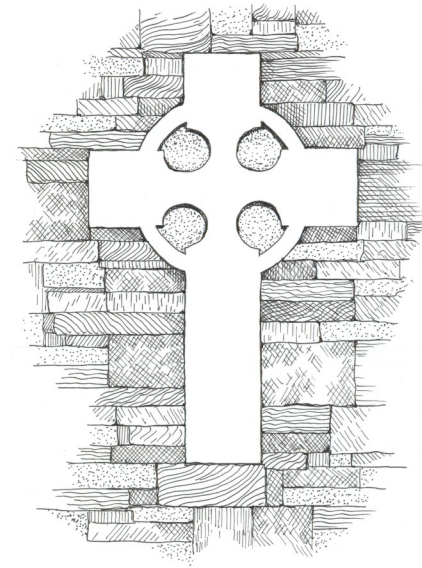


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 25, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“Faith may dance, because Christ sings.”
~ Samuel Rutherford ~

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 117:1-2

Minister: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

All: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

SONGS OF PRAISE

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

TEXT: Edward Perronet, 1779 TUNE: Oliver Holden, 1793

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

*The rocks cry out! Your children sing: Hallelujah to the King of kings!
You are clothed in majesty, robed in splendor, Crowned with glory.*

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

You Are My King

TEXT & MUSIC: Billy Foote, 1996

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted; You were condemned,
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be,
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You; in all I do I honor You.*

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 - Scott/Becky Lewis—Room 14

PreK-4 Yrs Class - Whitney/Braden Cook & Joyah/Wyatt Pettus—Room 15

Kindergarten-1st Grade - Audrey/John Nyquist & Allison/Blake Bright—Room 6

2nd Grade - Justin/Jesse Robinson/ 2 teachers needed—Room 8

3rd Grade - Allison/Blake Bright & Patricia/David Branscomb—Room 9

4th -6th Grade Girls - Madison McCoy—Downstairs

4th-6th Grade Boys— Rick White/Stam Kennedy/Shawn Robb/Daniel Johnson/Phillip Mahler-Downstairs

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.

You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15

CONFESSION OF SIN

O most great, most just, and most gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers; but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in Him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have fallen short of the glory of God. We have not sought first Your kingdom and righteousness, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, we have not been content with our daily bread, but instead have sought our own pleasure and comfort, have coveted our neighbor's possessions, and have not returned to You the praise and thanksgiving You deserve. You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in Him, but we all like sheep have gone astray and run to all sorts of temptations. Sin so easily entangles us, choking our hearts, and luring us into unbelief. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess You alone are our hope. Satisfy us with Your unfailing Fatherly love, fill us with the Spirit of Your Son, our only Savior, lead us in the way everlasting, and grant us grace to walk in grateful obedience. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Lyrics by: Getty

Lord, from the depths I call to You
Lord, hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
When I for mercy cry

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

I will wait for You
I will wait for You
On Your word, I will rely
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

I will wait for You
I will wait for You
On Your word, I will rely
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

I will wait for You
I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

BAPTISM Gloria, Dorothy, and Leamon Dotson - children of Chris and Merrill Dotson

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

OFFERING

James 2:14-26 "The Fruit of Faith"

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Mike Kenamer is the Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response Specialist for the Tennessee-Alabama-Georgia (TAG) Region and the manager of the MNA Charles H. Jones Family Disaster Response Warehouse in Rome Georgia. Mike and his wife, Trisha, are members of Grace Community Trenton, a PCA church in Trenton, Georgia. The following excerpt is from his July newsletter.

Key Leaders: Connecting MNA to the Local Church

For many years, MNA Disaster Response has utilized key leaders to connect to local churches. At its very essence, the concept of key leaders is simply to have connections in each local church so that when disasters occur, relationships are already formed. This role is a vital one. By having existing relationships, MNA Disaster Response is more familiar with the capacity of the local church, and their ability and willingness to serve after a disaster. Equally important is that the church is familiar with MNA Disaster Response, its personnel, resources, and capacity to support the work of the local church. In the aftermath of a disaster, these relationships are vital, saving much time making contact with each other and focusing energies on helping those who are impacted rather than expending energy making contact for the first time. While that is the primary role of the key leader, it is not the only role. Key leaders are called upon to provide leadership for their church in the area of disaster response. This sometimes means putting together a team from their church to serve after a disaster or to labor at the warehouse in preparation for disasters. The key leader may also organize a relief kit drive to gather critical supplies for disaster sites. Or they may simply be the person that keeps their church apprised of updates and happenings within the region. Regardless, they are the key connection between the local church and MNA Disaster Response. For the first time, the TAG (Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia) Region of MNA Disaster Response is planning a Key Leader Summit to be held at the MNA Disaster Response Warehouse in Rome Georgia on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Our goal is to gather key leaders across the region to come together to learn more about how they can involve their church in disaster response. Participants will learn from TAG Regional Specialist, Mike Kenamer, and from other key leaders from across the region. How do you become a key leader? Ask your church's Session to consider designating you as a key leader to serve as a liaison between the church and MNA Disaster Response. Some key leaders are deacons; some are elders. Some are members and some are church staff. Some churches have a single point of contact while others have two or three people who serve in this role. The church has the freedom to choose their representative(s). To learn what all this entails, come to our Key Leader Summit on October 12. Doors open at 8:30 am and the program starts promptly at 9:00 am. There is no charge for this forum although donations are accepted to help offset costs. Lunch is provided and the forum will conclude by 4:00 pm. To register for this event, go to <https://www.mnawarehouse.com/event-details/disaster-response-regional-key-leader-summit>

