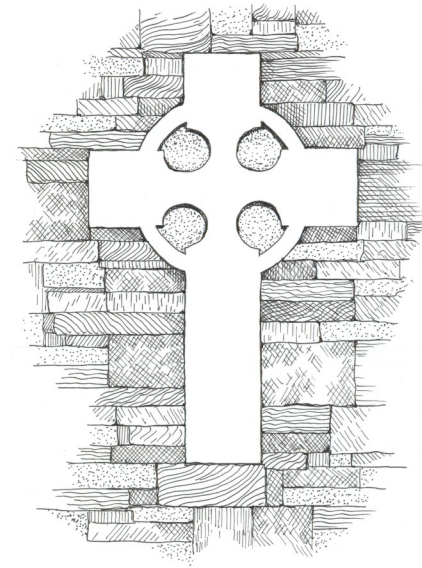


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION **adapted from “The Valley of Vision”**

O God, You have taught me that Christ has all fullness and so all plenitude of the Spirit, that all fullness I lack in myself is in Him, for His people, not for Himself alone, He having perfect knowledge, grace, righteousness, to make me see, to make me righteous, to give me fullness; that it is my duty, out of a sense of emptiness, to go to Christ, possess, enjoy His fullness as mine, as if I had it in myself, because it is for me in Him; that when I do this I am full of the Spirit, as a fish that has got from the shore to the sea and has all fullness of waters to move in, for when faith fills me, then I am full; that this is the way to be filled with the Spirit, like Stephen, first faith, then fullness, for this way makes me most empty, and so most fit for the Spirit to fill. You have taught me that the finding of this treasure of all grace in the field of Christ begets strength, joy, glory, and renders all graces alive. Help me to delight more in what I receive from Christ, more in that fullness which is in Him, the fountain of all His glory.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 111:1 & 115:1**

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!

SONGS OF PRAISE ***Come, Now Is The Time To Worship***

TEXT & MUSIC: Brian Doerksen, 1998

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

He Lives, The Great Redeemer Lives

WORDS: Anne Steele, 1760 MUSIC: Kevin Twit, 2015

Repeated crimes awake our fears And justice armed with frowns appears,
But in the Savior's lovely face Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace.

*He lives! The great Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives!
And now, before His Father, God, Pleads the merit of His blood.*

In every dark, distressful hour When sin and Satan join their power,
Let this dear hope repel the dart, That Jesus bears us on His heart, on His heart.

Great Advocate, almighty Friend! On Him our humble hopes depend;
Our cause can never, ever fail For Jesus pleads and must prevail.

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.

For our Jesus pleads, our Jesus pleads and Jesus must prevail.
For our Jesus pleads, our Jesus please and Jesus must prevail.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55

CONFESSION OF SIN

How wonderfully You have blessed our lives, O Father, filling our tables with the food of this earth and filling our hearts with the bread and wine of heaven. Yet how poorly we have thanked You, taking Your blessings for granted, and often complaining as if we deserved even more. Forgive our ungratefulness, and by a miracle of Your grace, cause our hearts to overflow with thanksgiving and our hands with generosity for our material bounty, for Jesus Christ who covers our sins with his blood, and for Your Holy Spirit who gives us eternal life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Heal Us Emmanuel

Lyrics by: Indelible Grace

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly, O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess, We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied With trembling for relief;
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried; “O help my unbelief!”

She, too, who touched you in the press And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace; Thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home; Send none unhealed away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2

SERMON

“Christ, the Wellspring of Mercy and Fountainhead of Faith ”

COMMUNION SONG

New Wine

WORDS & MUSIC: Brooke Ligertwood, 2018

In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil, I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand,

When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering,
Make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing, but all You have given me—
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Where there is new wine there is new power,
There is new freedom, The Kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

CONFESSION OF FAITH **The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 43**

Minister: What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

All: Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with Him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to Him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

TEXT: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795 MUSIC: Christopher Miner, 1997

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land,
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.*

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain, and death Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I see that happy place And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face And in His bosom rest?

James 2

“Christ, the Wellspring of Mercy and Fountainhead of Faith”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Adam Venable serves in our presbytery as a church planter in south Huntsville. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children: Eli, Lucy, Jacob, & Elizabeth.

Southside Presbyterian: Pursuing the renewal of Southside by lifting up the Good News in Word and deed, sharing life together in small groups and finding parts of Southside to bless.

August 22: Planting new Churches is one of the most effective ways to reach those who are not yet disciples. New Churches have not been planted in South Huntsville in 30 years. It's time again. [We have sent out] 200 invitations...in the neighborhood surrounding Southside Park in Huntsville. Pray that the Father would make families that attend curious about their future as a part of a grace-filled community. We are planning these Community Cookouts every three weeks this fall throughout South Huntsville and we are inviting many!

