



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 2025 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. O tell of His might and sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

~ From the Hymn, "O Worship The King" by Robert Grant ~

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 47:1-2 & 6-7

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

All: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

SONGS OF PRAISE

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Arrangement by Mike Lunsford, music and lyrics by St. Francis of Assisi, 1225 and Kierchengesange, 1623

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in His great love, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin, cast all your burdens now on Him,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign,
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 – will begin again in the Fall.

3M Men's Fellowship – Monday, May 19th 6 p.m. at Phil Hutchen's Barn – Low Country Boil – nursery provided. 266 County Road 1404, Cullman, AL 35058.

Men's Prayer Time – Friday mornings, 7:00 a.m. 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."*

Women's Conference

In The Word with Jen Wilkin. Join us as we take a group of ladies to the In The Word conference with Jen Wilkin in Brentwood, TN. September 26-27, 2025. Jen Wilkin is the author of several Bible Studies that we have enjoyed in the past few years. This will be an amazing time to hear her teach in person. Registration is open NOW and seats will fill up quickly. To register, go to lifeway.com/en/events/in-the-word/nashville AND also notify Kristi Nyquist by June 1, 2025 (256-708-9233). Registration and hotel accommodations will be covered by CCPC Women's Ministry.

Ladies Night: Will resume in September.

Ladies Lunch: Will resume in September.

Thursday night Bible Study will resume in the Summer.

Summer Discipleship Series - Parenting

Every parent needs help and encouragement along the way. There's too much at stake to try to handle the job on your own! Please join us this summer for a CCPC Summer Study on Sunday evenings as we use Family Life's Art of Parenting material to gain insight in how to aim our children's hearts toward God. Sessions will include lessons on: the goal of parenting, forming character, applying discipline, building relationships, understanding identity, nurturing identity, preparing for mission, and the power of family. Dates, times, and more info to come!

Crates for Ukraine 4.0 Update

Crates for Ukraine provides personal and humanitarian aid from churches in the U.S. to churches and displaced communities in Ukraine. When Crates for Ukraine 4.0 launched in September, the goal was to get 100 crates per month in the remaining four months of 2024. Currently, only 204 crates have been sent. A donation of \$2500 will fund ONE full crate to help meet the urgent need in Ukraine. Donations have been simplified with the new Click & Ship option. Learn more at <https://www.cratesforukraine.com/click-ship.html> Please pray for: 1) Cessation of war and thwarting of any that seek to do evil; 2) For church members to find comfort, peace and hope in the Gospel; 3) For the MTW Ukraine team and our partner churches as they live in an ongoing war.

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 May they will be receiving **baby wash, lotion, and shampoo, Desitin, baby oil, baby rash ointment cream and size preemie and size 5 diapers, for First Source For Women.** 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

Monda
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time
 6:00 p.m. Men's 3M Fellowship

Wednesday
 6:15 p.m. Youth

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

May 25
 Church Service— Amanda Satter
 Melanie McCoy
 Sunday School— Laura Reeder

June 1
 Church Service— Whitney Cook
 Christie Bright
 Sunday School— Anthony Taylor

Birthdays This Week

May 19.....Jason White
 May 20.....Braden Cook
 Flint Lee
 Denise Peek
 May 21.....Zoe Powell
 May 22.....Asa Haynes
 May 24.....Trent Price

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

Children's Summer Sunday School Ministry Opportunities

Summer Sunday School is a time when my regular teachers have a break from teaching each week. It's also a time where our covenant children are learning Children's Catechism Q & A. I am looking for two people per class to be committed to that class for the summer, which is 10 weeks. The classes are based on the grade your child JUST COMPLETED, with the exception of the 5th- 6th. In an effort to align with the Cullman City Schools grade structures, 5th graders will promote up to the youth house on June 1st as well. The classes are:

Toddler class (7 children) - Scott and Becky Lewis
 PreK-4yrs (10 children) - Sheena Johnson/one more teacher needed
 K-1st Grades (10 children) - Jordan & Mallory Lee
 2nd Grade (14 children) - 2 teachers needed
 3rd Grade (11 children) - Randy and Tara Quinn
 4th Grade (8 children) - Elizabeth Ellerbee

Children's Summer Sunday School dates are June 1st-Aug. 3rd. Please be in prayer about how you can serve in children's ministry this summer. If you have any questions, see Tracie Rakestraw.

Vacation Bible School

Saturday June 7th, 9:00-1:30
 Let's take a trip to Nazareth to see the market, visit Mary's home, taste authentic food, and learn about serving one another.
 Sign up with the link below or in the Narthex for children who have finished pre-k through 3rd grade. This is for all Christ Covenant and our friends and family!
 Start working on your costume! A simple t-shirt and belt/sash or pillowcase with holes will be perfect!
 All volunteers will have a short 15 minutes meeting today, May 18th immediately after Sunday School in the sanctuary.



Is He Worthy

Music and lyrics by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do) Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
 But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)
 Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is) Is a new creation coming? (It is)
 Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
 Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

*Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
 He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.*

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
 Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? (He does) Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
 And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)
 Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

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*Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
 He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
 From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
 He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.*

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
 Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy?
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
 He is!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, You know the agony of my temptations, and You can sympathize with my weaknesses; to You alone belongs the thanks for my victories over sin. O Lord, I am still tempted. So many ungodly things lure me with the promises of good, of security, of pleasure, and of life. But all that is against Your commandments will not bring life; they are paths of death that only steer me away from You. In the wilderness, O Lord, You fought the Enemy and resisted. But I, not even in the wilderness, often do not resist. I have all the Gospel armor, but sometimes I do not even fight. O Lord, hear me and forgive me for Your own Name's sake; then fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit, so that I may resist the devil and fight the good fight. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I Need Thee Every Hour

Music and lyrics by Annie S. Hawks, 1835-1918 and Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

MESSAGE TEXT

Philippians 2:25-30

MESSAGE “Epaphroditus – Worker, Soldier, Messenger, and Minister ” **Jason Ellerbee**

COMMUNION SONG

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Music and lyrics by Issac Watts, 1709 and Hamburg, Gregorian chant

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 – Article 20 of the Belgic Confession

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the justice and mercy of God in Christ

All: We believe that God – who is perfectly merciful and also very just – sent His Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death. So God made known His justice toward His Son, who was charged with our sin, and He poured out His goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnations, giving to us His son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising Him to life for our justification, in order that by Him we might have immortality and eternal life.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

God Is for Us

Song by CityAlight

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night, we will walk the valley with You by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way, we have found a refuge, only You can save

Sing with joy now, our God is for us, the Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater, who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall, even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake, you will cheer me onward with never-ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us, hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His son to free us, holds me in His love
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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