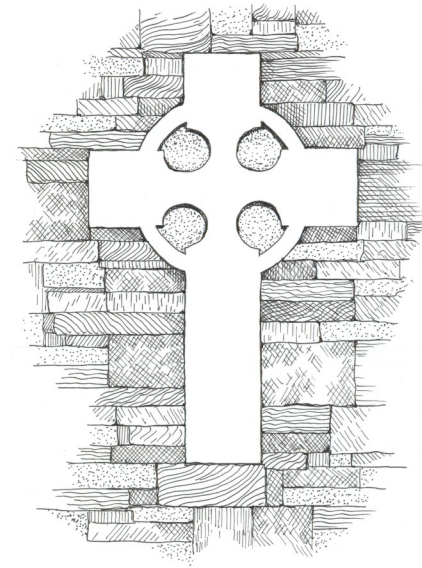


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 28, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Oh Great I Am, work in me now that I may never doubt You as the truthful, mighty, faithful God. Then I can bring my heart to You full of love, gratitude, hope, and joy. May I love You with a passion that never cools, believe in You with a confidence that never staggers, hope in You with an expectation that never dims, delight in You with a rejoicing that never stifles, glorify You with the highest of my powers; burning, blazing, glowing, radiating, as from Your own glory. ~ Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:1-2

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart; let us recount all of His wonderful deeds

All: We will be glad and exult in the Lord; we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High

SONGS OF PRAISE

You've Already Won

TEXT: Shane and Shane

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won
So I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need You will provide
Just like You always have

I'm fighting a battle
That you've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
I don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle that
You've already won

There's mercy in the waiting
Mana for today

And when it's gone I know you're not
You are my hope and stay
When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
And I'll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well

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 our church secretary 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.

I know how the story ends
We will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense
No more fear in life or death
I know how this story ends

Before The Throne Of God Above

WORDS: Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1841-1892 MUSIC: Vikki Cook, 1997

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 6:1-13

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge and confess that all things come from You: life, breath, happiness, goodness, truth, beauty, every good and perfect gift, all that makes life lovely. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace, show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it, reveal to me any weakness that I may know my strength in You. I thank you for any sign of repentance, please give me more of it. My sins are black and deep and rise from a stony, proud, self-righteous heart; help me to confess them with mourning, regret, and godly sorrow, with no pretense to merit or excuse. I need healing. Good Physician, here is liberty for You, please come and manifest Your power. I need faith. You who have given it to me, please maintain, strengthen, increase it, center it upon the Savior's work, upon the majesty of the Father, upon the operations of the Spirit. This I ask for the glory of Christ in my life, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Lord, I Need You

TEXT & MUSIC: Matt Maher, 2013

Lord, I come, I confess Bowing here I find my rest;
Without You I fall apart, You're the One who guides my heart.

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You—
My one defense, My righteousness; O God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;
Where grace is found, is where You are;
Where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me.

Teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way,
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

James 1:19-21 “Listen!”

SERMON NOTES

MEMBERSHIP VOWS Terri Levis, Craig and Mandy Peden, Jody and Megan Campbell, Blake and Marilyn Echols, Brett and Lauren Hogan, Elijah Ellerbee, Jake Lunsford, Marie Robinson, Gloria Dotson, William Haynes, Elijah Holmes, Gweniviere Marks, Faith Peek, Ezra Johnson.

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

BAPTISM

Jake Lunsford

PARENTAL VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

“Love . . . Reaching”

John and Karen Stodghill have served as church planters with Mission to the World in Belize since 2019. John and Karen help in the revitalization of current churches in Belize as well as leading Bible studies that hope to become new church plants. The excerpts below are from their June & July newsletters.

June Update - The four churches in the center part of the country, St. Andrew’s, Unity, Bethany, and Great Commission collected monies and clothes from their members to distribute mercy ministry goods. We bought rice, beans, flour, and oil at a reduced price to distribute to some of the families that have been greatly devastated by the fires and drought down south in the Toledo district. Many have lost their entire crops (it was time to harvest when the fires consumed all), and some have lost their homes. The rain has finally come, and they are able to plant. It will still take about 4 months to have all crops produce again. Pray for the people in the Toledo district to see and feel God’s provision in the midst of destruction.

July Update - God has been moving quickly in many people’s hearts concerning the building of Great Commission Presbyterian Church in Belmopan. By God’s grace and your donations and prayer support the matching funds to cover the foundation of the church building looks like it will be met. If God leads you to give toward this building project, you may do so by sending the funds to the Mission to the World, Belize Ministry Account # P-0179. Please make sure to make a note that the money is for the Belmopan church plant, Great Commission Presbyterian Church. We look to start building the walls when we have monies to do so. Thanks again!

Family News - As many of you know Karen’s mother passed away on June 5th. Since the last update Karen had to return to Tampa, Florida for about 10 days to help with some of the things associated with her mom’s death. While in Florida, with much prayer we placed her dad in an assisted living home. The second-floor apartment was getting too hard for him to navigate the steps. Pray with us that he continues to adjust well to this new environment as he is 91 years old.

Other News in the Country - God is doing so many wonderful things, not just in Belmopan, but also in Santa Elena and Belize City. Praise God with us as we install and ordain our first three (3) deacons at Bethany Presbyterian Church on June 15. We are making plans for an ordination and installation service for several elder candidates on August 18 at St. Andrews in Belize City.

Prayer

- For the City of Belmopan to approve the architect plans and issue the building permits
- That God will provide abundantly so that not only the foundation can be poured for the church, but also that the first permanent block building could be constructed
- Pray as we host a pastor and his wife who has been approved by MTW and will be interviewed with us in person (August 1-5). Pray that God calls them to our team as they have several countries interested in them.
- Pray for strength, safety in travel, and health during this busy month.

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:19-21

SERMON

“Listen!”

COMMUNION SONG

Be Thou My Vision

TEXT: Irish Poem, 8th Century TUNE: Trad. Irish Melody

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou my inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 157

Minister: How is the Word of God to be read?

All: The Holy Scriptures are to be read with a high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God, and that He only can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Doxology

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1709 TUNE: L. Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

<u>Monday</u> 12:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u> 6:30 p.m.	Youth Groups, Women's Bible Study
<u>Friday</u> 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<u>Sunday</u> 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 28
Church Service— Siusan Peek, Karen Adams
Sunday School— Hayes Eidson

August 4
Church Service— Whitney Cook, Stan Kennedy,
Adelaide Reeder
Sunday School— Anna Bright

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

July 28.....Cathy Orosz
29.....Bennett Bright
31.....Callie Michele Bagley
 Laura Reeder
Aug. 1.....Matthew Fox
 Lauren Mahler
2.....Judy Skinner
 John Branscomb
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!

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

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 – Starting back in the Fall.

3M Men's Fellowship– Aug. 19th, 6:00 p.m. Phil Hutchen's Barn.

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

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 & David/Patricia Branscomb
4th-6th girls' class- (7 girls) - Madison McCoy.
4th-6th boys' class- (13 boys) - **3 teachers needed.**

Tracie Rakestraw
Children's Director

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!

Women's Ministry Events

Women's Bible Studies: Fall Bible Studies will begin in September.

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.

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.