



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 19, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and supplication, each prayer perfumed with the incense of atoning blood. Help me, defend me, until from praying ground I pass to the realm of unceasing praise. Urged by my need, invited by Your promises, called by Your Spirit, I enter Your presence, worshipping You with godly fear, awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory; encouraged by Your love.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP **Adapted from Psalm 18:1-3**

Minister: We love You, O LORD, our strength. For Lord, You alone are our rock and our fortress, our mighty deliverer, our refuge and shield, the strength of our salvation, our stronghold.

All: We call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and we are saved from our enemies.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

[Mike's Arrangement] by Joachim Neander and Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The King of cre - a - tion
O my soul, praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so wonderfully reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gladly sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper they work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Day After Day, Jesus Reigns

Words and Music: James Ferguson and Ian Lewis

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: Romans 8:28-39

In the morning as I pray, For the day that You have made
I have hope and I have peace, For Your presence is with me

So whatever comes my way, Lord remind me of this grace
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

*Jesus holds me safely in His hands
Ever close he leads me in His plans
When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith
Day after day, Jesus reigns*

In the evening as I rest, I recall Your faithfulness
How You never left my side From the morning to the night
Now until the dawning sun, Be the light that leads me on
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

Chorus

Always before me And always beside me
My shepherd is always close
Morning to evening, Each day that I'm given
My shepherd is always close
(Repeat)

For tomorrow this I pray, Father help me live Your way
Every breath and every word, For the glory of the Lord

If the day should test my faith, Or fill my heart with songs of praise
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

Chorus

Day after day, Jesus reigns

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:8-16

CONFESSION OF SIN Adapted from the Valley of Vision

Great and gracious God, I am all poverty as well as all guilt, having nothing of my own with which to repay You, but I bring Jesus to You in the arms of faith, pleading His righteousness to offset my iniquities, rejoicing that He will weigh down the scales for me, and satisfy Your justice. I bless You that great sin draws out great grace. That although the least sin deserves infinite punishment because done against an infinite God, yet there is mercy for me, for where guilt is most terrible, there Your mercy in Christ is most free and deep. Bless me by revealing to me more of His saving merits, by causing Your goodness to pass before me, by speaking peace to my contrite heart; strengthen me to give You no rest until Christ shall reign supreme within me, in every thought, word, and deed, in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens me to You, and ever clings to the cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

WORDS & MUSIC: Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Rhyan Shirley, Nate Singh, 2019

All my attempts to be satisfied were vain and empty

Until the moment You rescued me and Your love filled me.
My soul sings, now my soul sings.

*What blessed assurance I've found in You, I've found in You.
I won't be shaken; I will not be moved.
How steadfast Your strong hand is keeping me, is keeping me.
I won't be shaken; I will not be moved.
Oh blessed assurance!*

No other love that I've ever known compares to You, God.
No other love that I've ever found has done what You've done.
My soul sings, Now my soul sings.

Ever my anchor, ever my strength,
Ever my portion, and all I need,
Ever my healing, ever my hope,
Ever the truth that leads me home, that leads me home.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON

“The Christian in Complete Armor - Covered with Prayer”

COMMUNION SONG

Lead Me To The Rock

[Red Mountain Church]

Convinced as a sinner, to Jesus I come
Informed by the gospel for such there is room;
Overwhelmed with sorrows for sin I will cry
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

When sorely afflicted and ready to faint,
Before my Redeemer I'll spread my complaint;

Ephesians 6:10-20

“The Christian in Complete Armor - Covered with Prayer”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Ryan & Kelly Akers and their youngest daughter, Hannah, work with Campus Outreach SERVE in Edinburgh, Scotland. Arriving in June, 2023 they have begun to build relationships with students for the purpose of life-on-life evangelism and discipleship. Ryan will be leading the Campus Outreach team that is scheduled to arrive this summer (read more below). Additionally, the Akers will be developing a partnership with St. Columba’s Free Church. The following excerpts are from a newsletter on March 23rd:

Our Team Booked Their Flights! - There are times when something happens and you get this sense of, "Ok, now it's getting real!" We had that feeling last week when the two couples that are moving here to join us - Cole & Brooke Hunt and Spencer & Katie Logsdon - bought their plane tickets. This feels like such a long-time coming, but at the same time, it feels like time has flown. Both couples are set to arrive on Monday, July 1. Between now and then, we will help them find flats to live in and they will begin the visa process. Thank you also for your prayers for them as they have been raising financial support. One of the couples has finished raising their support while the other couple is at 94%. The Lord has been extremely kind in answering so many prayers for all of this to happen!

