



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 26, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

- Isaiah 55:1-3 -

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1,2,11

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

All: May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Lead On, O King Eternal

TEXT: Ernest Shurtleff, 1888 TUNE: Henry Smart, 1836

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

How Great Thou Art

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1949 TUNE: Swedish Folk Melody

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

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 4 week class meets in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. 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. During the Summer Months we combine our Adult Classes for a time of fellowship and teaching for all ages and stages.

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School

Fellowship Hall

This Summer, we will have a variety of teachers leading us through a journey of Biblical Characters. Titled, "Heroes of the Faith – The Saints of Scripture," this 15 week series will run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Learning from the lives of this "great cloud of witnesses," will prayerfully inspire us to walk in a manner worthy of the Gospel and teach us to live our lives looking to Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our faith. We hope you will stick around after corporate worship and join us as we continue to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

In My Hiding Place

TEXT & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2005

Loving God please have mercy, take my sin away.
Father wash me and cleanse me, make me pure again.
Against You and You only, have I sinned willingly.
Father You are most Holy. Purify me!

Your mercy's deep, Your mercy's wide, Your mercy finds me where I hide.

The river flows and washes over me.

And when I turn to run away Your mercy finds me where I am

And covers me with amazing grace, In my hiding place.

Many times I've been silent, and I've wasted away.
Then You've heard my confessions, and my sin You forgave.
So I come to You Father, let the waters rise.
Father, You are my refuge. In You I'll hide.

Your mercy's deep, Your mercy's wide, Your mercy finds me where I hide.

The river flows and washes over me.

And when I turn to run away Your mercy finds me where I am

And covers me with amazing grace, In my hiding place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:21-24

SERMON

“Incorruptible Love”

COMMUNION SONG

It Is Well With My Soul

TEXT: Horatio Spafford, 1873 MUSIC: Philip Bliss, 1876

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The cloud be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

CONFESSION OF FAITH **Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 102**

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.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Ephesians 6:21-24
“Incorruptible Love”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

The Link of Cullman County seeks to inspire Cullman County neighbors living in poverty to dream and to encourage the homeless, the struggling single-mom, the addict, and the under-employed that God has more for them. The Link connects resources, people, and needs to community members, school leadership, church staffs, and other non-profits to create programs and services that not only come along-side those in poverty, but do so in a way that builds relationships. The Link of Cullman County is a transformational ministry that loves people right where they are, no matter what their circumstances, beliefs, or economic status. The excerpts below are from an email update received on May 16th.

Summer Time Needs!!!

Summertime is all about FOOD!!! There are some big things going on with our Food Pantry, and there are HUGE food needs currently and into the summer. The State of Alabama did not receive Federal Summer Food Funds to help families supplement their summer groceries while schools are out. This also means that Summer Feedings Sites at our local schools were also not funded. When you pair this information with the 600% increase we have seen in our Food Pantry at The Link, we have to ask our community to partner with us to help meet these needs. In fact, we are asking you to help EVERY and ALL Food Pantries you are connected to. We are all feeling this economic pressure due to the number of families who need assistance. We have a pretty large list of pantries located around the county if you would like to extend your reach.

Here is how you can help!

Host a food collection site at your business, church, or club/group - We need cereal and breakfast items (oatmeal, cereal bars, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, etc.). We also need easy to heat or ready to eat lunch items (Peanut butter, jelly, crackers, ravioli, soups, mac and cheese, canned chicken or tuna, anything shelf stable and easy to fix). We will have a comprehensive idea list available soon. Make a monthly contribution and earmark it for The Pantry. Checks can be mailed to 708 9th Street SE Cullman, AL 35055 or you may give online. You can set up a recurring donation and tell us what to use it for. Each family box values around \$150-175 per family. We are able to secure food at a much reduced rate and pay about \$25 for this box. It is full of family-friendly foods. Volunteer at The Pantry - The Pantry is always in need of volunteers to serve on Tuesday or Thursday 9-noon and 1pm till 3:30. There are set up and take down shifts available as well. Contact johnnybelcher@linkingcullman.org if you would like to schedule a shift in the pantry. This is also a great way for students to earn community service hours for high school or college service hour needs. Food Give Away Events - Rockin' Good Grocery is scheduled for July 20th. This is our third food give away with Greater Good Music and other community sponsors. Watch for more details. We will also host another Produce Pop Up Event or two this summer. These are sponsored by The Food Bank of North Alabama.

Linking Resources to Needs!

Melissa Betts,

Executive Director

CLOSING SONG

Oh, How Good It Is

WORDS & MUSIC: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend, 2012

Oh, how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love,
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come.
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.
has no claim on me,
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Greetings From Our Pastor

Welcome to Christ Covenant! We are honored and delighted to have you worshipping with us this Lord's Day. The entire CCPC family is eager to meet you, answer any questions you may have, and serve you best we can. After the service my wife and I will be in the lobby where we would love to personally greet and welcome you. I pray that our time together has been a source of encouragement to your soul, and that you have been refreshed by the Lord's Word and His people. Please let us know how we can serve you! Grace and peace, Jason Ellerbee, Sr. Pastor

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday

Happy Memorial Day!

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Youth Groups

Friday

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
5:30 p.m. Men's Fellowship

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/New Members Class
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 26

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

June 2

Church Service— Mary Ellen K., Anthony Taylor
Sunday School— Vanessa Rakestraw

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 26.....Joseph Mahler
30.....Greer Bright
Alex Stallings
31.....Katie Kornegay
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.

Rummage Sale Report

The Rummage Sale was a success! In fact, it was another record-breaking year as we raised \$24,200.30, with a few IOUs still out. THANK YOU to ALL who donated, worked, and prayed for our Rummage Sale. God blessed us in so many ways in addition to this monetary amount. Please pray for wisdom as our missions committee considers where the LORD would lead our future short term trips.

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.