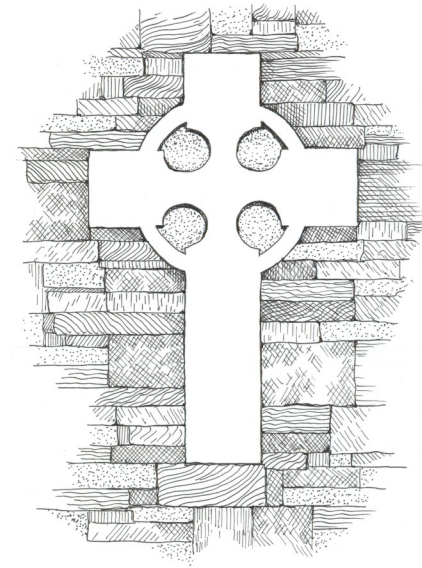


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 8, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“Christ was never so joyful in all His life that we read of as when His sufferings grew near. Then He takes the sacrament of His body and blood into His own hands and with thanksgiving bestows it among His disciples. Then He sings a hymn, then He rejoices, then He comes with a ‘Lo, I come.’ O the heart – the great heart – that Jesus had for us to do us good! He did it with all the desire of His soul.” – Puritan John Bunyan

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:1,2 & 147:1

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

All: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Glory Be To God The Father

WORDS: Horatius Bonar, 1866 MUSIC: Blake Mundell, 2012

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah three in One.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory while eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain.
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory to the Lamb who once was slain.

Glory to the King of Angels, Glory to the Church's King.
Glory to the King of nations, Heaven and earth your praises bring.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory to the King of nations bring.

“Glory, blessing, praise eternal,” Thus the choir of angels sings;
“Honor, riches, power, dominion,” Thus its praise creation brings.
Singing glory, Singing glory, Glory, glory to the King of kings.

Is He Worthy

WORDS: Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

The Bereans

Randy Hays / Jonathan Haynes

Room 4

Our Lord delivered to the Apostle Paul a crucial message for us contained in Galatians 2:20. Here in this incredible verse is the foundational instruction for how we are to live this great calling of the Christian life. For 4 weeks this month we will explore “The Meaning of Being a Christian”.

Women of all ages

Ashley Wilbanks

Room 10

Join us for a profound exploration of faith and resilience starting September 8th in our Sunday School class. Inspired by Romans 12:2 and James 1:2, we'll embark on a journey of understanding the transformative power of embracing pain to grasp the depth of Jesus' nature. Together, we'll dive into the timeless wisdom of not conforming to the world's patterns but being renewed in mind and spirit, Through interactive discussions and heartfelt reflection, we'll learn to count it all joy when facing trials, recognizing them as opportunities for growth and spiritual maturity. As we navigate life's challenges, we'll uncover the profound joy and strength that come from a deepened understanding of Jesus' character. All are invited to join us on this journey of discovery and transformation. See you there!

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/Stan Kennedy/Shawn Robb/Daniel Johnson/Phillip Mahler-Downstairs

Youth Sunday School

The youth will meet in two classes at The Hill.

7th- 9th Grade	Jonathan Knappenberger - Jesus' Parables	The Hill (Big Room)
10th - 12th Grade	Jason McCoy - 1 st and 2 nd Samuel	The Hill (Green 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.

Foundations	Andy / Derek	Gloria Edwards Room
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This fall the Foundations Class will take a deep dive into the 1st Century Church. We will study how the movement started. Learn about how the early church operated in the community. Discuss the relevance that caused the message to spread. We will take a look at what made it different enough to have a lasting impact for the past 2,000 years and how can we apply those lessons at CCPC to impact our surrounding community? Come join Derek Rakestraw and Andy Starnes as we discuss these topics and much more.

Salt & Light	Steve/ Kent / Chris / Jason	Fellowship Hall
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Topic - **The Bigger Story: Good, Bad, Redeemed, Restored**
Today: Intro

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory,
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son.

Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!

Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
He is!
He is!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 141:1-4

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God Almighty, Guardian of our souls: You have promised to watch over us and keep us from all harm; You have assured us again and again that nothing can separate us from Your love; You have proved that all Your purposes for us will be accomplished. Yet we worry about our troubles, real and imagined; We turn to created things for the help that You alone can give; We collapse when we should be strong and prove to be poor witnesses for You. O Lord, forgive us of our sinful fear and worry. Send Your Holy Spirit to enable us to rely on You at all times; And may we remember that You have promised to be with us to the very end of the age. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

He Will Hold Me Fast

WORDS: Ada Habershon, 1861-1918, Matt Merker, 2013 MUSIC: Matt Merker, 2013

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast,
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last,
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,
Till our faith is turned to sight When he comes at last.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

SERMON

“From the Overflow of the Heart”

COMMUNION SONG

There Is A Fountain

WORDS: William Cowper 1731-1800 MUSIC: Early American melody

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away,
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more,
Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more.

