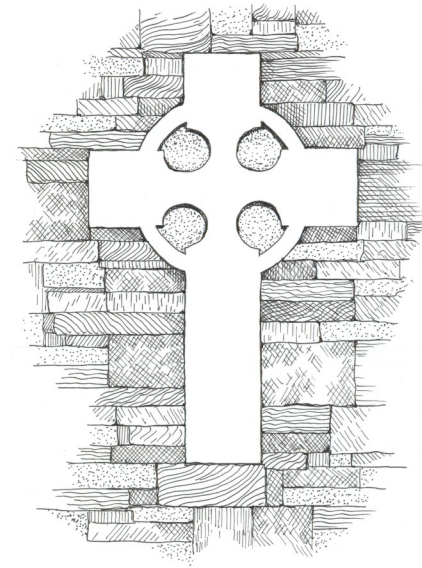


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 3, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Prayer is as essential to the spiritual life as the pulsation of the heart is to the natural life. They are the evidence and exercise of life. They are necessary for its continuance. A prayerless Christian and a pulseless man are equally impossible. As the pulse indicates the health of the body, so prayer indicates the health of the soul.

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 57:9,11**

Minister: Let us give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; Let us sing praises to You among the nations.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### ***Praise To The Lord The Almighty***

[Mike's Arrangement] by Joachim Neander and Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things so wonderfully reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea, so gladly sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord  
Who doth prosper they work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

### ***Your Name***

WORDS & MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Glenn Packiam, 2006

As morning dawns and evening fades,  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.

### **The Bereans**

Randy Hays / Jonathan Haynes

Room 4

Some 2000 years ago Jesus preached one of His most famous sermons. His Sermon on the Mount as told by the Apostle Matthew details how we Christians are to live in this fallen world. Join us as we study this important message about our Lord's present and future Kingdom.

### **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](http://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 in two classes at The Hill.

<b>7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Jonathan Knappenberger - Jesus' Parables	The Hill (Big Room)
<b>10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Jason McCoy - 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

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

Topic - **The Bigger Story: Good, Bad, Redeemed, Restored**

**Today: Judges**

November 10 - Ruth

November 17– 1 Samuel

November 24 - 2 Samuel

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower,  
Your Name is a shelter like no other,  
Your Name—let the nations sing it louder!  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name.*

Jesus, in Your Name we pray,  
Come and fill our hearts today.  
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name!

## INVOCATION

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **1 Kings 17:1-7 & 1 Kings 18:41-46**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God Almighty, Shepherd of our souls, You have spread a bountiful table before us in the presence of our enemies; here we may feed daily on the manna You provide, and here we may live in hope of an eternal feast in Your presence; yet we murmur and complain like our forefathers, finding fault with one another and blaming You for our miseries. Open our eyes, blessed Holy Spirit, to the wonder of the Father's love for us in Jesus Christ. Enable us to confess and forsake our ungrateful ways and to enter into a spirit of praise and thanksgiving in the joy of our eternal salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted*

WORDS: Joseph Swain, 1792    MUSIC: Kevin Twit, 2013

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;  
By the broken law convicted, Through the cross behold the crown.  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus—  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it; Love will make your obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His grace shall guide your feet.

Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that hear His voice;  
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him, and in Him alone rejoice.  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, Light to newly-opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary, Is the rest the cross supplies.  
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus—  
Mercy flows through him alone.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**James 5:13-18**

**SERMON**

**“The Work of Prayer”**

**COMMUNION SONG**

***Lead Me To The Cross***

TEXT & MUSIC: Brook Fraser/Hillsong, 2007

Savior, I come, quiet my soul. Remember  
Redemption’s hill, where Your blood was spilled for my ransom.  
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.  
Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You. Lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.  
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now You’re risen.

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as lost.  
Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You. Lead me, lead me to the cross

**CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith Shorter Catechism Q. 98**

Minister: What is prayer?

