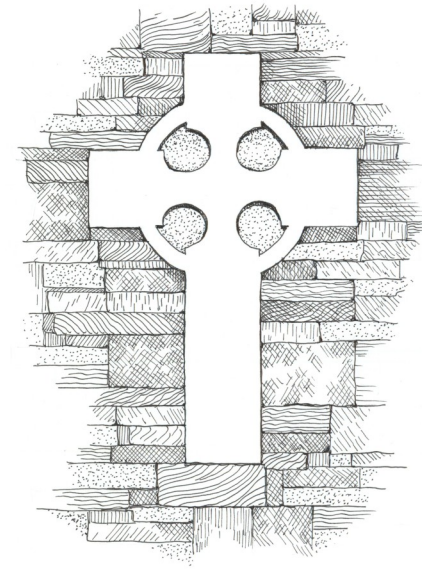




CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The Lord’s Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. He created all things and He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. Because of your faith in Christ and the hope laid up for you in heaven – Christians, come to His throne and worship the King!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 30:1-4 & 11-12

Minister: I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me. O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

All: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Music and lyrics by Brian Doerksen

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God. Come.

*One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow, still the greatest treasure
Remains for those who gladly choose You now.*

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God. Come.

*Willingly we come to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With our hearts and minds and souls we gladly choose You now.*

His Mercy is More

Music and lyrics by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all-knowing, He counts not their sum

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 begin on Tuesday September 15th at 6:30 a.m. We will be studying David Gibson’s book “Living Life Backwards,” A study on Ecclesiastes, written to shake up our expectations and priorities for what it means to live the good life.

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

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

September 6
Church Service— Whitney Cook
Kristi Nyquist
Sunday School— Juanita Tidwell

Birthdays This Week

Sept. 01.....Anna Turner
Sept. 02.....Vicent Bergquyust
Sept. 03.....Mary Ellen Kennedy
Sept. 05.....Romana Kornegay
Landon Rakestraw

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date!

- Covenant Group Kick-Off- September 9th
@ 6:00 p.m.

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.

Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait, as we constantly roam
What Father so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness, He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt, we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father to Your name be glory, praise, and all honor. You are the fountain of life and we come to You for mercy and grace. Strengthen us Lord, with Your Spirit, to do and to accept Your will both in life and death, that our will may always be surrendered and submitted to You. Preserve us from covetous desires and carelessness of life, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who offend us, that our heart may have a sure and glad conscience. Lead us not into temptation, but help us though your Sprit to subdue the flesh, to despise the world with its vanities, and to overcome the devil with all his crafty assaults. And finally, deliver us from all evil, both bodily and spiritually, temporal and eternal. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Lead Me to the Cross

Music and lyrics by Francesca Battestelli and Brooke Fraser

Savior I come, quiet my soul, remember
Redemption’s hill, where Your blood was spilled for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as lost

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross.*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death
Now You’re risen
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

