



# CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8, 2026 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship Him, all you gods! Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of Your judgments, O Lord. For You, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.  
~ Psalm 97:1-9 ~

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 98:1-4

Minister: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**All: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### Arise, My Soul, Arise

Music and lyrics by Charles Wesley and Kevin Twitt

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands  
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise!  
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race; His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me  
“Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

## 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 Fellowship** – March 23rd 6 p.m. - Harvest Supper at Andy Starnes' barn.

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

**Men's Breakfast Study** – Wednesday, at 6:30 a.m. in the FH. We are studying Sinclair Ferguson's book: “Lessons From The Upper Room”

**The Intentional Father** – Monday April 6, 6:15 a.m. at the Youth House.

## 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 Winter Bible Studies

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Tuesday morning Bible Study** has resumed, at 9:30 A.M. at the church. We will continue our study, *Engaging God's Word-Hebrews*, and start with chapter seven. A Biblical scholar once said, “The book of Hebrews is the most theological book in the Bible.” In this study we will learn how Jesus is so much better than the angels, Moses, the old covenant, the High Priest Aaron, and better than Melchizedek. And, Jesus Christ brought a better hope.” Come and enjoy the sweet fellowship of one another as we learn more about our precious Savior, Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

**Thursday evening Ladies Bible Study** will resume in the Summer of 2026.

**Ladies Night:** Monday, 6:00 p.m., March 9, at Panera.

**Ladies Lunch:** Wednesday, March 11, 12:00 p.m., at Rumors.

## March on Missions

*The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! – Psalm 97:1*

Join us today, Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> with a Greece mission team report during the Sunday school hour and a time of family fellowship, prayer & praise, while hearing from some of our partnering ministries on Sunday evening!

We pray that God will use the week for your encouragement in the Gospel to the praise of His glory!

## Woodworking Fellowship

Men, are you interested in woodworking and fellowshiping with your brothers in Christ? If so, please come join us at the Robinson's home on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM**. This first meeting will be an informational meeting to chat about everyone's woodworking background and to gauge interest on a variety of projects and meeting formats. All men with an interest in woodworking are invited - from hand tools to power tools, rough construction to intricate furniture making, from beginner to expert, all are welcome. For more information, speak with David Hearn or Justin Robinson.

Please RSVP to Justin Robinson at [JRob0508@gmail.com](mailto:JRob0508@gmail.com) if you will be joining us for our first meeting, so we can have a headcount for food.

## 2026 Rummage Sale Roundup

Toys, toys, toys - we all have way too many! Let's invite the children to join in the fun by donating some of their once-loved favorites. What a joyful way to share the love of our children while teaching our kids about giving, generosity, and supporting Missions! If you have gently used furniture to donate, please contact Judie at 256-708-7877 to schedule a convenient delivery time. Bedroom furniture, tables, and bookcases are in high demand and sell quickly.

Note: Clothing donations will start March 15.

# Christ Covenant News

1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW · Cullman, Alabama 35055

www.christcovenantcullman.org · (256) 739-0505

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

## This Week's Activities

### Monday

10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time  
6:00 p.m. Ladies Night, Panera

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Study  
12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch, Rumors  
6:15 p.m. Covenant Groups  
Covenant Kids  
Covenant 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

### March 8

Church Service— Whitney Cook  
Kristi Nyquist  
Church Service— Wanda Quick

### March 15

Church Service— Mary Rogers  
Denise Peek  
Church Service— Katie Shirey

## Covenant Kids Corner

March 11— (Unit 16) - Session 1 - Daniel Obeyed God (Daniel 1)

**Menu** - Guthrie's Chicken Fingers

## Birthdays This Week

Mar. 08.....Daren Rakestraw  
Mar. 09.....Carly Starnes  
Mar. 10.....Dale Bright  
Jordan Miner  
Mar. 11.....John Knappenberger  
Mar. 12.....Hays Eidson  
Maggie Lunsford  
Mar. 13.....Gloria Dotson  
Mar. 14.....Nathan Kornegay

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie.*

## MNA Disaster Response Training

In partnership with MNA, Christ Covenant is actively developing a disaster response team that could help as needed when surrounding areas are hit with natural disasters. There are some pre-requisites and training involved, but this is open to anyone willing to serve. If you are interested or have questions please contact Wyatt Pettus for more details. Providence Presbytery will host a day of training on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at First Presbyterian Church in Decatur. Below is a schedule of the day:

- 9:00 -11:30 am - Disaster Response 101 - CLASSROOM ONLY - Learn how to get involved in disaster response ministry.
- 11:30 - 12:00 – Lunch (free for those attending both the morning and afternoon sessions)
- 12:00 - 4:30 pm. - Basic Chainsaw Safety & Operations - classroom and field work

## CCPC Tables and Chairs

If you have borrowed any tables and chairs from the church, please check to make sure you have returned them all. Thanks!

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

## **Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder**

Music and lyrics by Indelible Grace

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood, He has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky  
He has washed us with Thy blood, He has washed us with Thy blood  
You have washed us with Thy blood; You art worthy, Lamb of God!

## **INVOCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **2 Kings 4:8-17**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** - Psalm 32:1-6

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”— and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You while You may be found.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

### Come, Ye Sinners

Lyrics by Joseph Hart, 1759. Music by Dan Hamilton, Taylor Johnson, Ryan Owens, and Robbie Seay

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness he requireth, is to feel your need of him

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms  
And in the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh

Come, you weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry until you're better, you will never come at all

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## OFFERING

## SERMON TEXT

**3 John 5-15**

## SERMON

**“Workers for the Truth”**

**Jason Ellerbee**

## COMMUNION SONG

### Abide With Me

Music and lyrics by Henry Francis Lyte and William Henry Monk

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee, on to the close, Lord, abide with me

I need Thy presence, every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless. Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, Lord, abide with me

## CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 2

Minister: How do we know that there is a God?

**All: The true light of nature in all people and the works of God declare plainly that there is a God, but only His Word and Spirit reveal Him to people sufficiently and effectually for their salvation.**

## COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

### He Calls Me Friend

Music and lyrics by Harrison Druery, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson

I have a friend, a faithful friend, and Jesus is His name  
He will not leave, He stands by me, my Shepherd, He remains

I have a friend, a mighty friend, and Jesus is His name  
I shall not fear, He holds me near, His strength will keep me safe

*His name is True King, Lord of Creation, ruler without end  
I call Him Hope, Peace, Wonderful Savior, and what joy that Jesus calls me friend*

I have a friend, the kindest friend, and Jesus is His name  
He hears my cry by day or night, and wipes my tears away

I have a friend, a Savior friend, and Jesus is His name  
He fought for me on Calvary, and trampled on the grave

## Greetings From Our Pastor

Welcome to Christ Covenant! We are honored and delighted to have you worshipping 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