**All: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.**

**COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**

***Death Was Arrested***

TEXT: Brandon Coker, Paul Taylor Smith, Adam Kersh, and Heath Balltzglier, 2015

Alone in my sorrow dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

James 5:13-18  
“The Work of Prayer”

SERMON NOTES

# “Love . . . Reaching”

**Tim and Laura Love are missionaries with Mission to the World in Ethiopia. They and their three children live on the compound of Soddo Christian Hospital where Tim is a surgeon within the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS). Send them a note of encouragement and subscribe to their newsletter at [timandlauralove@gmail.com](mailto:timandlauralove@gmail.com) The following is excerpted from their October 20th newsletter:**

**Our Summer in the USA:** After two months in America, these are the stats: 1) We gave six presentations at supporting churches; 2) Laura gave two presentations for groups of women; 3) We attended two conferences; 4) Tim was able to work for three weeks at his old hospital (allowing him to keep up his license); 5) Our boys went to their first church summer camp (Ridgeway in NC); 6) Tim completed two in-person trauma trainings/certifications; 7) Lots of doctor and dentist appointments for the whole fam; 8) We drove a little over 9,000 miles...Our summer ran at a rather frenetic pace..., but we still never visit all the people or places or churches on our list. Y'all are always welcome to come visit us here! Another theme of the summer in America was car troubles. We typically rent minivans at a very affordable price from an organization that rents only to missionaries. However, because of some significant mechanical failures, we ended up having to swap vehicles numerous times and spend lots of extra money on rental cars. And this is the second summer we have done that. Because of all that, we're hoping to have a more stable vehicle for future trips to America. If any of you happen to be selling a Honda Odyssey anytime in the near future, we would love to talk to you about buying it!

**Tim's Travels:** Tim has some upcoming travels that we wanted to tell you all about in case you will be at any of these events and could possibly connect: 1) **PCA Global Missions Conference** (Nov 1-3); 2) **West Tennessee Healthcare Medical Mission Conference** (Nov 6 at 6 pm); 3) **Global Health Mission Conference** (Nov 7-9) Tim will be speaking at a couple sessions and spending the rest of the time at the booth for Soddo Christian Hospital hoping to connect with people who may feel called to come and serve short- or long-term here in Soddo. Please pray that the Lord would be gracious to bring those people to the Soddo booth; 4) **College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa** (Nov 30-Dec 6) Please pray for our three PAACS residents and two PAACS faculty members who will be traveling with Tim to take their COSECSA exams.

**Prayer Requests:** 1) **Accreditation of Ethiopia PAACS programs** - Tim recently went through two separate and extensive processes to submit documents to the governmental accreditation agency, but with significant changes they've made in their processes recently, it's hard to know if we'll be found in good-standing. Please pray that we would be able to satisfy their requirements and remain in good standing. 2) **Pathology lab** - Currently pathology specimens (like a biopsy or surgical specimen) sit on a shelf for a week or two before being driven to the capital city where they are read out and eventually sent back. The turnaround time is around a month and many patients do not have the benefit of getting their results to guide their care. Tim helped apply for a grant to start a pathology lab and has jumped through a lot of hoops to get all the equipment purchased and sent here. Please pray that this new department would start well, that it would truly benefit the patients we care for, and that the Lord would be glorified in the process. 3) **Blood** - our hospital continues to suffer from a lack of donor blood which is vital for surgeries, patients with anemia (it has been a particularly horrible malaria season), and other patient care. Tim and a colleague stood out in front of our house last week catching up and eventually crying over the loss of numerous patients who might have lived with blood transfusions. Please continue to pray that adequate supplies of donor blood would be allocated to our hospital so that patients can receive life-saving care, for their bodies and their souls.