James 3:1-12 “From the Overflow of the Heart”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Ryan & Kelly Akers and their youngest daughter, Hannah, work with Campus Outreach SERVE in Edinburgh, Scotland. Ryan leads a Campus Outreach team focused on building relationships with students for the purpose of life-on-life evangelism and discipleship. Additionally, the Akers partner with St. Columba’s Free Church. The following ministry update is from August 23rd:

Getting the Team Settled - Things have gotten off to a great start, as we've spent the last month and a half helping the team to get settled in and beginning to prepare for the fall term. From city tours to navigating public transportation to learning how to handle this unpredictable Scottish weather, we have been so pleased with the way that they have embraced their new home. The team has done an EXCELLENT job integrating into the life of the church! They have been invited into church members' homes and have hosted others in their homes. We have heard from numerous people that "they ask the best questions." This is music to our ears as this is one of the key components of starting new ministry!

Preparing and Planning - We are thankful that we have had this season of preparing and planning before students arrive for the fall term. One of the major things that we have done to prepare is praying over the city and the campus. The city motto of Edinburgh is "NISI DOMINUS FRUSTRA" which means, "Except the Lord in vain." It's a shortened version of Psalm 127:1 which says, "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." We understand that we are powerless and incapable of doing anything apart from the Lord. So we have been praying for the Lord to work in a mighty way on campus and in our city. This city that once recognized the Lord's sovereignty over the city now tries to live as if there is no God. But we believe in the Lord's power to once again do a mighty work here!

I had the privilege to preach at our church, St. Columba's Free Church, a couple of times this summer. We have been doing a summer Psalm series in the night service. It was a great reminder for me as I preached through Psalm 67 that God's heart is to bless His people so that all the nations of the earth may be blessed!

UK Network Conference - Each summer, all of the CO staff in the UK get together for a time of encouragement, vision, and training. Our family has been able to attend the last 2 years as we were preparing to launch ministry here in Edinburgh. It feels special to be able to finally be there with our team! One of the things that I am most excited about is the opportunity for our staff to be around others who have already been doing ministry in the UK. I believe that this will be a fruitful time of learning and getting creative ideas for ministry in a new context!

Please pray...

For the Network Conference. Please pray for our time to be encouraging and fruitful.

For us as we finalize campus plans. Pray that we will have wisdom and discernment for ways to meet students and figure out how to best sow seeds of the gospel on campus.

For our team to continue to integrate into the life of the church and to feel settled in their new home.

A Week in the Life of the Akers - Our sending church featured our ministry in Edinburgh in their children's ministry event, Passport Night. To help the children understand and "experience" a bit of life in Scotland, Kelly made a video that gives a picture of a week in the life of the Akers. We thought you all would enjoy seeing it! Link: https://youtu.be/2IV5KtSgkuk?si=RrRYdNsiS2_oszFo

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith / Larger Catechism Q. 75

Minister: What is sanctification?

All: Sanctification is a work of God's grace by which those whom God has chosen to be holy before the foundation of the world are in time, through the powerful operation of His Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ to them, are renewed in their whole person after the image of God. The seeds of repentance that leads to life and all the other saving graces are put into their hearts, and those graces are stirred up, increased, and strengthened, so that they more and more die to sin, and rise to newness of life.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

God Is For Us

WORDS & MUSIC: Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Kleyn, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, James Tealy, Rich Thompson, 2018

We won't fear the battle; We won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with You by our side
You will go before us; You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble, Even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon; You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Chorus

Bridge x 2

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us

He who gave His Son to free us, Holds me in His love (Repeat)

Chorus x 2

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!

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

<u>Monday</u>	
12:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m.	Ladies Night
<u>Tuesday</u>	
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	
12:00 p.m.	Ladies Lunch
6:15 p.m.	Covenant Kids, Covenant Groups Youth Groups
<u>Friday</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<u>Sunday</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
2:00 p.m.	Art Fellowship

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

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

September 15
Church Service— Merrill Dotson, Connie Jacobs
Sunday School— Benjamin Rogers

Officer Nominations

Nominations for elders and deacons are still open. 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.

Covenant Kids Corner

9/11 Menu—Pizza (Little Caesar's)
This Week—Special Activities Night - **Parents please send kids in their tennis shoes.**

Birthday's This Week

Sept. 8	Abigail Jacobs John Nyquist
9.....	Coral Wimberly Marvin Jones Siusan Peek
12.....	Blake Bright
13.....	Benjamin Rogers Camara Marks Carson Starnes Edward Bonds Henry Reeder Jonathan Kornegay
14.....	Jonathan Haynes

Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison

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 note, this week September 12th – 14th is our annual Men's Hike. Please let Johnny Cook know if you are interested in attending.

Covenant Kids Resumes

I am so excited that this Wednesday (Sept. 11) Covenant kids will resume! All my teachers and helpers are in place and ready to go. Parents, here are several things 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.
- If you are new to Christ Covenant and your children have never attended Covenant Kids please stop at the info table the first night and make sure I have your correct contact info.
- 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, not for nursery children. 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.
Food Prep/Car Line - Randy/Gwen Hays
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.
Children's Director Tracie Rakestraw

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 – October 7th, 6:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall - Proverbs
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.

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.