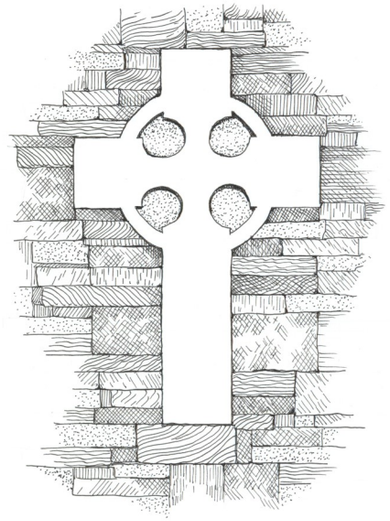

CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 4, 2025 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

"For it is You who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God - His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him."
~ Psalm 18:28-30 ~

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 18:1-3

Minister: I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

SONGS OF PRAISE **Lead On O King Eternal**
Muis and lyrics by Ernest Warburton Shurtleff and Henry Thomas Smart

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning, where're Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty
Music by Zeb Powell and lyrics by Peter Ellis

Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses? All burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and Friend,
Boundless power gave full expression, to Your love which knows no end.

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– TBD

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: We will have ladies night, Monday, 6:00 p.m., May 12, at Grumpy's on the deck.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, May 14, 12:00 p.m., at Sweet Peppers.

Thursday night Bible Study will resume in the Summer.

2025 Rummage Sale Round Up

May 4th is the FINAL day for Rummage Sale donations. Thank you so much for participating in the Rummage Sale Round up and for all your generous donations. The Rummage Sale Team and the Missions Teams appreciate what you have done to make this year's sales a success.

Sale dates are: Thursday May 15th for Friends and Family and May 16 and May 17 for our public sale. Please join us and find a treasure to take home with you since you now have plenty of space.

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 April 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

Monday
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. CK/CG End of Year Celebration

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 11
Church Service— Holly Powell
Stan Kennedy
Sunday School— No Sunday School

May 18
Church Service— Rebekah Taylor
Jessie Robinson
Sunday School— Elizabeth Ellerbee

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

Register today at: rym.org/conferences-hsfl2

Birthdays This Week

May 5.....Ronald Tidwell
May 9.....Ledger Bright
Amelia Kennedy
Rhett Knappenberger
Breyden Marks

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

CK/CG End Of the Year Celebration

Our annual end of the year Covenant Group / Covenant Kids celebration and dinner (Chick-Fil-A) will be served at 6:00 p.m., on May 7th, with CK's program beginning at 7 p.m. There will be an inflatable bounce house and obstacle course for children to play on beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and visit while they play.

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) - 2 teachers needed
PreK-4yrs (10 children) - 2 teachers needed
K-1st Grades (10 children) - 2 teachers needed
2nd Grade (14 children) - 2 teachers needed
3rd Grade (11 children) - 2 teacher needed
4th Grade (8 children) - 1-2 teachers needed

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.

Who am I that You should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully, in a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart You planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit, planted Your own image there.

I am Yours, Eternal Father, all my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory, form Yourself in every part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness, flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being, rise to You, their source and goal.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 58**

CONFESSION OF SIN

You have been a fountain of grace to us, O Lord, always springing up to everlasting life, always providing water for our thirsty souls. But we have drunk from broken cisterns, contaminated waters polluted with our pride, hatred, fear, and lust. We have fouled our homes and our land with poisonous streams of unholy words and actions. Hear our confession, O Father, and forgive us through the blood of Christ, Your only Son. May Your Holy Spirit make us thirsty for the righteousness of Christ so that we may drink of Him—the Living Water. Then enable us to pour out the glory of His grace on our thirsty land. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE **Good To Me**
Music and lyrics by Audrey Assad

I put all my hope in the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart on the ground of Your goodness
When I'm bowed down with sorrow I will lift up Your name
And the foxes in the vineyard will not steal my joy

Because You are good to me, good to me
You are good to me, good to me
You are good to me

I lift up my eyes to the hills where my help is found
Your voice fills the night, raise my head up to hear the sound
Though fires burn all around me, I will praise You, my God
And the foxes in the vineyard, will not steal my joy

Your goodness and mercy, shall follow me
All my life, I will trust in Your promise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

MESSAGE TEXT **Philippians 2:12-18**

MESSAGE **"Shining as Lights in the World"** **Jason Ellerbee**

COMMUNION SONG **In Christ Alone**

Music and lyrics by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striving cease
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, the fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sins curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final death, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Confession of Faith Larger Catechism Q. 57

Minister: What benefits has Christ procured by His mediation?

All: Christ, by His mediation, has procured redemption, with all other benefits of the covenant of grace.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG **My Raptured Soul**

Music and lyrics by John Berridge and Clint Wells

If Jesus kindly say, and with a whispering word,
"Arise my love and come away," I run to meet my Lord.

My soul is in my ears; my heart is all on flame;
My eyes are sweetly drowned in tears, and melted is my frame.

My raptured soul will rise up, and give a cheerful spring,
And dart through all the lofty skies, to visit Zion's King. To visit Zion's King.

He meets me with a kiss, and with a smiling face;
I taste the dear, enchanting bliss, and wonder at His grace.

A soft and tender sigh, now heaves my hollowed breast;
I long to lay me down and die, and find eternal rest.

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