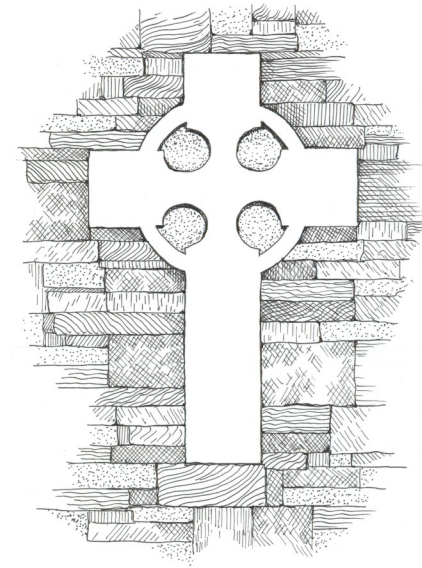


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 17, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” – Psalm 1:1-3

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 8:9 & Psalm 9:1,2**

Minister: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### *How Great Is the Greatness of God*

WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa

How faithful the Father above  
How wonderous the works of the Son  
How sweet is the Spirit given to us  
How great is the greatness of God

Morning by morning with every dawn,  
My soul with a new song awaits  
Even in evening my praise goes on  
Forever my God is the same

When my heart gazes on Calvary,  
At all of Your mercies arrayed  
Oh, that my Savior would die for me  
I sing out with infinite thanks

Oh what a comfort in every trial;  
His presence is all that I need  
Power that brought resurrection life,  
That power is living in me  
That power is living in me

### *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt Shane Barnard, 2018    MUSIC: Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.  
And for all of my life let my song to you arise,  
O Most High

## 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: 1 Samuel**  
November 24— 2 Samuel  
December 1- 1 Kings  
December 8— 1 Chronicles

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Above all else, I adore Your name.  
Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise.

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Joshua 1:1-9**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O God our Father: You sent Your Son to be our Prophet — to warn us of Your certain wrath for sin, to tell us the good news of forgiveness and life through His righteousness and death, to call us to repentance and faith, and to instruct us to live holy lives before You. Forgive us, Lord, for not admitting the depth of our sin and corruption, our pride, our selfishness, our lusts, our vanity, and our continual excusing of our sinful choices. O Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, create in us enduring faith in Your salvation. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

***Run To The Father***  
WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Maher, 2019

I've carried a burden For too long on my own,  
I wasn't created To bear it alone.  
I hear your invitation To let it all go;  
I see it now, I'm laying it down,  
I know that I need you.

*I run to the Father, Fall into grace,  
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.*

*My heart needs a surgeon, My soul needs a friend;  
So, I'll run to the Father Again and again—  
And again and again.*

You saw my condition, Had a plan from the start.  
Your Son for redemption, The price for my heart.  
I don't have a context For that kind of love,  
I don't understand, I can't comprehend,  
All I know is I need you.

My heart has been in your sights Long before my first breath,  
Running into your arms Is running to life from death.  
And I feel this rush deep in my chest,  
Your mercy is calling out, Just as I am you pull me in,  
I know I need you now.

James 1:22-25  
“A House Built on the Rock”

SERMON NOTES

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**James 1:22-25**

**SERMON**

**“A House Built on the Rock”**

**COMMUNION SONG**

***When I Survey The Wondrous Cross***  
TEXT: Benjamin Beddome, 1787 MUSIC: Blake Mandell, 2012

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most—I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith Larger Catechism Q. 3**

Minister: What is the Word of God?

**All: The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Covenant are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.**

**COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**

***Living Hope***  
WORDS & MUSIC: Phil Wickham, 2018

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul,  
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

# “Love . . . Reaching”

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free,  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me,  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

## **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.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:15 p.m.	Youth Groups, No Covenant Kids or Groups
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Worship Service & Communion Sunday School Thanksgiving Dinner

## Nursery Volunteers Schedule

**November 17**  
Church Service— Mary Rogers, Diana Burton  
Sunday School— Juanita Tidwell

**November 24**  
Church Service— Denise Peek, Kristi Nyquist  
Sunday School— Sheena Johnson

## 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>

## Women's Christmas Social

You are invited to a Women's Christmas Social on December 8th, at 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. This will be at Dawn Bentley's - the address is 1512 Cumberland Ridge NW Cullman Al, 35055. Please bring your favorite holiday goodie, along with recipe, to swap and share.

## 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

## Birthdays This Week

Nov. 17	Blaise Robb
19	Weston Pettus
20	Jessie Robinson Jennifer Jacobs Elaine Johnson
22	Melanie McCoy Gay White
23	Steve Nyquist

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison*

## Christmas Decorations

Yes, it is time again to decorate the church for Christmas. As we have done in the past, the ladies of the church gather on the Monday after Thanksgiving which is 12/2/2024 and merrily work together singing Christmas carols and sipping hot chocolate ( ha). We are asking any of the ladies that will be available at 9:00 on Monday 12/2 to come out and help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Julie Kennedy or Judie Hubbard. You DO NOT have to have any special skills, just a love for the church and Christmas.

## CCPC Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday November 24th, 5:30 pm at Cotton Creek  
Each covenant group is responsible for bringing a set of items. Please work with your group to plan for our only potluck of the year!

Sign up with the code below.



## 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**– No Men's Fellowship in December.

**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 December, they will be receiving wipes, formula, and baby hygiene items like soap and shampoo for First Source for Women. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the "Mercy Bin" located in the Narthex before December 8th . 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.

## 2025 VB\$ Planning Committee

If you would like to join the planning committee for the 2025 Vacation Bible School, please reach out to Merrill. We meet one to two times a month now through June.

Merrill Dotson– 334-524-7274

## Women's Ministry Events

**Women's Bible Studies:** Our Tuesday morning Bible Study will finish up on November 5th and will resume January 14, 2025.

Our Thursday night Bible Study will finish up on November 7<sup>th</sup> and will resume January 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

**Ladies Night:** We will not be meeting the month of December. We will resume in January.

**Ladies Lunch:** We will not be meeting the month of December. We will resume in January.

**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."*

## Family Advent Celebration

Join us at the Reeder's home at 3:30 December 1st, to make a live advent wreath to celebrate the Christmas season! Please bring greenery, clippers, and a tray to set your finished wreath on to travel home. Limited spots, sign up by 11/27. Wreath kits available for \$20 or you can bring your own supplies. Kit includes: clear dish, soaked oasis, candle holders, and advent candles. Contact Emily Haynes for more information.



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