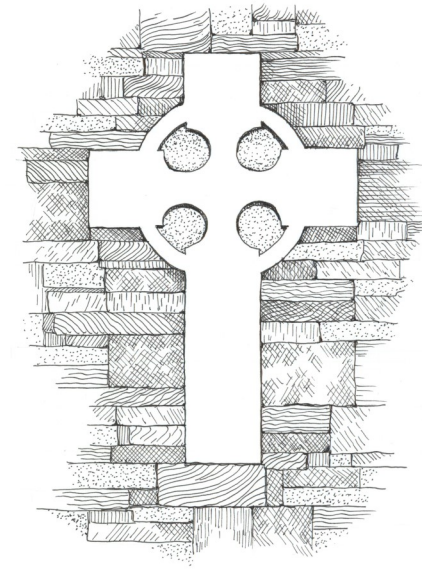




CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2026 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord’s Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.” You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O Lord, with Your faithfulness all around You? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, You still them. You crushed Rahab like a carcass; You scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them.
~ Psalm 89:1-11 ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 96:1-6

Minister: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Lyrics by Henry van Dyke, 1907, music by Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine

Opportunity to Show Christ’s Compassion

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 Sep. 7, 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.*

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning - The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study with Yvonne Welch begins September 8, 2026. This Fall we will use the book **In His Image** by Jen Wilkin to study "10 ways God calls us to reflect His character." The study starts at 9:30 am. in the Gloria Edwards room (room 10) at church. Books will be distributed on Sept. 8.

The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible study, led by Kristi Nyquist and Jessie Robinson, will begin September 10, 2026 at 6:30 in the Gloria Edwards room (Room 10) at church. We will use the book entitled **Psalms** by Hope A. Blanton and Christine B. Gordon to help us study several Psalms. Books will be distributed the first night of class. Nursery will be provided for the first two weeks without request. After the first two weeks, notify Karena Haynes if you will need the nursery.

Please join us for one or both of these studies. We look forward to seeing you!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Children’s Sunday School

Promotion Sunday went well this past Sunday, all children seemed excited to promote to their new classes! I still have a need for two volunteers to rotate (teach every other month) with the Nyquist’s in the PreK-Kindergarten class. Please be in prayer about this ministry opportunity.

Parents: a few things to remember:

Toddlers (3yr) that are in the sanctuary during worship will go directly to their Sunday School class Room 14.

Toddlers that are in the nursery during worship, teachers will pick up your children from the nursery. **PreK-3rd Grades** will go directly to the ceiling fan room once the worship service is over. **4th-5th Grades** will go directly downstairs to their classrooms.

*If your child is 3rd grade or younger, please pick up your child promptly following Sunday School. Please refer to the back part of the bulletin for class locations. Parents please remember to thank your child’s teacher for their commitment to your child. Feel free to call/text/email me with any questions.

Tracie Rakestraw
Children’s Director

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This Week’s Activities

<u>Monday</u>	
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

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

August 23
Church Service— Jen Jacobs
John Nyquist
Sunday School— Hope Atchison

August 30
Church Service— Ellizabeth Adkins
Rachel Eidson
Shonda Price
Sunday School— Anthony Taylor

Birthdays This Week

Aug. 23.....Gweniviere Marks
Aug. 26.....Elley Atchison
Jennifer Flores
Jack Haynes
Aug. 29.....Marcia Blocher
Vicki Knight

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date!

- Covenant Group Kick-Off- September 9th

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

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.

Officer Nominations

Nominations for elders and deacons will be received for the month of August. Pamphlets that provide the Standards for Officers and an explanation of the Nomination & Election Process are available in the Narthex. Please take time to carefully review this information and prayerfully consider those that you would like to nominate to serve as officers for Christ Covenant.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o’er us, brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life

King of Love

Music and lyrics by Steven Curtis Chapman

With the hands that formed the world You washed our feet
Kneeling down You laid aside Your majesty
And You said for us to go and do the same
So we serve for the glory of our King

You left Heaven’s throne to rescue what was lost
Stretching out Your mighty arms to bear the cross
Then You rolled away the stone, the victory won,
And You said, go and tell the world what love has done

*King of love, let Your kingdom come,
Reign in us, Your daughters and Your sons
Fill us up till we overflow,
With Your love until the whole world knows
You are the King of love*

Give us hearts that long to see Your justice done,
Let the river of Your mercy flow through us
Let compassion be the loudest song we sing
Till the day when every tongue declares You King

Hallelujah to the King of love
All praise and glory to the King of love
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INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 8

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal is Your glory, Lord, filling my life with light and hope. Infinite is Your mercy, Father, assuring me of forgiveness for all my sins. So I come with humble confidence to confess that I have fallen short of Your glory; walking in the darkness of my own lustful flesh and vain imaginations. The words of my mouth and the deeds of my hands have been tainted by pride; defiling Your honor and offending my neighbors. Cleanse me through the blood of the ascended Christ who is praying for me at Your right hand; send Your Holy Spirit into my life so that I may manifest the heavenly life of Christ to all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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*

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT

Luke 4:1-12

SERMON

"It is Written"

Jason Ellerbee

COMMUNION SONG

In Christ Alone

Music and Lyrics by Townend/Getty, 2002

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 strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that 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, sin's 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 breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

CONFESSIO

CONFESSIO OF FAITH – Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism Q. 48

Minister: How did Christ humble Himself in His life?

All: Christ humbled Himself in His life by subjecting Himself to the Law, which He perfectly fulfilled, and by struggling with the indignities of the world, the temptations of Satan, and the infirmities in His flesh, whether common to the nature of mankind or particularly accompanying His low condition.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Inhabit the Land

Music and lyrics by Mike Lunsford

I cried to the Lord, I called out to Him
Is He listening? My troubles are deep
I'm down on my knees, is He listening?
Then I hear that still small voice again, child my love for you will never end

I will never leave you, I will not forsake you
I will be with you wherever you go
I will be your God and you will be my people
Though there are giants inhabit the land
Inhabit the Land, inhabit the Land

Thinkin' 'bout the past, all the joy I had
Is He listenin', where's His kindness gone?
Where's the love I've known, is he listening?
Then I hear that still small voice again, child my love for you will never end

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