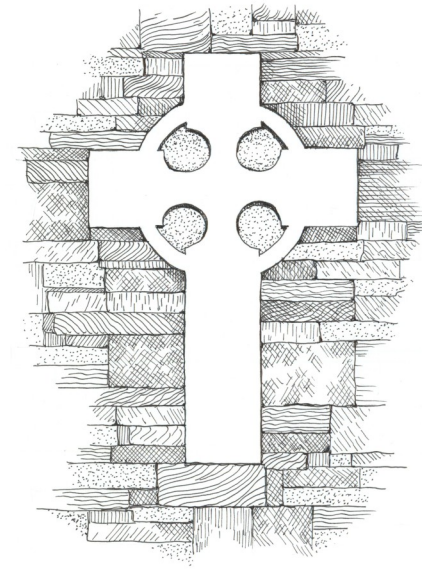




CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2026| **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord’s Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION – adapted from “The Valley of Vision”

In a world of created changeable things, Christ and His Word alone remain unshaken. O to forsake all creatures, to rest as a stone on Him the foundation, to abide in Him, be borne up by Him! For all my mercies come through Christ, who has designed, purchased, promised, affected them. How sweet it is to be near Him, the Lamb, filed with holy affections!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 73:25-28

Minister: Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

All: For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to You. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.

SONGS OF PRAISE

God Of Wonders

Music and lyrics by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on High

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth*

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth
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Opportunity to Show Christ’s Compassion

Each month, our deacons will be gathering items to assist in serving the needs of our community. September 13 through October 25, we will be hosting a Fill-A-Bag Thanksgiving Drive to support The Link’s Pantry. The donated bags will be distributed throughout the month of November to help local families in need celebrate Thanksgiving. This year, we have committed to providing 75 Thanksgiving bags, and we would love to see all 75 bags filled by the end of October! Starting this week, bags will be available in the foyer. Each bag will have a shopping list stapled to the front with the specific items needed. Please be sure to follow the provided shopping list when filling your bag. There is also an optional opportunity to donate \$10 to The Link, which will be used to purchase chickens for the pantry. While this is greatly appreciated, it is not required to participate. Thank you so much!

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

MEN’S MINISTRY EVENTS

Men’s Breakfast Study – 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. Come join us!

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.

Men’s Wood Working Fellowship - Men, are you interested in woodworking and fellowshiping with your brothers in Christ? If so please reach out to Justin Robinson for more information.

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!

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

September 27
Church Service— Mary Rogers
Linda Morgan
Sunday School— Jennifer Flores

Covenant Kids Corner

September 23 — Session 1 - “God Brought His People Home” (Ezra 1-3)

Menu - Gutherie’s Chicken Fingers

Birthdays This Week

Sept. 20.....	Noah Haynes
Sept. 23.....	David Juan Sheffield
Sept. 24.....	Darcy Bright
	Taylor Eidson
	Estelle Rogers
Sept. 25.....	Mike Durhan
	Zeb Powell
	Evelyn Grace Quinn

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>



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.

You Are My King

Music and lyrics by Billy Foote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You; in all I do I honor You.*

You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 7:13-14

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge without pretense before Your Holy Majesty, that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption; prone to serve our flesh, prone to worship other gods, prone to wander from Your love. In Your just judgment, we deserve ruin and damnation. But Lord, we confess, we repent, and we long for Your grace to relieve us, and Your Word to sanctify us. May You have mercy upon us, most gentle and merciful God and Father, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And as You blot out our vices and blemishes, may You extend and increase the graces of your Holy Spirit to us day by day, so that we feel the godly grief that produces true repentance that leads to salvation without regret.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Lord, I Need You

Music and lyrics by Matt Maher

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me

Teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus, You're my hope and stay

*My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You
Your my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP VOWS - Tatum Abel

- 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 4:31-37

SERMON

“Irresistible Authority”

Jason Ellerbee

COMMUNION SONG

Good To Me

Music and Lyrics by Audrey Assad

I put all my hope in the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart on the ground of Your goodness
When I'm bowed down with sorrow, I will lift up Your name
And the foxes in the vineyard will not steal my joy

*Because You are good to me, good to me
You are good to me, good to me, You are good to me*

I lift up my eyes to the hills where my help is found
Your voice fills the night, raise my head up to hear the sound
Though fires burn all around me, I will praise You, my God
And the foxes in the vineyard will not steal my joy

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me
All my life I will trust in Your promise

CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Belgic Confession: Article 1

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about God

People: We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God – eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

My Raptured Soul

Music and lyrics by John Berridge and Clint Wells

If Jesus kindly say, and with a whispering word
“Arise my love and come away,” I run to meet my Lord

My soul is in my ears; my heart is all on flame
My eyes are sweetly drowned in tears, and melted is my frame

*My raptured soul will rise up, and give a cheerful spring
And dart through all the lofty skies, to visit Zion’s King. To visit Zion’s King*

He meets me with a kiss, and with a smiling face
I taste the dear, enchanting bliss, and wonder at His grace

A soft and tender sigh, now heaves my hollowed breast
I long to lay me down and die, and find eternal rest

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