



**CHRIST COVENANT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

July 14, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in Your light we may see light clearly, and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.”

– Taken from the Book of Common Worship

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP **Phillipians 2:9,11 & Psalm 118:22-23**

Minister: God has highly exalted His Son and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Come and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Let us worship Him together!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### *God Of Wonders*

WORDS & MUSIC: Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong, 2000

Lord of all creation Of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on High  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth x 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father, holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy, Holy, Holy

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth x 3

### *King Of Kings*

WORDS & MUSIC: Jason Ingram, Brooke Ligertwood & Scott Ligertwood, 2019

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light,  
Till from heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt.

### *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 the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
God of glory, majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!*

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side,  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath,  
Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame,  
Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free.  
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Titus 3:3-7**

## CONFESSION OF SIN          **The Book of Common Worship**

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

***Take Shelter***

WORDS & MUSIC: Kristyn Getty, Skye Peterson, & Ben Shive, 2022

When the nations rage and death is at the door, When the wars are waged as they have been before,  
There's a refuge that I run to, A respite from my fear, Nothing in this world can harm me here.

When my song of hope is swallowed by the pain, As the weariness of grief floods in again,  
Will you find me in the valley? Oh hear my helpless cry! Hold me as a mother holds her child.

*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.  
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.*

When a greater war had torn apart my soul, And the iron hold of sin would not let go.  
All of heaven stormed the darkness In the power of the cross.  
I'm freed beneath the banner of His love

*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God  
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.*

When the labors of this fleeting life are done, As the shadows fall we'll see the lights of home.  
And then all our present troubles Will be stories of the past.  
Safe within His gates we'll find our rest.

*And I'll take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.  
And I will take shelter; Take shelter in the loving arms of God.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## OFFERING

## SCRIPTURE READING                      **2 Kings 5:1-19**

## SERMON                      “Difficult Providence and Simple Cleansing ”      **Rev. Stephen King**

## COMMUNION SONG      ***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

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.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH                      **Westminster Larger Catechism Q.18**

Minister: What are God's works of providence?

**All: God's works of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful acts of preserving and governing all His creatures, ordering them and all their actions to His own glory.**

## 2 Kings 5:1-19

## “Difficult Providence and Simple Cleansing ”

## SERMON NOTES

# “Love . . . Reaching”

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

## *My Raptured Soul*

WORDS: John Berridge, 1716-1793    MUSIC: Clint Wells, 2005

If Jesus kindly say, And with a whispering word,  
“Arise my love and come away,” I run to meet my Lord.

My soul is in my ears; My heart is all on flame;  
My eyes are sweetly drowned in tears, And melted is my frame.

*My raptured soul will rise up, And give a cheerful spring,  
And dart through all the lofty skies, To visit Zion's King,  
To visit Zion's King.*

He meets me with a kiss, And with a smiling face;  
I taste the dear, enchanting bliss, And wonder at his grace.

A soft and tender sigh, Now heaves my hollowed breast;  
I long to lay me down and die, And find eternal rest.

## **Guest Preacher – Rev. Stephen King**

Bio - Stephen King grew up in Rock Hill, SC and attended the College of Charleston where he came to faith through the ministry of Campus Outreach. After graduating, he served on staff with Campus Outreach Charleston and currently serves at Briarwood Presbyterian Church where he has ministered as the Youth Outreach Director, Singles Pastor, and current Young Couples Pastor. He earned a Masters of Divinity from Birmingham Theological Seminary, was ordained through Evangel Presbytery, and became a certified biblical counselor through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. Stephen is married to his wonderful wife Kate and they have three young children, Garrison (7), Ayden (6), and Charlotte (3).

# Christ Covenant News

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## This Week's Activities

<b>Monday</b> 6:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 p.m.	Youth Groups, Women's Bible Study
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</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

**July 14**  
Church Service— Rebekah Taylor, Sue Roberts  
Sunday School— Caleb Bright

**July 21**  
Church Service— Amanda Satt, Jennifer Yeager  
Sunday School— Chris Dotson

## Children's Sunday School

Promotion Sunday will be August 11th. I have a few classes filled but still need teachers for most classes. Please be in prayer about serving as a Sunday school teacher this fall. If you have any questions about Children's Sunday school, please contact me.

### Classes/Needs this fall:

Toddler class- Scott/Becky Lewis  
Prek-4 class- (9 children) **4 teachers needed.**  
Kindergarten-1st grade class- (9 children) Braden/Whitney cook & John/Audrey Nyquist.  
2nd grade class- (12 children) - Justin/Jesse Robinson/**2 rotating teachers needed.**  
3rd grade class- (10 children) - **4 teachers needed.**  
4th-6th girls' class- (7 girls) - Madison McCoy.  
4th-6th boys' class- (13 boys) - **3 teachers needed.**

Tracie Rakestraw  
Children's Director

## Birthdays This Week

July 14.....	Rebekah Taylor
16.....	Rick Davis Evelyn McCoy
18.....	Gallagher Adkins Emma Shirey T'aira Ugarkovich
19.....	Brandon Reeder Phil Hutchens Luke Satterfield Sheena Johnson

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.*

## Opportunity to Show Christ's Compassion

*"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*  
— Micah 6:8

Each month, our deacons will be gathering items to assist in serving the needs of our community. In August, they will be receiving ramen noodles, macaroni, snack crackers, Vienna sausages and tuna for Wallace State's food pantry. Please drop off some of the food items listed above in the "Mercy Bin" located in the Narthex before August 11th. Thanks so much!

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

## CCPC Youth Summer Fellowship

**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: July 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

Mark your calendars and invite your friends for our fellowship night at WildWater! Wednesday July 24th, 6:30-8:30 pm. Please RSVP below for the pizza dinner. Enter through the "new side".

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## 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:** August Ladies' Night, Monday August 12th. TBD

**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:** August Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, August 14th. TBD

**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, August 12th, 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.*