



# CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

~ Psalm 121 ~

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

**All: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### *All Creatures Of Our God And King*

TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225 TUNE: Kierchengesange, 1623

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin, Cast all your burdens now on Him,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign,  
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## 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 have a Pastor's Inquirers Class for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This 4-week class is currently meeting in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in attending, please come join us!

## *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](http://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** - John/Audrey Nyquist—Room 14

**PreK-Kindergarten** - Elizabeth Ellerbee—Room 15

**1st Grade** - Jessie/Justin Robinson—Room 6

**2nd Grade** - David/Patricia Branscomb—Room 8

**3rd Grade** - Siusan Peek—Room 9

**4th - 5th Grade** - Denise Peek—Downstairs

**6th Grade**— Youth House

## *Youth Sunday School*

The youth will meet on The Hill and will all be studying Eschatology.

**7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**          Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger          The Hill (Big 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.

## *Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven*

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834    MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress.  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Deuteronomy 30

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, You bore my griefs and carried my sorrows; You were stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. You were wounded for my transgressions, You were crushed for my sins. The chastening for my well-being fell upon You, and it was by Your stripes that I was healed. Like a foolish sheep, I have gone astray, I have turned—like all the rest—to my own way. But You have taken my iniquity upon Yourself, and every bit of my guilt has been laid on You. Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus, search me, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Show me my offenses, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

## *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Lyrics: Indelible Grace

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye

# James 1:12-15

## “Sin’s Source, Sequence, and Sequel ”

### SERMON NOTES

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

#### OFFERING

#### SCRIPTURE READING

**James 1:12-15**

#### SERMON

**“Sin’s Source, Sequence, and Sequel”**

#### COMMUNION SONG *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

WORDS & MUSIC: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, 2018

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid!  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

# “Love . . . Reaching”

## CONFESSION OF FAITH      **Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 153**

Minister: What does God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse due to us because of our transgression of the law?

**All: To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us because of our transgression of the law, God requires of us repentance toward Him, faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, and the diligent use of the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of His mediation.**

## COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

### *Mighty To Save*

WORDS & MUSIC: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2006

Everyone needs compassion, Love that never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

Savior , He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save; He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me , All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Shine Your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing, For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see  
were singing, for the glory of the risen king  
“Child my love for you will never end.”

### **Greetings From Our Pastor**

Welcome to Christ Covenant! We are honored and delighted to have you worshiping 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**

<b><u>Monday</u></b> 12:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> 6:30 p.m. Study	No Youth Groups, Women's Bible Study
<b><u>Friday</u></b> 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service & Communion Sunday School/New Members Class Art Fellowship

## **Nursery Volunteers Schedule**

**June 30**  
Church Service— Jessie Robinson, Dana Starnes  
Sunday School— Juanita Tidwell

**July 7**  
Church Service— Mary Rogers, Denise Peek  
Sunday School— Braden Cook

## **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!

## **Birthdays This Week**

June 30.....	Katie Shirey
July 1.....	Lily Scarlett Eidson Everett Robinson
2.....	Merrill Dotson
3.....	Paul Nyquist Elizabeth Moultrie

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.*

## **Art Fellowship**

The Art Fellowship will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Contact Marion Frey if you have any questions. 256-347-4201

## **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.

## **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**– Monday, July 15th @ 6 p.m. location– TBD.

**Men's Prayer Time** – Friday mornings, 7:00 am in the church session room.

## **CCPC Youth Summer Fellowship**

<b>July 8th:</b>	Tennis Golf 9-11 am (Eastside Park)
<b>July 11th:</b>	Recent Grad Bible Study 6:30-8 pm (Lunsfords)
<b>July 14th:</b>	Trash Panda Game 4 pm (HSV)
<b>July 24th:</b>	Pool Party 6-8 pm (Wild Water Cullman)
<b>July 25th:</b>	Recent Grad Bible Study 6:30-8 pm (Lunsfords)

## **Graduate Bible Study**

When: June 27<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **CCPC Night at WildWater**

Save the date for our fellowship night at WildWater! Wednesday July 24th, 6-8 p.m.

## **Women's Ministry Events**

**Women's Bible Studies:** Our night-time Bible study started June 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will meet for a five-week study on how to love God above everything else the world has to offer. Each week we will look at Scripture that addresses the things that pull us away from God. Jeremiah 17:9 tells us the heart is deceitful above all things. We will learn together how to reorient our heart back towards God and worshipping Him. Nursery will be provided first two weeks and then the remainder three weeks by request. Contact Karena Haynes.

**Ladies Night:** July Ladies' Night, Monday July 8th at 6:00 p.m. at Rumors/Hanks.

**Pottery Night: The date has changed.** We will meet at the church on July 22nd, where Vanessa Rakestraw (justmudpottery) will be working with us on making a piece of pottery. Cost will be \$50 per person and there will be limited slots. Nursery will be provided upon request. Hope you can join us to eat, make pottery and fellowship.

**Ladies Lunch:** July Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, July 10th at 12:00 p.m. 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, July 8th, 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.*