June 17: We have a new baby! Baby Elizabeth was born on May 21st. Lisa and baby are doing well...The Venable family has been thrown upside down by this blessing and so much the better for it. The Southside Prayer Group meets at Redstone Village Senior Living Center each Wednesday at 9:30am. Six residents and two Southside Church people meet together to connect, pray, and sing hymns...I always learn from the residents about how to trust the Lord in both times of joy and sadness. Southside's Bible Study at the Downtown Rescue Mission meets with sixty-five men who stay at the Rescue Mission each Wednesday at 12 noon. We have a short Bible Study and then hang around to get to know the men who stay there. I have been inspired by the humility that I have seen there.

April 26: I wanted to give a quick word about where we are in the big picture as a Church Plant. There are two ways to plant a church. One way is to receive a core group from a "mother-church". Another way is to build your core group up from the local community in the area where you want to reach. That second way is how we are doing it. It takes longer. It requires greater flexibility from the folks in the core group and greater perseverance with external financial supporters. As a group we continue to put our energy into developing character that leads to planting a new Church: a teachable spirit that learns from God's Word together; relationships of mutual care, sympathy, and help; prayer for and involvement in South Huntsville and our world; courage to tell the truth about Jesus.

Things to pray for: 1) For perseverance for myself and our core group; 2) That the Lord would provide 10+ additional families who want to follow Jesus with us in South Huntsville; 3) For Adam to grow in his ability to recruit. He has realized how much he can grow in this area; 4) For new financial supporters. Our fiscal year ends in June and we are currently \$20,000 behind expenses over income.

A gift to Southside Presbyterian provides: 1) Weekly Gospel centered devotionals to the police officers at the South Huntsville Police Precinct; 2) Gospel outreach to the Green Cove Trailer Park. Last month we got to share the Gospel and pay the last \$100 of someone's rent to keep them from being evicted; 3) Weekly men's Bible Study reaching men throughout South Huntsville; 4) Weekly preaching at The Vision-Bailey Cove; 5) Weekly devotional to the Residents of Redstone Village Senior Living Center; 6) Weekly Neighborhood Group in South Huntsville where we pray for the spread of the Gospel in South Huntsville; 7) Neighborhood Gatherings that help us build relationships with new people; 8) Pastoral care for residents of South Huntsville.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our Gospel work in Huntsville AL.

Email adam@southsidepres.com for more information. To give to the work of Southside Pres visit: www.southsidepres.com.

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

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.

CCPC Covenant Groups

Each Fall, Christ Covenant launches a new season of Covenant Groups. Covenant Groups are a time of connecting with one another with a focus on living lives together, in community, exposed to each other's strengths and weaknesses, dealing with our ups and downs as the years move by. Our intent for these groups is spiritual growth and nurture in community. Designed to foster spiritually relevant relationships, Covenant Groups meet in our homes, are not permanent, and are organized and shepherded by our elders. If you are a Christ Covenant member, you should be receiving information from an elder concerning your Covenant Group (if you do not hear from an elder, please let us know). If you are a visitor and would like to be a part of a Covenant Group, please let one of our elders or our pastor know, as we would love to have you join us!

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!!



Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

<u>Monday</u> 12:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u> 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u> 6:00 p.m.	Covenant Group Kick-off
<u>Friday</u> 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Communion Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

September 1
Church Service— Holly Powell, Elizabeth Adkins
Sunday School— Benjamin Rogers

September 8
Church Service— Hannah Bright, Luke Satterfield
Sunday School— Gwen Hays

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!

Birthdays This Week

Sept. 1	Anna Turner
2.....	Vincent Bergquist
3.....	Mary Ellen Kennedy
5.....	Landon Rakestraw
	Romana Nadine Kornegay
7.....	Laney Pettus

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

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

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.easytithethe.com/App/Giving/chripo159> For more information, go to - <https://www.cratesforukraine.com/>

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.

Covenant Kids Resumes

I am so excited that next Wednesday (Sept. 11) Covenant kids will resume! We are fully staffed and ready to go. Parents, here are several changes you need to be aware of:

- Covenant Kids is for **children ages 4 yrs.** (as of Sept. 1, 2024) - 6th grade. A nursery is provided for children 3 yrs. and younger.
- A meal is provided each week at no cost to you. A generous donor has paid for all the meals for all families for the year.
- All children 4 years– 4th grade will go directly to the fellowship hall.
- 5th-6th graders go directly downstairs.
- **DROP OFF - time is 6:15**, my teachers do not arrive until that time and I am usually busy preparing for the night. To make sure your children are supervised please do not drop them off until this time.
- **PICK UP - time is 8:15**, the car line is ONLY FOR CHILDREN IN CK. If you have a child in the nursery please park your car and come inside to get them, this keeps the car line moving.

Parents, please take time to thank all the Ck teachers/workers when you see them. If you have any questions about Ck please feel free to call me.

PreK– 4 yrs.– Lauren Mahler/Amanda Satterfield
Kindergarten-1st– Madison McCoy
2nd– Rachel/Taylor Eidson
3rd– Derek Rakestraw/Jason McCoy
4th– Beth Moultrie
5th-6th Grades– Steve Turner/Luke Satterfield/Tina Hulse

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

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.

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.