



CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 21, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

O Lord God, How great are my privileges in Jesus Christ! Without Him I stand far off, a stranger, an outcast; in Him I draw near and touch His kingly scepter. Without Him I dare not lift up my guilty eyes; in Him I gaze upon my Father-God and friend. Without Him I hide my lips in trembling shame; in Him I open my mouth in petition and praise. Without Him all is wrath and consuming fire; in Him is all love, and the repose of my soul. Without Him is gaping hell below me; in Him its gates are barred to me by His precious blood. Without Him darkness spreads its horrors in front; in Him an eternity of glory is my endless horizon. Without Him all within is terror and dismay, in Him every accusation is charmed into joy and peace. Without Him all things external call for my condemnation; in Him they minister to my comfort, and are to be enjoyed with thanksgiving. Praise be to You for grace, and for the unspeakable gift of Jesus.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP **Romans 3:23-24 & John 3:16**

Minister: Let us raise our voices in worship because of the hope of the gospel. For we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but by God's grace we are justified freely through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ.

All: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Let us therefore worship Him together!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1742 MUSIC: Kevin Twitt, 1996

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the Throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise!
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise!
Shake off your guilty fear and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race; His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me;
“Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

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.

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.

7th - 12th 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.

Only A Holy God

WORDS & MUSIC: CityAlight, Dustin Smith, 2018

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

*Come and behold him, the One and the Only,
Cry out, sing, "Holy!" Forever a holy God,
Come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failure?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God, Only my holy God!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

CONFESSION OF SIN

You have been a fountain of grace to us, O Lord, always springing up to everlasting life, always providing water for our thirsty souls. But we have drunk from broken cisterns, contaminated waters polluted with our pride, hatred, fear, and lust. We have fouled our homes and our land with poisonous streams of unholy words and actions. Hear our confession, O Father, and forgive us through the blood of Christ, Your only Son. May Your Holy Spirit make us thirsty for the righteousness of Christ so that we may drink of Him—the Living Water. Then enable us to pour out the glory of His grace on our thirsty land. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Come Ye Sinners

WORDS & MUSIC: Indelible Grace

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-2

SERMON

“Christ and Culture ”

COMMUNION SONG

The Power Of The Cross

WORDS & MUSIC: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, 2005

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, Then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Every bitter thought, every evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the victory cry.

Romans 12:1-2 “Christ and Culture ”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a life! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Larger Catechism Q.152

Minister: What does every sin deserve at the hands of God?

All: Every sin, even the least, being against the sovereignty, goodness, and holiness of God and against his righteous law, deserves his wrath and curse both in this life and in that which is to come, and cannot be expiated except by the blood of Christ.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Living Hope

WORDS & MUSIC: Phil Wickham, 2018

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul,
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free,
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me.
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Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me,
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday

12:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Pottery Night

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Pool Party (Wild Water)

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

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

July 21

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

July 28

Church Service— Siusan Peek, Karen Adams
Sunday School— Hayes Eidson

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!

Birthdays This Week

July 21.....Nathan Sheffield
22.....Lucas Rakestraw
24.....Matthew McGrath
25.....Nicole Robb
Katherine Marie Ugarkovich
26.....Stanley Ewing
Lilly McCoy
27.....Clara Haynes
Gideon Atchison

Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

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) - Blake/Allison Bright/**2 teachers needed.**
4th-6th girls' class- (7 girls) - Madison McCoy.
4th-6th boys' class- (13 boys) - **3 teachers needed.**

Tracie Rakestraw
Children's Director

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– TBD

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 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.

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 worshiping 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, at 6:00 p.m. at Chicken Salad Chick.

Ladies Lunch: August Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, August 14th, at 12:00 p.m. at Chicken Salad Chick.

Pottery Night: The date has changed. We will meet at the church on July 22nd, at 6-7:30 p.m. 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.

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.