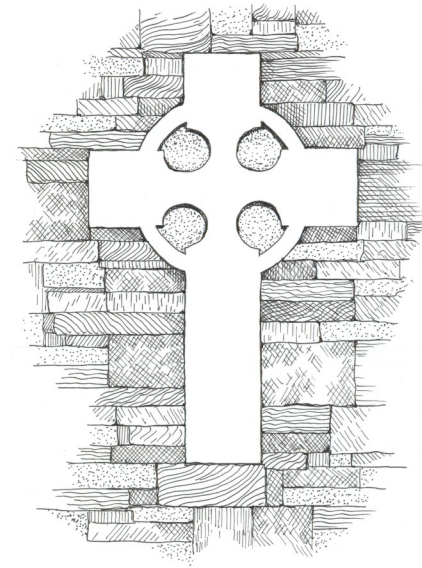


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 6, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen
~The Doxology

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1,47

Minister: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

All: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826 TUNE: J.B. Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

10,000 Reasons

TEXT & MUSIC Mark Redman, 2011

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

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

Youth Sunday School

The youth will meet in two classes at The Hill.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Salt & Light | Steve/ Kent / Chris / Jason | Fellowship Hall |
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Topic - **The Bigger Story: Good, Bad, Redeemed, Restored**
Today: Leviticus
October 13 - Numbers
October 20 - Deuteronomy
October 27 - Joshua

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger;
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing—
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending—
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90

CONFESSION OF SIN from The Book of Common Prayer (1552 edition)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden – cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Pass Me Not

WORDS: Red Mountain Church

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy Find a sweet relief, Kneeling there in deep contrition; Help my unbelief.

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace.

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, More than life to me, Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 4:13-17

SERMON

“The Brevity of Life & The Sovereignty of God ”

COMMUNION SONG *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

WORDS & MUSIC: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, 2018

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid!
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

CONFESSION OF FAITH **The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21**

Minister: What is true faith?

All: True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Oh, How Good It Is

WORDS & MUSIC: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend, 2012

Oh, how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love,
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

James 4:13-17

“The Brevity of Life & The Sovereignty of God”

SERMON NOTES

“Love . . . Reaching”

Cullman Christian School (CCS) is an accredited community, interdenominational, nonprofit, co-ed Christian school. The mission of Cullman Christian School is to serve the Christian community by providing an academically rigorous education with a Biblical world and life view. The vision is to become one of the leading private Christian schools in the state of Alabama through educating students classically, equipping students spiritually, and sending students missionally to pursue their God-ordained calling. CCS publishes a newsletter each week called *The ROAR*. Below are some highlights from the September 22nd edition. Read more at <https://secure.smore.com/n/zrg698>

Student Column: *Why Classical Education?* By: Abygail Robertson, CCS Junior - *Classical Education concentrates on philosophical ideals, classic literature, and developing critical thinking skills. In a classical school, liberal arts are shown by an emphasis on language — mostly exhibited by Latin. The curriculum provides a structured environment that is critical for productive learning as well as significantly diverse cultural concepts that do not need to be forgotten. (See the link above to read the rest of this article.)*

Volcano Experiments - Mrs. Sterling's 6th grade science students had a blast building and erupting their homemade volcanos! This hands-on learning makes for great memories and deeper understanding.

Student Worship Band - We are so excited to announce that some of our students are working to begin taking the lead in worship! This week a group of students and Mrs. Warden led worship before chapel.

Talent Show - On Thursday some of our incredibly talented upper school students showcased their skills during the Talent Show. From singers, to dancers, to actors/actresses, to drummers.... The students did an amazing job!

XC Team Results - The Cross Country Team is having a great season so far! This past week runners participated in two different events; one on Thursday afternoon and one on Saturday morning.

