



# CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 26, 2026 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

"I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"  
Psalm 27:13-14

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 5:3, 7, 11, & 12

Minister: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. Through the abundance of Your steadfast love, I will enter Your house. I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You.

**All: Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You. For You bless the righteous, O Lord; You cover him with favor as with a shield.**

### 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

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

### 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

## 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 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

## MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

**Men's Fellowship** – TBD.

**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.

## 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:** Monday, 6:00 p.m., May 11, at Grumpy's on the porch.

**Ladies Lunch:** Wednesday, May 13, 12:00 p.m., at Rumors.

### Crates For Ukraine

Crates for Ukraine provides personal and humanitarian aid from churches in the U.S. to churches and displaced communities in Ukraine. Learn more at <https://www.cratesforukraine.com/>

# Christ Covenant News

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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  
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

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

**May 3**  
Church Service— Anna Bright  
John Nyquist  
Sunday School— Elizabeth Ellerbee

## Covenant Kids Corner

**April 29** — Special Activities Night

**Menu** - Little Caesars

## Birthdays This Week

Apr. 26.....Wade Bentley  
May 02.....Clara Grace Peek

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2026 Rummage Sale Roundup

Time is running out! **May 1st** is the **very last day** to make your donations. Over the past few weeks, we've been tackling every corner of the house, but now's the perfect time to take one final walk-through—did you miss anything? Your gently loved items are treasures for our shoppers, and they'll love finding them!

### Bell Ringers Needed

Children 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### The Link Pantry Prayer Table

The Link invites local churches to partner with them by volunteering to serve at their pantry prayer table and to warmly welcome guests, as well as pray with them. We are asking our church family to support the Link by providing volunteers to work their Pantry Prayer Table. A brochure with a QR code is located on the narthex table with a link if you would be interested in helping serve. For more information, please contact [averyheis@liinkingcullman.org](mailto:averyheis@liinkingcullman.org)

## **King Of Kings**

Music and lyrics by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light  
Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit three in one  
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Malachi 4**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Our hearts sing with joy, O Father, because we have been called the children of God. By Your mercy we have been adopted into Your family and by Your Spirit we may call You "Abba" Father. You have assured us again and again that nothing can separate us from Your love; You have proved that all Your purposes for us will be accomplished. Yet we worry about our troubles, real and imagined; we turn to created things for the help that You alone can give; O Lord, forgive us of our sinful fear and worry. Send Your Holy Spirit to enable us to rely on You at all times; and may we remember that You have promised to be with us. Hear our humble confession, O Lord, and grant us new forgiveness so that we may give You new obedience. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE **Grace Alone**

Music and lyrics by Dustin Kensrue,

I was an orphan lost at the fall, running away when I'd hear Your call  
But Father, You worked Your will, I had no righteousness of my own  
I had no right to draw near Your throne, but Father, You loved me still

*And in love before You laid the world's foundation, You predestined to adopt me as Your own  
You have raised me up so high up above my station; I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone*

You left Your home to seek out the lost, You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus, Your face was set, I worked my fingers down to the bone  
Nothing I did could ever atone, Jesus, You paid my debt

I was darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night  
But Spirit, You made me see, I swore I knew the way on my own  
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone, but Spirit, You moved in me

*And at Your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken; heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone*

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone, I will run the race by grace, and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone, I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone

## OFFERING

### SERMON TEXT

**Luke 1:5-25**

### SERMON

**“The Broken Silence and a People Prepared”**

**Jason Ellerbee**

### COMMUNION SONG

**Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)**

Music and lyrics by Casting Crowns

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away, rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain, one day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree, and took the nails for me

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered

Now is ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him, from rising again  
One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing, my Savior Jesus is mine

## CONFESSION OF FAITH – Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21

Minister: What is true faith?

**All: True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel**

## COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

**God Is for Us**

Music and lyrics 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