



CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“O God, the Eternal All, help me to know that all things are shadows, but You are substance, all things are quicksand, but You are mountain, all things are shifting, but You are anchor, all things are ignorance, but You are wisdom.”
– Adapted from “*The Valley of Vision*”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 67:1-3**

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us

All: That His way may be known on earth, His saving power among all nations

Minister: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, People Of The Risen King

TEXT & MUSIC: K & K Getty, Townend, 2008

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land, Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands, Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!”

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt Shane Barnard, 2018 MUSIC: Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.
And for all of my life let my song to you arise,
O Most High

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 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.

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 - 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 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.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Above all else, I adore Your name.
Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66

CONFESSION OF SIN *Adapted from "The Valley of Vision"*

Lord Jesus, I sin – Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection in this life. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit, to be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to You, to live entirely to Your glory. Deliver me from attachment to things unclean, from wrong associations, from the predominance of evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, that with deep contrition, earnest heart searching I may come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, cry to You, be delivered by You. In grace, take away my mourning and give me music; remove my sackcloth and clothe me with beauty; still my sighs and fill my mouth with song. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Good To Me

WORDS & MUSIC: Audrey Assad, 2013

I put all my hope on the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart on the ground of Your goodness.
When I'm bowed down with sorrow I will lift up Your name,
And the foxes in the vineyard will not steal my joy.

*Because You are good to me, good to me,
You are good to me, good to me,
You are good to me.*

I lift my eyes to the hills where my help is found;
Your voice fills the night raise my head up and hear the sound.
Though fires burn all around me I will praise You, my God
And the foxes in the vineyard will not steal my joy

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me
All my life, I will trust in Your promise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:1-4

SERMON

“Count it all Joy”

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740 MUSIC: Red Mountain Church

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave, oh! leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity,
For all eternity, for all eternity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 27

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

James 1:1-4
“Count it all Joy”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Cullman Christian School (CCS) is an accredited community, interdenominational, nonprofit, co-ed Christian school. CCS is not owned or operated by any one church or denomination but is endorsed by local Bible-believing churches. The following content is adapted from current Cullman Christian School publications:

MISSION: Cullman Christian School seeks to serve the Christian community by providing an academically rigorous education with a Biblical world and life view.

VISION: To become one of the leading private Christian schools in the state of Alabama through educating students classically, equipping students spiritually, and sending students missionally to pursue their God-ordained calling.

PURPOSE: To further the kingdom of God by preparing students to impact the world.

More than ever, parents want a partner.

- It can seem exhausting and daunting to parent kids in our current culture.
- Parents are seeking a school that aligns to their values.

More than ever, biblical truth is under attack.

- The Bible is viewed as irrelevant
- The fundamentals of the Christian faith are contradicted.

More than ever, students are being bombarded.

- Social media provides a constant stream of content that is hostile to a Christian worldview.
- Christians are prone to question and doubt their faith.

More than ever, Cullman Christian School is helping families.

- CCS students receive over 1,000 hours of instruction each year to equip them to engage contemporary culture.
- CCS seeks to nurture faith through worship, prayer, and discipleship every week.
- CCS encourages families to be active and involved in events throughout the school year.

Does Christian Education Matter? The choice of where and how to educate your children can be challenging and complicated. A Christian education has the benefit of examining every facet of school life and curriculum from a biblical worldview. Everything that we do can be examined in the full light of Scripture to examine, discuss, and consider God’s truth revealed in creation and in His Word. In this context, we are able to provide a rigorous, God-honoring education that not only EDUCATES our students, but more importantly EQUIPS them to defend their faith, and SENDS them to spread the gospel.

Pray for us...

Students - Pray for the removal of obstacles for every student who needs to be at CCS in 2024-2025

Teachers - Pray for hiring, equipping, and retaining the best teachers possible

Facilities - Pray for preparation of facilities at the Beech Campus and Depot Park Campus

Curriculum - Pray for preparation of materials and instruction to be of the highest caliber possible

Support us...

The 2024 CCS Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, June 24th Go to [cullmanchristian.org/golf-tournament]cullmanchristian.org/golf-tournament for information and online registration.

CLOSING SONG

All Things New

WORDS & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2013

You’ve said you know the plans you have for me; You’ve said that I am wonderfully made.
But I’ve forsaken all you have for me, For idols that will all melt away.

