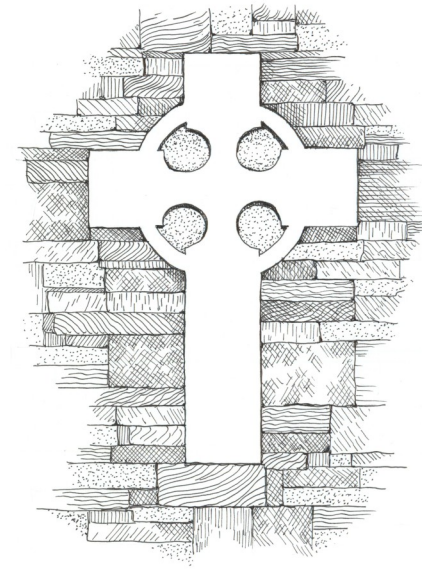




CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2026| **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.
~ Psalm 133 ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 135:1-3

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

All: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Music and lyrics by Charles Wesley and Kevin Twitt

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands
My name is written on His hands

Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race; His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me
“Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry

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.

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.* No ladies prayer time September 7.

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning - Our Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study is led by Yvonne Welch. 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 are available at the study.

The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible study, led by Kristi Nyquist and Jessie Robinson at 6:30 in the Gloria Edwards room (Room 10) at church. We will use the book entitled **Psalms** by Hope Blanton and Christine Gordon to help us study several Psalms. Books are available at the study. 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!

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Men's Breakfast Study – will begin this 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. Books are currently available in the Narthex.

Men's Fellowship – TBD.

Men's Prayer Time – Friday mornings, 7:00 a.m. in

the church session room.

The Intentional Father – Monday October 5, 6:15 a.m. at the Youth House.

Covenant Kids Resumes

Covenant kids will resume this Wednesday (Sept 16th). We are super excited to start back! All volunteers are in place and ready to go!

Parents, several things to be aware of:

- Covenant Kids is for children ages 4 yrs. (as of Sept. 1, 2026) - 5th grade. Nursery for 3 yrs. and younger.

- A meal is provided each week at no cost to you. A generous donor has paid for all the meals for all families for the year.

- If you are new to Covenant Kids a consent form will be sent home this Wednesday. Please fill it out and return it.

- All children 4 years- 4th grade will go directly to the fellowship hall. The 5th graders go directly downstairs.

- **NEW DROP OFF - time is 5:45**, my teachers do not arrive until that time and I am usually busy preparing for the night. To make sure your children are supervised please do not drop them off until this time.

- **NEW PICK UP - time is 7:45**, the car line is **ONLY FOR CHILDREN IN CK**, NOT for nursery children. If you have a child in the nursery please park your car and come inside to get them, this keeps the car line moving.

Parents, please take time to thank all the CK teachers/workers when you see them. If you have any questions about CK please feel free to call me.

Food Prep/Car Line - Karen Adams/Derek Rakestraw
Pre-K - Kindergarten- Sara Haynes
1st grade- Lauren Mahler
2nd - 3rd grades - Beth Moultrie
4th grade - Jody/Megan Campbell
5th grade - Steve Turner

Covenant kids director,
Tracie Rakestraw

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This Week’s Activities

<u>Monday</u>	
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Prayer Time
<u>Tuesday</u>	
6:30 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Study
9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	
5:45 p.m.	Covenant Kids Drop off
5:45 p.m.	Covenant Youth
6:00 p.m.	Covenant Groups
<u>Thursday</u>	
6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
<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

September 13
Church Service— Hannah Bright
Connie & Hannah Jacobs
Sunday School— Wanda Quick

September 20
Church Service— Merrill Dotson
Sheena Johnson
Sunday School— Katie Shirey

Covenant Kids Corner

September 16 — Special Activities Night

Menu - Little Caesars

Birthdays This Week

Sept. 13.....	Edward Bonds Jonathan Kornegay Camara Marks Henry Reeder Benjamin Rogers Carson Starnes
Sept. 16.....	Kaitlyn Benson
Sept. 18.....	Anna Haynes Marcie Turner

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunity For Growth and Discipleship

The Apologetics Resource Center is dedicated to equipping the Church and engaging the culture by helping believers defend their faith and share the Gospel with confidence. Please consider joining us Saturday, October 3rd at FBC Cullman as we discuss a variety of topics concerning deconstruction and discipleship. Speakers include FBC’s Tom Richter, Saint John’s Nate Williams, West Cullman Baptist Association’s Justin Olvey, and Christ Covenant’s Jason Ellerbee. For more info and registration, please scan the QR code or go to: <https://givebutter.com/defend-proclaim-2026-t3gbrr>



Lost and Found

Please check the table next to the office for lost and found items. We will leave the items out for two weeks. If they are not claimed they will be taken to the Foundry, or donated to the rummage sale. Thank you

Opportunity to Show Christ’s Compassion

Each month, our deacons will be gathering items to assist in serving the needs of our community. In September our focus will be receiving **WHEAT AND GRAIN for The Link**. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the “Mercy Bin” located in the Narthex. Thanks so much!

Your Name

Music and lyrics by Paul Baloche and Glenn Packiam

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart, and glorify Your Name

*Your Name, is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name, is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
‘Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name*

Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

CONFESSION OF SIN

Great is Your faithfulness, O God, our Father, and boundless is Your love to us, Your people. Yet our love to You grows cold, and our love for one another falters in the way. We have found the speck in our brother’s eye, and cannot see the plank that is in our own eye. Accept our confession of sin, O Lord, and forgive us on the merits of Jesus’ blood. By the work of Your Holy Spirit, grant us a fresh and powerful view of Your love for us in Christ, so that we may be enabled to love You and one another in practical deeds of daily service. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

He Will Hold Me Fast

Music and lyrics by Keith and Kristyn Getty

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast, .
I could never keep my hold, through life’s fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He’ll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 46

SERMON

“God With Us”

Jonathan Knappenberger

COMMUNION SONG

It Is Well With My Soul

Music and lyrics by Horatio Spafford, Audry Assad

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

*It is well, it is well
With my soul, with my soul
It is well, it is well, with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
“Even so” it is well with my soul

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Confession of Fatih Larger Catechism Q. 1

Minister: What is the main and highest purpose of mankind?

People: Mankind’s main and highest purpose is to glorify God, and to fully enjoy him forever.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Music and lyrics by Justin Graves and Anthony J. Showaltr, arrangement by Mike Lunsford

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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