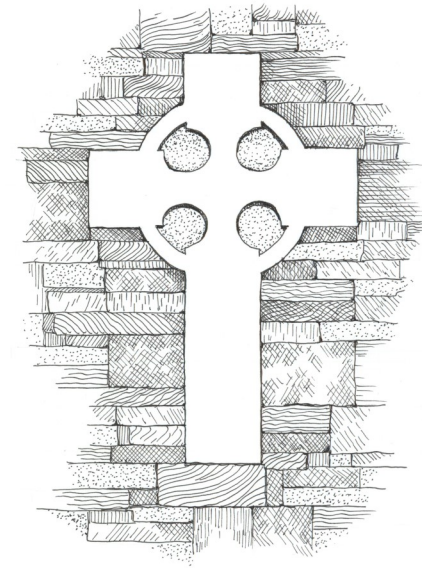


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 4, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“O God, You are life, wisdom, truth, bounty, and blessedness, the eternal, the only true good; our God and our Lord, You are our hope and our heart's joy – we acknowledge with thanksgiving that you have made us in Your image, and that we may direct our thoughts to You. Lord, make us know You aright, that we may love, enjoy, and possess You more and more: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

~ From *Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 61:10 & Psalm 62:7

Minister: Rejoice greatly in the Lord; let your soul exult in your God, for He has clothed you with the garments of salvation; He has covered you with the robe of righteousness.

All: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise The King

WORDS & MUSIC: Corey Voss, 2014

There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken,
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light,
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven—Jesus is alive!

There's a reason why we are not overtaken,
There's a reason why we sing on through the night,
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal—Jesus is alive!

*Praise the King, He is risen! Praise the King, He's alive!
Praise the King, death's defeated! Hallelujah, He's alive!
Hallelujah, He's alive!*

There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous,
There's a reason why the dead are made alive,
There's a reason why we share His resurrection—Jesus is alive!

The grave could not ignore it when all of heaven's roaring:
“Hell, where is your victory?” “Death, where is your sting?”
The world could not ignore it when all the saints are roaring:
“Hell, where is your victory?” “Death, where is your sting?”

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

TEXT: John Newton, 1774 MUSIC: Laura Taylor, 2001

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to God.

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.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood; He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptations threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation holds in view the conqueror's crown:
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with His blood; He who washed us with His blood;
He who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou are worthy, Lamb of God!"

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 23

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love, in neglecting to listen to Your voice, in not submitting to Your Word. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to be attentive to Your voice, live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Grace

WORDS & MUSIC: Niki Sheperd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, 2016

Your grace that leads this sinner home From death to life forever,
And sings the song of righteousness, By blood and not by merit.

Your grace that reaches far and wide, To every tribe and nation,
Has called my heart to enter in The joy of Your salvation.

*By grace I am redeemed, By grace I am restored;
And now I freely walk Into the arms of Christ my Lord.*

Your grace that I cannot explain, Not by my earthly wisdom.
The prince of life, without a stain, Was traded for this sinner!

Let praise rise up and overflow, My song resound forever.
For grace will see me welcomed home To walk beside my Savior.

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?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:22-25

SERMON

“Doers of the Word”

COMMUNION SONG

Amazing Grace

TEXT: John Newton, 1779 TUNE: New Britain, chorus: Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns—Unending love, Amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below will be forever mine

James 1:22-25 “Doers of the Word”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Good Samaritan Clinic provides primary health and wellness care to uninsured members of our community who are between the ages of 19 and 65 and meet income eligibility requirements of 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). There is a need in our community for these services as 1 in 5 Cullman County residents is medically uninsured. Good Samaritan Clinic provides a full range of services including medications, dental extractions, mental health counseling, hearing evaluations, select vision care for high risk individuals, social services, and community health screenings. The following excerpts are from the Spring 2024 Newsletter:

Clinic to Build New Facility - Good Samaritan Health Clinic announced plans to build a new clinic on property located on Veterans Drive SW. The Clinic received a \$1 million matching grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Support from the City of Cullman, the Cullman County Commission, Cullman Regional, and the Cullman Regional Foundation provided a substantial portion of the necessary matching funds to secure the ARC grant. The new facility will be a 5,040 square foot building built on 2.7 acres on Veterans Drive SW. There will be four exam rooms, medication dispensary with drive-thru, lab, cardio room, and a large waiting room which will also serve as a meeting space for after-hours patient education classes. For more information about the \$2.8 million project, contact Executive Director, Jolanda Hutson, at 256-255-5964 or jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com

Strategic Goals

Long-Term Mission Fulfillment - By establishing this new facility, the Clinic will be better positioned to fulfill our mission over the long term, ensuring that we can continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve by expanding our reach and impact.

Prevention and Wellness - The new facility will add a prevention and wellness component to our service offerings. The addition of a fitness/cardio room will provide access to exercise facilities so our patients can take proactive steps towards their health and well-being.

Exceptional Care for All Uninsured Residents - The new facility will provide a desirable and exceptional option for all uninsured residents in our community. We are committed to ensuring that quality healthcare remains accessible to everyone.

How to Support Our Mission

Pray for Our Efforts - Join us in praying that we will be a blessing to the patients who come into the Clinic each day and that God will continue to provide the necessary resources for us to fulfill our mission.

Spread the Word - If you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who is without health insurance, please encourage them to apply for free healthcare services through Good Samaritan Health Clinic. Our application is available on our website. If help is needed to complete the application, please call 256-255-5963. We are happy to assist!

Donate to Annual and Capital Campaign - We invite you to help safeguard the uninsured in our community by donating to our New Facility Capital Campaign or Annual Campaign. Every dollar makes a difference!

Donate Items from our Wishlist - Go to <https://www.goodsamaritancullman.com/wish-list> for a list of our most commonly needed items including electronic blood pressure monitors, nebulizers, patient care items, and medication supplies.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 160

Minister: What is required of those that hear the Word preached?

All: It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Who You Say I Am

WORDS & MUSIC: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2018

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in—

Oh, His love for me! Oh, His love for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin—

Jesus died for me! Yes, He died for me!

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

In my Father's house There's a place for me.

I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

I am chosen, Not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, Not against me. I am who You say I am.

Greetings From Our Pastor

Welcome to Christ Covenant! We are honored and delighted to have you worshiping 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

Christ Covenant News

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

This Week's Activities

Monday

12:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Youth Groups

Friday

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

August 4

Church Service— Whitney Cook, Stan Kennedy,
Adelaide Reeder

Sunday School— Anna Bright

August 11

Church Service— John Nyquist, Dawn Cook

Sunday School— Lee Haynes

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

Aug 4.....Sara Haynes

7.....Lillian Satterfield

8.....Breeze Robb

Dana Starnes

9.....Mabel Bright

10.....David Branscomb

Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison.

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.

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.

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

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) Whitney/Braden Cook/ **2 rotating teachers needed.**

Kindergarten-1st grade class-(9 children) John/Audrey Nyquist/ **2 rotating teachers needed.**

2nd grade class- (12 children) - Justin/Jesse

Robinson/**2 rotating teachers needed.**

3rd grade class- (10 children) - David/Patricia Branscomb & Blake/Allison Bright.

4th-6th girls' class- (7 girls) - Madison McCoy.

4th-6th boys' class- (13 boys) - Rick White, Stan

Kennedy, Shawn Robb, Daniel Johnson, Phillip

Mahler.

Tracie Rakestraw

Children's Director

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/>

Church Family Night

Sunday August 11 at CCPC

4:00 Water Activities

5:00 Dinner

5:30 Old Time Singing

We hope that you can join us for a fun night of fellowship with our church family to kick off the new school year! Please RSVP with the code below.

<https://forms.gle/LDVymH9E1fi4PB746>



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.pacadm.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.