



**CHRIST COVENANT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

March 23, 2025 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

O LORD OF GRACE, all Your lovingkindness is in Christ Your Son. I bring Him to You in the arms of faith, I urge His saving name as the One who died for me. I plead His blood to pay my debts of wrong. Accept His worthiness for my unworthiness, His sinlessness for my transgressions, His purity for my uncleanness, His sincerity for my guile, His truth for my deceits, His meekness for my pride, His constancy for my backslidings, His love for my enmity, His fullness for my emptiness, His faithfulness for my treachery, His obedience for my lawlessness, His glory for my shame, His devotedness for my waywardness, His holy life for my unchaste ways, His righteousness for my dead works, His death for my life. – Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 100:1, 2 & Psalm 101:1

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

**All: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### Oh Give Thanks To The Lord

Music and lyrics by Wendell Kimbrough

We were wandering in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.  
Then He heard of our condition, and He called us by our names;  
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction brought us trembling to our knees.  
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

## Church Membership - Pastor's Inquirers Class

Please join us for our Pastor's Inquirers class! This four week class is currently meeting in the Sanctuary during our Sunday School time. Please contact Pastor Ellerbee if you have any questions, we hope you can attend!

## 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** – no men's Bible study this week. We will resume next week.

**3M Men's Fellowship**– TBD

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

## Women's Ministry Events

**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:** We will have ladies night, Monday, 6:00 p.m., April 14, at Taziki's .

**Women's Bible Studies:** In our Tuesday morning Bible Study we will finish our study "Saved," by Nancy Guthrie.

**Ladies Lunch:** Wednesday, April 16, 12:00 p.m., at Taziki's.

**Thursday night Bible Study** will resume in the Summer.

## Lifewise Academy

Recently Pastor Ellerbee had the opportunity to meet with representatives of Lifewise Academy. Lifewise presents students in public schools with the opportunity to have Bible education during school hours. Lifewise is looking to begin here in Cullman County, and is well underway, however they still need and desire the community's support. To find out more about this opportunity, please go to <https://lifewise.org/> and ask the Lord how He may desire to use you to lend a hand.

## Vacation Bible School 2025

It's time to prep for VBS on June 7th! We are looking for volunteers of ALL kinds: cooks, group leaders, leather workers, exotic food lovers, animal experts and more! Visit us in the narthex to sign up for this amazing day! Would you like to help financially? We have a wish list of supplies from Amazon. Scan the code below to purchase items from our wish list.



## 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 March 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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## This Week's Activities

### Monday

10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time

### Tuesday

6:15 a.m. No Men's Bible Study this week

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

### Wednesday

6:15 p.m. Youth Group  
NO Covenant Groups  
NO Covenant Kids

### Friday

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Pastor's Inquirers Class

## Nursery Volunteers Schedule

### March 23

Church Service— Elizabeth Adkins

Denise Peek

Sunday School— Marion Frey

### March 30

Church Service— Sara Haynes

Shonda Price

Sunday School— Vanessa Rakestraw

## Covenant Kids Corner

**March 26** — No Covenant Kids, enjoy your Spring break

## Covenant Youth

### **Registration Now Open for RYM!**

**Dates:** July 4th–8th

**Location:** Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center,  
Panama City Beach, FL

**Theme:** God With Us

**Speaker:** Rev. Shane Hatfield

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow in your faith, connect with friends, and experience God's presence.

**Register today at:** [rym.org/conferences-hsfl2](http://rym.org/conferences-hsfl2)

## Birthdays This Week

March 24.....Jason Ellerbee

March 27.....Jacob Mahler

March 29.....Gail Sylvius  
Haddon Reeder

March 30.....Breeze Marks  
Ella Ruth Quinn

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie*

## 2025 Rummage Sale Round Up

It is Spring Break and what a great time to open the garage doors and storage sheds and get rid of those things we keep tripping over. Extra and outgrown sporting equipment - those 6 different flower watering cans - the 2 dozen flower pots. Yard and gardening equipment is always a favorite for our Rummage Sale customers.

## Thank You Note

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the love and kindness you have shown to me and my family during the sickness and death of Alan. The generosity of meals for our family, the texts, calls, prayers, cards and hugs have been a great blessing and comfort. Thank you for the outpouring of love you have shown to us all. In Christ, Gerri Miner & Family

## **Before The Throne Of God**

Music and lyrics by Charitie Lees Bancroft

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Isaiah 55**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature; prone to evil thoughts and ways; slothful in doing good; unthankful for all Your provisions; full of shortcomings and offenses. By Your blessed Holy Spirit teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. We plead with You, most holy and loving Father, that You will help us to live in the light of Your holiness and to walk in Your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

**Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

Music by Jeremy Casella, lyrics by William Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fear  
Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## OFFERING

## MESSAGE TEXT

**Philippians 2:1-11**

## MESSAGE

**“The Mind of Christ”**

## COMMUNION SONG

**For All The Saints**

Lyrics by William Walsham How, Music by Christopher Miner

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, to Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou was their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Alleluia

## CONFESSION OF FAITH - from Philippians 2

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: I believe the Word was in very nature God and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; He emptied Himself, took the form of a servant, and was born in our likeness; He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death on a cross. I believe God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name. I believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every knee in heaven and on the earth and under the earth. I believe that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.**

## COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

**Firm Foundation (He Won't)**

Music and lyrics by Austin Davis, Chandler Moore, and Cody Carnes

*Christ is my firm foundation, The Rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus, 'cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations, so why would He fail now? He won't*

I've still got joy in chaos, I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under, I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus, He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season, so why would He fail now?

He won't, He won't,  
He won't fail, He won't fail

Rain came and wind blew, but my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through  
Rain came and wind blew, but my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through

I'm gonna make it through, yeah, I'm gonna make it through  
'Cause I'm standing strong on You, yeah, I'm gonna make it through  
'Cause my house is built on You

## 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