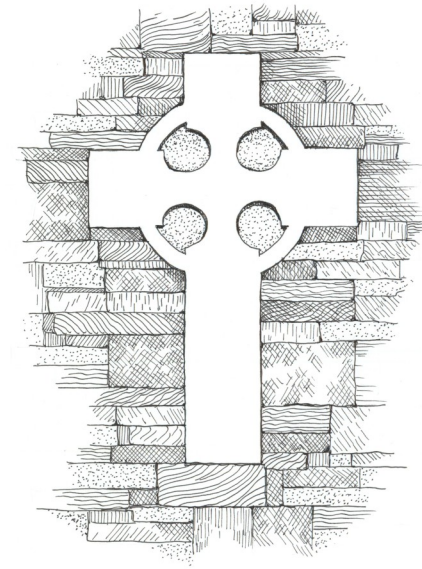




# CHRIST COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2026 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, His days are like grass; He flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.  
~ Psalm 103:8-19 ~

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 57:9-11

Minister: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### Only a Holy God

Music and lyrics by Cityalight

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendor outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a holy God

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing, "Holy!" Forever a holy God  
Come and worship the holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a holy God

## 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.

## 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, over 19 years of age and can provide a comfortable atmosphere. 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." Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. 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** – annual rib cookout will be Sunday, November 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bo and Julie Kennedy.

**Men's Prayer Time** – Friday mornings, 7:00 a.m. in the church session room.

**The Intentional Father Prayer Time** – Monday November 2, 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."*

## 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. 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!

## Women's Stuffed Potato Social!!

Come and join us for a fun and delicious evening of fellowship!

When: Sunday, October 25 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Where: Beth Moultrie's home, 2031 Champion Lane, NE, Cullman, AL 35058  
Potatoes, desserts and drinks will be provided! Just bring your favorite potato topping to share. Some ideas include: -butter - sour cream - shredded cheese - broccoli - bacon bits - pulled pork - chicken - sauces - or any other favorite topping!

# Christ Covenant News

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## This Week’s Activities

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><u>Monday</u></b>    |                             |
| 10:00 a.m.              | Ladies Prayer Time          |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   |                             |
| 6:30 a.m.               | Men’s Breakfast Study       |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Ladies Bible Study          |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> |                             |
| 5:45 p.m.               | Covenant Kids Drop off      |
| 5:45 p.m.               | Covenant Youth              |
| 6:00 p.m.               | Covenant Groups             |
| <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  |                             |
| 6:30 p.m.               | Ladies Bible Study          |
| <b><u>Friday</u></b>    |                             |
| 7:00 a.m.               | Men’s Prayer Time           |
| <b><u>Sunday</u></b>    |                             |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Worship Service & Communion |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Sunday School               |

## Nursery Volunteers Schedule

**October 18**  
Church Service— Mandy Peden  
Faith Stallings  
Sunday School— Elizabeth Ellerbee

**October 25**  
Church Service— Rebekah Taylor  
Kasey Campbell  
Sunday School— Gwen Hays

## Covenant Kids Corner

**October 21** — Session 4 - “Esther Saved Her People” (Esther)

**Menu - Hotdogs**

Parents please be mindful of drop off and pickup times.

**Drop off 5:45 p.m.**                      **Pick up 7:45 p.m.**

## Birthdays This Week

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Oct. 19..... | Kennedi White      |
| Oct. 20..... | Whitney Cook       |
|              | Andrew Kornegay    |
| Oct. 21..... | Lisa Jones         |
|              | Nora Knappenberger |
| Oct. 22..... | David Haynes       |
|              | Alivia Shaw        |
| Oct. 24..... | Leamon Dotson      |
|              | Marie Robinson     |

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Name Tags

Please look out in the Narthex for your name tag. They should be grouped by family in alphabetical order. Now you can know everyone’s name. Please let Angie know if your name tag is missing.

### Please Pray for Our Worship Ministry

As our Session prayerfully seeks the right person to serve on our staff as Worship Leader, we ask the congregation to join us in praying for God’s guidance and provision. Pray that the Lord would lead us to the person He has prepared for this ministry, and that He would give our Session wisdom, unity, and discernment throughout the process. Most of all, pray that throughout this process we would trust the Lord’s perfect timing and provision, knowing that Christ is the Head of His Church and that He will faithfully provide all that we need for the glory of Christ and the building up of His people.

### Bell Ringers

Wanted: Bell Tower Bell Ringers! We have a new bell ringing schedule in the bell tower room. If you have a child 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older, PLEASE encourage them to sign up to ring our bell tower bell. Mom and/or Dad are allowed to help!

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer his only Son  
Who else invites me to call him Father  
Only a holy God, Only my holy God

### **10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

Music and lyrics by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I worship your holy name*

The sun comes up, its a new day dawning  
It’s time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise un-ending  
Ten thousand years and then forever more

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Psalm 32

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, forgive me, for I have despised and forsaken You. I made You a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, I hid my face from You, I despised You and counted You nothing. O Lord, You bore my griefs and carried my sorrows. You were stricken, smitten by God and afflicted, You were wounded for my transgressions, You were crushed for my sins, the chastening for my well-being fell upon You, and it was by Your stripes that I was healed. Like a foolish sheep, I have gone astray, I have turned, like all the rest, to my own way. But the Lord has laid on You every bit of my guilt. Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins, and pray this in Your name, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

### **Abide With Me**

Music and lyrics by Henry Francis Lyte and William Henry Monk

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee  
On to the close, Lord, abide with me

I need Thy presence, every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies  
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord, abide with me

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT

Luke 5:17-26

SERMON

“Your Sins Are Forgiven”

Jason Ellerbee

COMMUNION SONG

I Set My Hope On Jesus

Music and lyrics by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus  
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus  
For the deepest wounds that time won’t heal, there’s a joy that runs still deeper  
Theres a truth that’s more than all I feel, I set my hope on Jesus

*I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust  
Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus*

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus  
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus  
Though the shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of justice  
I will cast my life on Calvary, I set my hope on Jesus

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus  
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus  
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish  
’Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism Q. 152

Minister: What does every sin deserve at the hands of God?

**People: Every sin, even the least, being against the sovereignty, goodness, and holiness of God and against His righteous law, deserves His wrath and curse both in this life and in that which is to come, and cannot be expiated except by the blood of Christ.**

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Music and lyrics by Christopher Miner and Samuel Stennett

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie

All o’er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away

*I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed  
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest

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