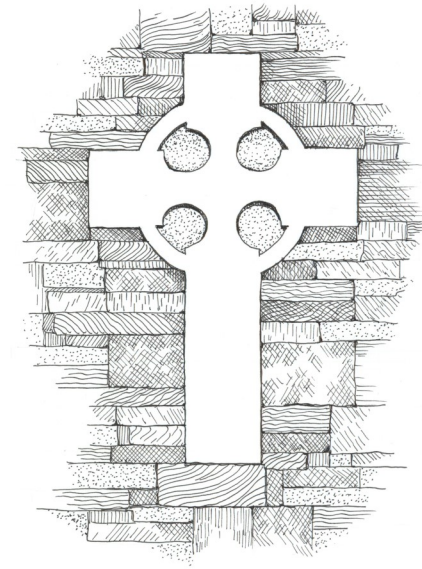




CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, 2026| **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

~ Psalm 24 ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 84:1,4

Minister: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

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

Greece Mission Trip

We are excited to be serving again in Greece with The Community House Damaris and the Petrou family February 6-13, 2027. If you are interested in going on this trip, please let Holly Powell know. We will begin meeting in September to start team building. If you have never been on the trip, there is an application process. Feel free to reach out with any and all questions. You can text, call, or email Holly at 205.515.1636 or zebandholly@yahoo.com.

Bell Ringers Needed

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

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 August our focus will be receiving **peanut butter and jelly for The Link**. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the "Mercy Bin" located in the Narthex. Thanks so much!

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 – will return in the Fall.

The Intentional Father – Monday Aug. 3, 6:15 a.m. at 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."*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School:

With promotion Sunday coming August 16th, I'm looking for volunteers to teach children's Sunday school. Each class (except 5th grade) has four teachers who rotate: two teach one month, and the other two teach the next. If everyone would please be in prayer about these ministry opportunities and how God would have you serve. Below are a list of all the classes and the needs that they have:

Toddler Class - 10 children - Joe/Cathy Orosz - two volunteers needed
PreK -Kindergarten Class - 13 children - John/Audrey Nyquist - two volunteers needed
1st grade - 10 children - four volunteers needed
2nd - 3rd grades - 12 children - Blake/Allison Bright & David/Patricia Branscomb
4th grade - 14 children - Braden/Whitney Cook & Randy/Tara Quinn
5th grade - 13 children - Laura Reeder & Marilyn Echols

If you have any questions about teaching children's Sunday school, please feel free to contact our Children's Director, Tracie Rakestraw

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

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This Week’s Activities

<u>Monday</u>	
6:15 a.m.	The Intentional Father
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Prayer Time
<u>Wednesday</u>	
6:15 p.m.	Covenant Youth
<u>Friday</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Group
<u>Sunday</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

<u>August 2</u>	
Church Service—	Faith Stallings Siusan Peek
Sunday School—	Amanda Knappenberger

<u>August 9</u>	
Church Service—	Mandy Peden Stevie Burrows
Sunday School—	Whitney Cook

Birthdays This Week

Aug. 2.....	John Branscomb
Aug. 4.....	Sara Haynes
Aug. 7.....	Lillian Satterfield
Aug. 8.....	Nora Abel Breeze Robb Dana Starnes

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date!

- End of Summer at Wild Water- August 16th
- Covenant Group Kick-Off- September 9th

Ordination

Please join us to celebrate the ordination of Jonathan Knappenberger on Sunday, August 9th at 6:00 PM at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church. This will be a special service as Jonathan is ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PCA, and set apart for this ministry calling. A reception will follow immediately after the service. All are welcome!

End of Summer Bash at Wild Water

Join us at Wild Water & invite your friends!
Sunday August 16th 6:30pm-8:30pm
Pizza, drinks, & dessert will be served.
Please RSVP for dinner below.



Foster Parents Needed

There are many children in Cullman County waiting for safe, loving homes. You don't need to be perfect- just willing to care. If you are over 19 years of age and can provide a safe comfortable atmosphere with enough room for the child and their belongings, you can be a foster parent. Training, support, and guidance are provided every step of the way. Contact Steven Turner for more information Steven.Turner@dhr.alabama.gov

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lyrics by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, music by J.B. Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who was and is and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3

CONFESSION OF SIN – From Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Grace

Music and lyrics by CityAlight and Keith & Kristyn Getty

Your grace that leads this sinner home from death to life forever
And sings this song of righteousness by blood and not by merit
Your grace that reaches far and wide, to every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in, the joy of Your salvation

*By grace, I am redeemed, by grace, I am restored
And now I freely walk, into the arms of Christ, my Lord*

Your grace that I cannot explain, not by my earthly wisdom
The Prince of life, without a stain, was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow, my song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home, to walk beside my Savior

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP VOWS – Tatum Abel, Seth and Savannah Robb, Rosemary Mercier, Tim and Kasey Campbell

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He offered in the Gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT Luke 3:7-20

SERMON “Preparing Hearts for the King” Jason Ellerbee

COMMUNION SONG Be Thou My Vision
Music and lyrics by Mary Elizabeth Byrne and Eleanor Henrietta Hull, arrangement Mike Lunsford

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day and the night, waking or sleeping, Thou presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism Q. 76

Minister: What is repentance that leads to life?

All: Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace, worked in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and the Word of God, by which, out of the sight and sense not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and awareness of God’s mercy in Christ to those who are penitent, the sinner so grieves for and hates his sins that he turns away from them all to God, purposing and working constantly to walk with God in all the ways of new obedience.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Doxology
Lyrics by Thomas Ken and music by Bourgeois

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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