*But you stayed true, My God, I praise you!
You came to me in my brokenness, And pulled me out of the mess,
And you turned me around.*

*You heard me call out in my distress, In spite of your holiness, You came down.
And you’re making all things new, You’re making all things new.*

You’ve told me I was made in your image, That you’ve adopted me as your son.
I’ve walked through life more like I’m an orphan And not as one of your chosen ones.

Dear Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church,

As a mother, you will be in constant prayer for your children. Yes, there is always a little bit of worry especially when they live hours away. Your Christ centered heart and love have put my heart at peace for Jason, Elizabeth, and the boys. We felt that love when we visited in October. We had no clue we would be seeing this love as strong as we did just five months later.

Thank you for allowing Jason to be here that week, for the love and support you have given him. The four days I had with just he and Sean were such a great blessing of strength for me. A special time of love, laughter, tears, joy and sorrow. They were blessed to have a strong man of faith for a father as I was a husband.

I have been so blessed to have married a man that God put in my life and that at first, I did not like. I am so blessed to have two Christ centered boys that I was told I could not have, but God was in control. Both boys had been here on Saturday and I sent them home thinking we had 5-7 days, but we learned death does not make a reservation. God is and was in control and as Jason told me “As a Christian, death is our Victory.” Corkey wanted to die at home, and he did. He wanted his service to be in our church of 50 years and it was. He wanted to be buried in a pine box in the veteran’s cemetery (this is why the seven days wait) and he was.

A special thank you to those of you that have reached out to me by way of cards, those that have made donations in Corkey’s memory. But my biggest Thank You is for loving my child and for being there for him, Elizabeth and the boys.

Love in Christ,
Hallie Ellerbee

Christ Covenant News

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

This Week's Activities

Monday	
10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Time
12:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Ladies' Night
Wednesday	
12:00 p.m.	Ladies' Lunch
6:30 p.m.	Youth Groups, Women's Bible Study
Thursday	
6:30 p.m.	Grad 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/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

June 9
Church Service— Kristi Nyquist, Shonda Price
Sunday School— Amanda Knapp

June 16
Church Service— Audrey Nyquist, Laura Reeder
Sunday School— Wanda Quick

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

June 9.....	Kaleb Benson
12.....	Elizabeth Haynes Mike Burton Randall Quinn
13.....	Andrew Haynes Emily Haynes
15.....	Esther Belle Quinn

Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

Children's Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday school has started. All classes will be in the same locations. (For a list of class locations, see the back of the bulletin.) *Remember these classes are based on the grade your child just completed. Below is a list of the Sunday School teachers for the summer, please take the time to thank them for their commitment to our children. For any questions, please call or text Tracie Rakestraw (205-527-4238).

Toddler class (3 years)- Scott/Becky Lewis
PreK-K class- Elizabeth Ellerbee
1st Grade - Jessie/Justin Robinson
2nd Grade - Patricia/David Branscomb
3rd Grade - Siusan Peek
4th-5th Grades- Denise Peek
6th Grade— Youth House

Please be in prayer for this year's PCA General Assembly.

It will be taking place next week (June 10th – 14th) in Richmond, VA. Jason and Jonathan Haynes will both be serving as commissioners, please pray for their wisdom as they serve our church and denomination. If you would like to have more understanding of the PCA and how the General Assembly operates, you can find more info here: <https://pcaga.org/>

Two other good resources for insight are:
<https://theaquilareport.com/>
<https://byfaithonline.com/>

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, June 17th @ 6 p.m. - CCPC Youth House.
Men's Prayer Time – Friday mornings, 7:00 am in the church session room.

CCPC Youth Summer Fellowship

June 13th: Recent Grad Bible Study 6:30-8 pm (Lunsfords)
June 18th: Pickleball 9-11 am (Ingle Park)
June 26th: Game Night 2-8 pm (Youth House)
June 27th: Recent Grad Bible Study 6:30-8 pm (Lunsfords)
July 8th: Tennis Golf 9-11 am (Eastside Park)
July 11th: Recent Grad Bible Study 6:30-8 pm (Lunsfords)
July 14th: Trash Panda Game 4 pm (HSV)
July 24th: Pool Party 6-8 pm (Wild Water Cullman)
July 25th: Recent Grad Bible Study 6:30-8 pm (Lunsfords)

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.

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!

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

Women's Ministry Events

Women's Bible Studies: Our night-time Bible study will start **WEDNESDAY**, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will begin 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: 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.