



CHRIST COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19, 2026 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“God is a spirit infinitely happy, therefore we must approach Him with cheerfulness. He is a spirit of infinite majesty; therefore we must come before Him with reverence. He is a spirit infinitely high; therefore we must offer up our sacrifices with the deepest humility. He is a spirit infinitely holy; therefore we must address Him with purity. He is a spirit infinitely glorious; we must therefore acknowledge His excellency in all that we do and in our measures contribute to His glory by having the highest aims in His worship. He is a spirit infinitely provoked by us; therefore we must offer up our worship in the name of a pacifying mediator and intercessor.”

~ Puritan Stephen Charnock ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 57:5, 7, 9 & 10

Minister: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth! My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!

All: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

SONGS OF PRAISE

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Lyrics by Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Tommy Walker 1998, music by St. Anne; William Croft, 1708

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure

*O God, You are, You are our help, You are our helper
To all generations You will be forever and ever
Our shield and our eternal hope, O Lord
You are the Ancient of Days and worthy of our praise*

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home

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)

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Men's Fellowship – Friday, April 24th 6:00 p.m. at Gill Cook's barn - 88 Akins Mountain Rd. Falkville, AL 35640.

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 May 4, 6:15 a.m. at the Youth House.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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 2nd 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

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

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.

Ladies Night: TBD.

Ladies Lunch: TBD.

Youth Service Camp – June 3–7

We're excited to announce our upcoming Youth Service Camp! This week will be focused on **local missions and service**, giving students the opportunity to grow in their faith while serving our community in meaningful ways.

- **Dates:** June 3–7

- **Cost:** \$125 per student

Sign Up: In the entryway on the "Hill"

We will be partnering with local ministries and completing various service projects throughout the week.

We also need your help to make this week possible! We are looking for:

- **Host homes** for students (Host homes will be used for sleeping)
- **Team leaders** to guide and chaperone during the service projects

- **Meal volunteers** to help provide food **Project opportunities** where our students can serve

If you are interested in participating or supporting in any of these ways, please contact Jonathan Knappenberger (256)-339-7406

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This Week's Activities

Monday
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time

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

Wednesday
6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Study

Friday
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship

Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

April 19
Church Service— Stevie Burrows
Sherry Davis
Sunday School— Benjamin Rogers

April 26
Church Service— Mallory Lee
Sue Eidson
Sunday School— Merrill Dotson

Covenant Kids Corner

April 22 — Special Activities Night

Menu - McDonalds Hamburgers

Birthdays This Week

Apr. 19.....Allison Bright
Olivia Yeager
Olive Robb

Apr. 20.....Ryles Eidson
Linda Hill

Apr. 22.....Kim Canaday
Cameron Yeager
Gerri Miner

Apr. 25.....Bo Kennedy
Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Rummage Sale Roundup

Only **two weeks left** for donations—**May 1st** is the final day! This week, let's tackle those bathroom cabinets. Do you have an extra hair dryer, makeup mirror, or curling iron hiding in there? What other forgotten treasures are tucked away in those cabinets? Let's dig them out and give them a new home!

Bell Ringers Needed

Children 4th grade and older are invited to sign-up to ring the church bell on Sunday morning. You will ring the bell from 8:55-9:00. Sign-up sheet in the bell tower room.

Pastor's Inquirer's Class

If you have been visiting Christ Covenant for a while, please know that we are SO GLAD to have you here, and we'd love to invite you to our next Pastor's Inquirer's Class starting Sunday, May 3rd during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. This four-week class will cover topics such as our doctrinal beliefs, our church life, and our membership vows. Learn more about the PCA, the history of Christ Covenant, and what Church membership looks like. Please plan on joining us!

End of Year Celebration

Wednesday May 6th, 6:00 pm
Chick-fil- A Dinner
Covenant Kids Program
Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a fun night!

Vacation Bible School

June 5th 5:30-7:30 & June 6th 9:00-11:30
Volunteers Needed! Sign up in the Narthex today

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)

*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

Joshua 21:43-45

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 **Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me**

Music and lyrics by: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, 2018

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken for by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Ye not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

BAPTISM - Poppy Evelyn Bright - daughter of Luke and Hannah Bright

PARENTAL VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.”

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT

Luke 1:1-4

SERMON

“That You May Have Certainty”

Jason Ellerbee

COMMUNION 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, 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

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism Q.'s 24 & 152

Minister: What is sin?

All: Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, any law of God given as a rule to a reasoning creature.

Minister: What does every sin deserve at the hands of God?

All: Every sin, even the least, being against the sovereignty, goodness, and holiness of God and against His righteous law, deserves His wrath and curse both in this life and in that which is to come, and cannot be expiated except by the blood of Christ.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

Music and lyrics by Matthew Smith

Once on a dreary mountain we wandered far and wide
Far from the cleansing fountain far from the pierced side
But Jesus sought and found us and washed our guilt away
With cords of love He bound us to be His own today

*Redeemed, restored, forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of His home in heaven
Oh, praise our pardoning God*

Dear Lord receive the glory of each recovered soul
Oh who can tell the story of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit— be Yours alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit to serve You all our days

Now keep us, holy Savior, in Your true love and fear
And grant us by Your favor the grace to persevere

Till in Your new creation
When Earth meets heaven's shore
We find our full salvation
And praise You evermore