

The Bereans

Randy Hays / Jonathan Haynes

Room 4

The book of Colossians is about the incomparable Christ. Christ in whom is everything that we need, in whom is everything that we have as Christians. You are invited to study with us each Sunday this amazing epistle of the Apostle Paul.

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

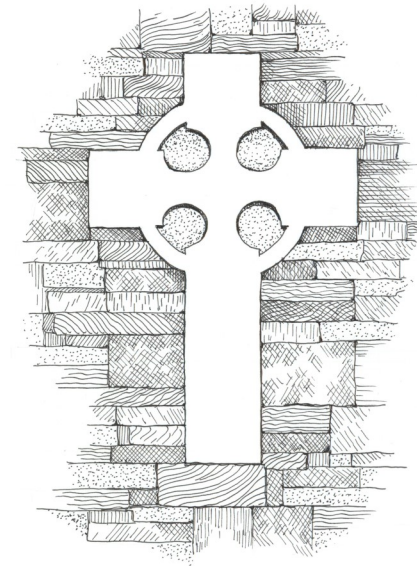
Covenant Groups are cross-generational groups intended to allow participation of all Christ Covenant members plus regularly participating non-members for the purposes of belonging, serving, encouraging, and nurturing. You may contact any of the elders on the back of the bulletin to get connected with 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.

**CHRIST COVENANT****PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**January 19, 2025 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION -

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.”

~ Romans 8:28-30 ~

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 34:1-2, 5

Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

All: Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exult His name together! Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Only A Holy God

By Cityalight

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?, Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?, Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?, What other splendor outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice?, Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only

Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?, What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated?, Only a Holy God

Chorus

Who else could rescue me from my failing?, Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father?, Only a Holy God

Only my Holy God

Chorus

Psalm 45: Fairest of All

By Shane and Shane

My heart burst at its banks, Spilling with beauty and goodness

I pour it out as a song to my King, Shaping the rivers into words

What grace pours from Your lips, The sound calls the midnight to morning

The melody turns my winter to spring, I echo it now in my worship

I echo it now in my worship

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.

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

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: OT History 'Bigger Story' Summary

January 26 - NO Adult SS

February 2 – Wisdom/Poetry 'Bigger Story' Intro

February 9 - Job

Philippians 1:1-11

“Perseverance of the Saints”

SERMON NOTES

Ten thousand strong, You're the fairest of all
Fairest in Heaven and Earth, Of the children of men
You're the fairest of them, Fairest in Heaven and Earth

Your heart burst at the seams, Flowing with blood and with water
A song of love pouring out from the tree singing, For the joy set before me
For the joy set before me

Chorus

You ransomed Your bride, On the day that You died
Ascended to Heaven in glory, She stands clothed in white
With her head lifted high singing, "Come and return in Your glory"
Repeat

Chorus

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:9-31

CONFESSION OF SIN -

Our Father in heaven, You are rich in mercy to all who call upon You. Hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward other people. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of your great goodness enable us to serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Help My Unbelief

By Red Mountain Music

I know the Lord is nigh, And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, And frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent, Till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief, My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move, A soul as base as mine.

A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest, In God most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best, And murmur at it still.
I mumur as it still.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT

Philippians 1:1-11

SERMON

“Perseverance of the Saints”

COMMUNION SONG

There Is A Fountain

By William Cowper, in 1731

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.

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 Ladies Prayer Time

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study – Tuesday mornings at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Proverbs.

3M Men’s Fellowship– TBD

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

Roots; 10th Annual Retreat

Providence Presbytery Youth Retreat. Please be in prayer as the youth attend the retreat this Friday through Sunday.

2025 Rummage Sale Round Up

Our annual Rummage Sale Round up will begin February 2.

A quote from Joshua Becker - “If you’re not using the stuff in your home, get rid of it. You’re not going to start using it more by shoving it in a closet somewhere.”

As you get ready to make your Rummage Sale donations, please remember. Clothing - clothes, shoes, purses, hats, belts, etc. - will ONLY be accepted from 3/15 through 4/13. All other donations should be left in the church basement on the tables at the bottom of the stairs. For large item donations, including furniture, please contact Judie Hubbard at 256-708-7877 to make arrangements for delivery. Judie also has containers/tubs for your use. Thank you in advance for your participation in the annual CCPC Rummage Sale. Your donations are what make this important Missions fund raising event a success. Sale dates are: Thursday May 15th for Friends and Family and May 16 and May 17 for our public sale.

Women’s Ministry Events

Ladies Prayer Time: Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting every Monday at 10:00 a.m. 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.”*

Ladies Night: In February we will have ladies night, Monday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m., at the church. We will have our annual Packing party for Victim Services.

Women’s Bible Studies: Our Tuesday morning Bible Study started January 14 at the church. We will finish our study Saved, by Nancy Gutherie.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, February 12, at 12:00 p.m., at Urban Cookhouse.

Thursday night Bible Study is from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We will be studying Colossians and Philemon: Continue to Live in Him. Please meet in Gloria Edwards Room 10. Childcare is available the first two weeks and, by request for remainder of the study.

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 January they will be receiving peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, for The Link. No specific brands are requested. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the “Mercy Bin” located in the Narthex. Thanks so much!

Christ Covenant News

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

This Week's Activities

Monday
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time

Tuesday
6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Youth Group and Covenant 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

January 19
Church Service— Mary Ellen K.
Lee Haynes
Sunday School— Gwen Hays

January 26
Church Service— Rachel Eidson
Chris Dotson
Sunday School— Amanda Knapp

Covenant Kids Corner

January 22
“Elijah Served as a Prophet” (1 Kings 16-18)
Meal - Taco Bell
* Please be mindful of drop off times 6:15 p.m. and pick time is 8:15 p.m.

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.

Birthday This Week

Jan.20.....Ashley Wilbanks
22.....Josiah Dyer
23.....Mindy LaGanke
Roger Tew
Walt Reeder
24.....Bo Kennedy
25.....Mitch Durhan
26.....Paden Adams

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

Lost and Found

Please check the table next to the office for lost and found items. We will leave the items out for two weeks. If they are not claimed they will be taken to the Foundry. Thank you.

Women's Ministry In-Town Retreat

You are invited to the Women's In Town Retreat the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2025, at Briarwood Presbyterian. To find out more information and to register please visit: <https://briarwood.org/women-of-the-covenant/in-town-retreat-2/>. CCPC can reimburse your registration cost.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism Q. 79

Minister: Can true believers, because of their imperfections and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

All: True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and His decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, His continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Who You Say I Am

WORDS & MUSIC: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2018

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in—
Oh, His love for me! Oh, His love for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin—
Jesus died for me! Yes, He died for me!

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.
In my Father's house There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

I am chosen, Not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, Not against me. I am who You say I am.
Repeat

Chorus

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 be with you,

Jason Ellerbee, Sr. Pastor