of current churches in Belize as well as leading Bible studies that hope to become new church plants. The excerpts below are from their April 23rd newsletter.

Five years of God stretching us in Belize as John being the team leader and being allowed to work all over this country with our eight schools, medical clinic, fire service, and be part of our 16 churches and now His new church plant, Great Commission Presbyterian Church, in the capital city of Belmopan, as the 17th church, what an honor! We would have never dreamed nine years ago that John would be preaching every Sunday and that both of us would have the opportunity to lead so many Bible studies and Sunday school classes as we have.

Bethany Church - The church continues to flourish and grow both in numbers and in knowledge and following God. The most recent addition to the church family by profession of faith and Baptism was a 60-year-old man named Victor. Youth Group is going strong. We meet 2 times a month, and the teens look forward to coming. We usually have about 11-15 come. We now are having 5 Sunday school classes that are offered every Sunday morning. All ages from 2 years up to the oldest person in the church. We are so thankful for the Sunday school materials and also for the people God has brought to the church to teach. Men’s Bible study is doing the video part to Courageous Manhood. Women’s Bible study is on Contentment by Melissa Kruger. John has also completed training the 3 deacon candidates. They were, just this past weekend, approved by the session to be presented to the congregation to vote, and then to be installed as the first ever deacons for Bethany Pres. Pray for these men as they enter this phase of their leadership.

Great Commission Presbyterian Church (Belmopan) - We praise God continually for how He has provided the property for this church. Since we acquired the property, we have brought in a shed that now has been hooked up to water for the bathrooms and electricity for the building. We had men hand dig a trench from the street to the shed for all wires and pipes. We started meeting on the property on March 28th in the shed. The shed is able to hold 30 chairs set up. We have been having 25-29 people regularly. We also are having an international attendance of university students from Honduras, Mexico, and El Salvador. We are quickly outgrowing this area. Please pray for how God wants us to provide space for worship for His people.

The City of Belmopan has stated that before we can build, they need to know the final plans. We are currently in the process of having the professional plans drawn up (Cost: \$5,000 USD). It looks like the foundation will cost about \$110,000 USD and the first phase of building will be another \$110,000 USD. If you would like to give toward this project, please go to <https://www.mtw.org/projects/details/belize-ministry-account> and add Great Commission Church as a comment. We are excited to have a summer team come this July and help with the first ever VBS at Great Commission church. We are announcing this at the government primary school where one of our members has been providing lunches. We also plan to have time to go out in the community and share about the gospel, and where they can come to hear more...at the church. **Prayer Requests:** 1) For wisdom of building design and funds needed to build the church in Belmopan. Our hearts desire is to start the foundation and the first phase of the permanent building in 2024. We are praying for God’s provision and timing for all this. 2) For Karen and her sister as they seek to care for aging parents with many health issues. It is hard for Karen to be so far away. 3) For all Sunday School teachers to prepare well. (Praise God for new material for the next quarter!) 4) For time management that is God pleasing and God glorifying as we are pulled in so many directions.

No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism Q. 160

Minister: What is required of those who hear the Word preached?

All: It is required of those who hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

The Church’s One Foundation

TEXT: S. J. Stone, 1866 MUSIC: Perimeter Music

The Church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her, To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Bridge: Hallelujah, our salvation
Jesus Christ is
Our foundation
Hallelujah, our salvation
Jesus Christ is
Our foundation

'Mid toil and tribulation, And clamor of her war,
She waits the consummation, Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious, Shall be the Church at rest

Bridge x3

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Time
12:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Ladies' Night at Grumpy's

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch at Rumors
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups

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

May 12

Church Service— Merrill Dotson, Tina Hulse
Sunday School— N/A

May 19

Church Service— Jessi Eidson, Justin Robinson
Sunday School— Sue 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.

Birthdays This Week

May 13.....Andy Starnes
14.....Grace Eidson
15.....Vanessa Rakestraw
16.....Avery Dotson
17.....Porter Skeen
Shepherd Robb
18.....John Nyquist
Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

Rummage Sale

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!! Our CCPC Friends & Family Sale is May 16. The public sale is May 17-18. You can call or text Judie (256) 708-7877 for more info. Thank you for supporting Short Term Missions with your donations.

Children's Summer Sunday School

Ministry Opportunities

Summer Sunday School is a time when my regular teachers have a break from teaching each week. It's also a time where our covenant children are learning Children's Catechism Q & A. I am looking for two people per class (with the exception of the 3rd grade class) to be committed to that class for the summer which is 10 weeks. The classes are based on the grade your child JUST COMPLETED with the exception of the 6th graders who will go ahead and promote up to the youth house on June 2nd. The classes are:

Toddler class (9 children)- Scott/Becky Lewis
PreK-K class (8 children)- Elizabeth Ellerbee
1st Grade (12 children)- Jessie/Justin Robinson
2nd Grade (10 children)- Patricia/David Branscomb
3rd Grade (7 children)- 1 teacher needed
4th-5th Graders (11 children)- Denise Peek

Summer Sunday School dates are June 2nd-Aug. 4th. Please be in prayer about how you can serve in children's ministry this summer. If you have any questions, see Tracie Rakestraw.

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 – We have finished 2 Timothy and will start a new study at a later date.
3M Men's Fellowship– Friday - May 31st at 5:30 pm. 88 Akins Mountain Road Hartselle, AL 35640.
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–3rd grade. 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: Our night-time Bible study will resume in June.

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, May 13th, 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.