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh your grace so free Washes over me  
You have made me new Now life begins with you  
It's your endless love Pouring down on us  
You have made us new Now life begins with you

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom he faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and he called me his friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Oh we're free free Forever we're free  
Come join the song Of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free Forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

## **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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## This Week's Activities

<b>Monday</b> 10:00 a.m.	Ladies Prayer Time
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Women's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:15 p.m.	Covenant Kids, Covenant Groups, Youth Groups
<b>Thursday</b> 6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Worship Service & Communion Sunday School Family Hike

## Nursery Volunteers Schedule

**November 3**  
Church Service— Rebekah Taylor, Stan Kennedy  
Sunday School— Wanda Quick

**November 10**  
Church Service— Whitney Cook, John Nyquist  
Sunday School— Tamara Sheffield

## Covenant Kid's Corner

11/6 Menu— Pasta (CCPC Moms)  
This Week— “God Gave Solomon Wisdom” (1 Ki. 2-3)

## Roots 10th Annual Retreat

Providence Presbytery Youth Retreat. January 24th-26th. The cost is \$145. To register and any additional info will be in the Narthex or you can visit <https://www.providencepresbytery.com/roots>

## Birthdays This Week

Nov. 3 .....Craig Adkins  
8.....Shonda Price  
9.....Mike Price  
Samuel Branscomb  
*Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison*

## Disaster Response Opportunities

As we continue praying for those affected by recent Hurricanes, there are many ways you can help those whose lives have been altered. Below is a list sent by our area MNA (Mission to North America) Disaster Response representative Mike Kenamer:

1. **Pray** - First and foremost.
2. **Give to Helene Relief** - There is a designated account for Hurricane Helene relief on the MNA disaster relief website. One-hundred percent of these funds will be spent on response to the storm. [Click here to give.](#)
3. **Go** – If you are able to go and serve, please contact [Mike Kenamer](#) to learn more. If you wish to go to a site you should register in [advance here.](#)
4. **Donate Relief Supplies** – There is a section on the [MNA Warehouse website](#) with current needs. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to see the list.

**Samaritan's Purse** is another Christ centered relief ministry that can be trusted to mobilize resources to areas of need. You can go to: [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) to learn more about them and give.

## Livestream Announcement

We are in the process of moving our livestream location to our website. During this transition you can find our livestream on our YouTube page @ [www.youtube.com/@christcovenantcullman5583](http://www.youtube.com/@christcovenantcullman5583).

## CCPC Work Day

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we serve together caring for our church.

## 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** – Tuesday mornings at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Proverbs

**3M Men's Fellowship**– Bonfire at Brandon Reeder's Home - 1278 County Road 447 - Saturday, November 16th at 5 p.m.

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

## 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 November, they will be receiving soup, Pop Tarts, and jelly for Wallace State. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the “Mercy Bin” located in the Narthex before November 10th . Thanks so much!

## Rummage Sale 2025

Our storage unit is ready to receive your boxed items. Please bring your items in sturdy boxes with lids so they can be stacked. If you need tubs, please let Judie Hubbard know and she can get you some to use. Also, DO NOT bring any clothes which also includes shoes, hats, scarves, belts, socks and gloves. Those items will be collected in the Spring. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Judie, 256-708-7877.

## Art Fellowship

The Art Fellowship will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Contact Marion Frey if you have any questions. 256-347-4201

## Family Hike Sunday, November 10th

Meet at the Church at 1:30 p.m. and we will hike to Sougahoagdee Falls in the Bankhead National Forest. It is about four miles round-trip. Please contact Tina Hulse with questions, 256-347-3593.

## Women's Ministry Events

**Women's Bible Studies:** Tuesday Morning Bible study will be held on Tuesday's at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. On Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> we will begin a new study on the book of Acts using Nancy Guthrie's book “*Saved*”

Thursday night Bible Study will be at 6:30-8:00 pm at the church. We will be studying *Behold & Believe: Encountering Jesus As The Great I Am*. Childcare is available the first two weeks, no reservation needed. It will be available by request after the first two weeks of the night study.

**Ladies Night:** Due to the November Veteran's Day holiday, Ladies' Night will be on TUESDAY, November 12th at the home of Laurie Ewing's at 164 County Road 1451, Cullman, AL 35058.

**Ladies Lunch:** November Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, November 13th at Rumor's.

**Ladies Prayer Time:** Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting every Monday at 10:00 am in the bell tower 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.”*

## 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 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!

*For more announcements and information, please refer to our weekly email and website.*