Sunday Church Visit Dates Available - I am available on several Sunday mornings to share about the ministry in Sunday School. Please reach out if you'd like me to speak at your church. I am happy to travel to any PCA church in Tennessee, Alabama, or Georgia.

Connect with Us! Please reach out if we may be of service.

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SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:14-26

SERMON

“The Fruit of Faith”

COMMUNION SONG

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

TEXT: Benjamin Beddome, 1787 MUSIC: Blake Mandell, 2012

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most—I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith Q. 91

Minister: What is the duty that God requires of mankind?

All: The duty that God requires of mankind is obedience to his revealed will.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

TEXT: Henry W. Baker, 1876 MUSIC: Matthew Smith, 2010

Once on a dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.
But Jesus sought and found us And washed our guilt away;
With cords of love He bound us To be His own today.

*Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven, Oh, praise our pardoning God!*

Dear Lord, receive the glory Of each recovered soul,
Oh, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit; Be Yours alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.

Now keep us, holy Savior, In Your true love and fear
And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere,
Till in Your new creation, When Earth meets Heaven's shore,
We find our full salvation And praise You evermore.

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
<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 Art Fellowship

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

August 25
Church Service— Sheena Johnson, Ella Ruth Quinn
Sunday School— Elizabeth Ellerbee

September 1
Church Service—
Sunday School—

Crates For Ukraine 4.0

At the request of the Ukrainian Church and national partners, Crates for Ukraine provides personal and humanitarian aid from the hands of churches in the U.S. to the hands of churches and displaced communities in Ukraine. MTW Ukraine asks that we remember the following prayer requests - 1) Pray for God to end the war in Ukraine, grow His Church and give great faith to His people during this time of suffering; 2) Pray for God to provide at least 400 crates of aid by the end of 2024 (CFU 4.0); 3) Pray for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ukraine as they receive aid, distribute aid and minister to those in need. May the Lord use CFU to create pathways for the Gospel and the formation of new Gospel communities. Please consider giving to CFU 4.0. You may write a check designated for "CFU 4.0" or you may select "Crates for Ukraine" on the give page of our church website - <https://app.easytithes.com/App/Giving/chripo159> For more information, go to - <https://www.cratesforukraine.com/>

Birthdays This Week

Aug 26.....	Elley Atchison Jack Haynes Jalen Lee Jennifer Flores
29.....	Marcia Blocher Vicki Knight

Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison

Officer Nominations

Nominations for elders and deacons will be received for three weeks in August/September. Pamphlets that provide the Standards for Officers and an explanation of the Nomination & Election Process are available in the Narthex. Please take time to carefully review this information and prayerfully consider those that you would like to nominate to serve as officers for Christ Covenant.

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 September, they will be receiving baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion and baby wash for First Source for Women.. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the "Mercy Bin" located in the Narthex before September 8th . Thanks so much!

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

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– Men's Hike Trip to Cloudland Canyon - September 12th-14th.

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

Men's Hike / Campout

Please mark your calendars and save the date for September 12th – 14th (Thursday-Saturday) for our annual Men's Hike. This year is something new and different as we will be adding one night and staying in cabins at Cloudland Canyon State Park in Northwest Georgia. There are over 60 miles of hiking trails, numerous biking trails, disc golf, plus amazing canyon views and waterfalls to enjoy. Those who want to explore can explore, those who want to just relax and enjoy God's creation and fellowship will have the option to do that as well. Teenaged boys are invited to join, please let Johnny Cook know of your interest.

The Ark Encounter

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington and right off I-75. For more info go to: www.arkencounter.com or call: (800) 721-2298

Covenant Group Kick-off Dinner

When: Wednesday September 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Loft 212

Join us for a night of fellowship with your new group and dinner from Taco Mama! Please RSVP with the code below. Thank you!!



Women's Ministry Events

Women's Bible Studies: Tuesday Morning Bible study will be held on Tuesday September 3rd at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. We will continue our study of 1 and 2 Peter using *Engaging God's Word* .

Thursday night Bible Study will be September 19th at 6:30-8:00 pm at the church. We will be studying *Behold & Believe: Encountering Jesus As The Great I Am*. Childcare will be available the first two weeks of the night study.

Ladies Night: September Ladies' Night will be Monday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at Grumpy's back deck.

Ladies Lunch: September Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, September 11th at 12 p.m. We will meet at Sweet Peppers.

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, September 16th, at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary 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.