One-to-one Meetings - Proverbs 16:9 tells us, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." In this truth we realize that we often think we know what plans to make, but the Lord knows better than we do. I had hoped to try to do a 4 week leadership course for the American football team before the end of the Spring term. But because students are preparing for exams and go home for long periods of time in April-May, I was advised that it would be pointless to try to do that. So I decided that I would just reach out to individuals on the team and talk through some of the things that I have been thinking and use their feedback to help shape a leadership course for the fall. This has gone really well! First, I have been able to get with more guys in a 1-to-1 setting than I thought I'd be able to do. Second, this has allowed me to establish a deeper connection with these guys and it really feels like I've been able to build trust. Third, because I've been able to meet with them individually, it seems like there will be a ton of buy-in from the guys on making this successful. I'm so thankful that the Lord knows better than we do on what we should be doing!

Please pray... 1) Flats for the Logsdons and the Hunts - Kelly will be doing many viewings for our team in order to secure flats. Pray that they will be able to secure a flat in a location that is strategic to campus and near students; 2) Visas - We don't anticipate there being any problems for our team in getting visas. However, when you're dealing with human institutions, we know that there can always be bumps in the road. Pray for a smooth and timely visa process for our team; 3) Our team as they prepare to leave - Leaving friends, family, churches, and jobs that we love is very difficult. Our team members have been very blessed by their current situations and leaving will not be easy. Please pray that their last few months in the U.S. will be a sweet time for them; 4) Ryan to continue to get time with American football players - There are only a few more weeks that guys will be in town. Pray that I will be able to continue to meet with these guys, build trust, and for an open door for the gospel

A Week in the Life of the Akers - Our sending church featured our ministry in Edinburgh in their children's ministry event, Passport Night. To help the children understand and "experience" a bit of life in Scotland, Kelly made a video that gives a picture of a week in the life of the Akers. We thought you all would enjoy seeing it! Link: https://youtu.be/2IV5KtSgkuk?si=RrRYdNsiS2_oszFo

'Mid storms and distresses my soul shall rely
On Jesus, the rock that is higher than I.
'Tis there with the chosen of Jesus,
I long to dwell and eternally join in the song,
And praising and blessings, with angels on high,
It's Jesus, the rock that is higher than I.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q. 116

Minister: Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

All: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness which God requires of us. Moreover, God will give His grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who constantly and with heartfelt longing ask Him for these gifts and thank Him for them.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Death Was Arrested

TEXT: Brandon Coker, Paul Taylor Smith, Adam Kersh, and Heath Balltzglier, 2015

Alone in my sorrow dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh your grace so free Washes over me
You have made me new Now life begins with you
It's your endless love Pouring down on us
You have made us new Now life begins with you

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom he faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and he called me his friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Oh we're free free Forever we're free
Come join the song Of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free Forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday
12:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary

Wednesday
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
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Guys
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study—Girls

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

May 19
Church Service— Jessi Eidson, Justin Robinson
Sunday School— Sue Eidson

May 26
Church Service— Sara Haynes, Luke Satterfield
Sunday School— Ginger Pettus

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.

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

Birthdays This Week

May 19.....Jason White
20.....Braden Cook
Denise Peek
21.....Zoe Powell
22.....Asa Haynes
24.....Trent Price
Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

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.

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 start Wednesday, June 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Ladies Night: June Ladies' Night will be Monday, June 10th at Taziki's.

Ladies Lunch: June Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, June 12th at 12:00 p.m. at Taziki's.

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, June 10th, at 10:00 am in the Bride's Room at the church. Women of all ages are invited. No one will be expected or pressured to pray aloud. 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.