Mr. Yearwood Teaches 3rd Grade - Substitutes Needed! - This week we were short handed for just a little while, so Mr. Yearwood stepped in to teach 3rd grade for a few minutes! We are always looking for available substitute teachers. If you would be interested in subbing, stop by the office for an application and instructions on how to get approved.

New Chromebooks - Recently the school board approved the purchase of a set of Chromebooks. These devices will be available for teachers to check out for special class assignments and for testing (MAP Growth and PSAT/NMSQT). We are thankful for this much needed, approved purchase!

Tell Your Friends - We've had lots of phone calls and questions about future year waitlists at Cullman Christian School. If you know someone who would like to receive notification of when lists open, they can sign up to receive information.

Prayer Request - Pray for our Students, Teachers, Staff, and Board that by God's grace we may fulfill our mission and vision. Praying Parents meets every Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. at the Beech Avenue Campus.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come.
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.
has no claim on me,
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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!

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

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday
6:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)

Tuesday
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday
6:15 p.m. No Covenant Kids, No Covenant Groups, Youth Groups

Thursday
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

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

October 6
Church Service— Shonda Price, Braden Cook
Sunday School— Amanda Knapp (Nursery Mom)

October 13
Church Service—Audrey Nyquist (Nursery Mom),
Ginger Pettus
Sunday School— Caleb Bright

Covenant Kids Corner

No Covenant Kids This Week.

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.

Birthdays This Week

Oct. 7Marion Frey
8.....Quinn Haynes
10.....Eddie Canaday
12.....Maris Satterfield
Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison

Disaster Response Opportunities

As you are well aware, Hurricane Helene touched ground last week near Perry, Florida before making its way north through GA, TN, and the Carolinas, leaving massive destruction in its path. There are many ways you can help those who have been affected, below is a list sent by our area MNA (Mission to North America) Disaster Response representative Mike Kennamer:

1. **Pray** - First and foremost.
2. **Give to Helene Relief** - There is a designated account for Hurricane Helene relief. One-hundred percent of these funds will be spent on response to the storm.
3. **Go** - We are setting up a site in Augusta, Georgia. The main work currently is chainsaw work as we remove trees from houses, cars, and driveways. Other sites in Western NC will likely be opened soon. If you wish to serve in Augusta, please contact Mike Kennamer to learn more. If you wish to go to a site you should register in advance. Once you get a team together you may contact Sherry Lanier to schedule your trip.
4. **Donate Relief Supplies** - A lot of people have asked about donating supplies so we will be posting a section on the MNA Warehouse website with current needs. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to see the list. It might be October 1 before we get that list posted and updated. Another Christ Centered reputable ministry that does amazing work with disaster relief is Franklin Graham's Samaritan Purse. To see their response, and/or to partner with them, you can go to www.samaritanpurse.org. They are actually located in Boone, NC and are deeply rooted in the area of the state that was most affected. Let us all be in prayer for these relief efforts and prayerfully consider how we too can serve!

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, October 8th, 6:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall - Proverbs
3M Men's Fellowship– Sunday, October 20th 6:00 p.m. Annual Men's Cookout at Bo and Julie Kennedy's.

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

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 October, they will be receiving canned vegetables (green beans, corn, carrots or mixed vegetables) these items will help fill a supplemental holiday box. They also are needing grocery bags for The Link. They are looking for a goal of 400 items. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the "Mercy Bin" located in the Narthex before October 13th . Thanks so much!

Pastor's Inquirer's Class

Our Pastor's Inquirer's Class starts today, October 6th during the Sunday School hour. This four-week class will meet in the Sanctuary and cover topics such as our doctrinal beliefs, our church life, and our membership vows. Learn more about the PCA, the history of Christ Covenant, and what Church membership looks like. Please plan on joining us!

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's at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. On Tuesday, September 24th 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: October Ladies' Night will be Monday, October 14th at Grumpy's back deck.

Ladies Lunch: October Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, October 16th at Urban Cookhouse.

Ladies Prayer Time: Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting Monday, October 21st, 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.