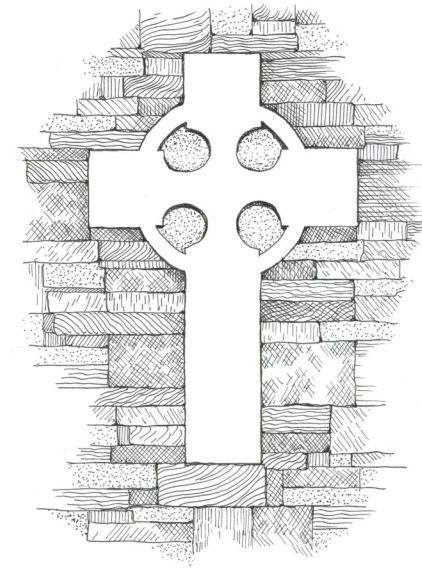




CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
~ Psalm 46 ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 47:1-2, 6-7

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

SONGS OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress

Music by Matt Boswell lyrics by Martin Luther

A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

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

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!

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

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.*"

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 - Jessie Robinson - three 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

Monday

10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time

Wednesday

6:15 p.m. 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 - Promotion Sunday
6:00 p.m. Ordination Service and Reception

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

August 9

Church Service— Mandy Peden
Stevie Burrows
Sunday School— Whitney Cook

August 16

Church Service— Anna Bright
Naomi Ledbetter
Sunday School— Stan Kennedy

Birthdays This Week

Aug. 9.....Mabel Bright
Aug. 10.....David Branscomb
Aug. 11.....Sue Roberts
Aug. 12.....Micah Johnson
Aug. 13.....James Laminack
Aug. 14.....Samuel Harper
David Hearn
Ellie Lunsford
Juanita Tidwell
Aug. 15.....Gary Thomas
Sharon Weatherly

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordination

Please join us to celebrate the ordination of Jonathan Knappenberger this evening, 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!

Save the Date!

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

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

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Music and lyrics by Indelible Grace

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder; grace and justice, join and point to mercy’s store
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky
You have washed us with Your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God Almighty, Shepherd of our souls, You have spread a bountiful table before us in the presence of our enemies; here we may feed daily on the manna You provide and here we may live in hope of an eternal feast in Your presence; yet we murmur and complain like our forefathers, finding fault with one another and blaming You for our miseries. Open our eyes, blessed Holy Spirit, to the wonder of the Father’s love for us in Jesus Christ. Enable us to confess and forsake our ungrateful ways and to enter into a spirit of praise and thanksgiving in the joy of our eternal salvation. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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, yet 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

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me*

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*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT **Luke 3:21,22**

SERMON **"The King is Anointed"** **Jason Ellerbe**

COMMUNION SONG **The Power Of The Cross**
Music and lyrics by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary, tried by sinful men
Torn and beaten, then, nailed to a cross of wood

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh, to see the pain, written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin, every bitter thought
Every evil deed, crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head, curtain torn in two
Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry

Oh, to see my name, written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free, death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God - slain for us
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross*

CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Ligonier Statement on Christology

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus Christ our Lord

All: We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

I'll Not Be Shaken

Music and lyrics by Wendell Kimbrough

For God alone, I wait in silence
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation
My fortress strong; I trust in Him

*I'll not be shaken, I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I wait and trust His steadfast love*

Put not your hope in gain of riches
Seek not your rest in empty wealth
The rich are weak the poor are mighty
Who turn to God alone for help

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry
No other hope will never fail you
No other love will not run dry