

Hope for the Future

October 23rd – October 25th, 2025

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, AL

“Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

Thursday, October 23

5:00pm - 8:00pm

- **Meet and Greet: 5:00-5:30PM**
- **Dinner: 5:30-6:30PM**
- **Session 1: 6:30-8:00PM**
 - God’s Grace in the Heavy Things (Rev. John Fountain and Jessica Gemeinhart)

Friday, October 24

9:00am - 3:30pm

- **Light Breakfast and Fellowship: 9:00-10:00AM**
- **Session 2: 10:00-11:30AM**
 - Won’t You Be My Neighbor? Lessons from 20 years of children’s ministry in a cross-cultural, multi-racial, and socio-economically diverse community (Rev. Zack Owens and Jajuan McNeil)
- **Session 3: 12:00-1:30PM**
 - Lunch and Learn-- Whole Body, Whole Church: Inclusive Ministry for Families Impacted by Disability (Kristian Hatley and Katie Flores)
- **Session 4: 2:00- 3:30PM**
 - Learning from others interviews: Welcoming those with other cultures and languages
 - Deborah Stanghelle, Women’s Director, First Presbyterian Church of Norway
 - Olga Kukushkina, Member of Covenant PCA, Mother of 4 children, Ukraine
 - Luis Arturo León, Hispanic Pastor, Briarwood PCA

Saturday, October 25th

9:30am – 11:00am

- **Session 5: 9:30– 11:00AM**
 - Through Another’s Lens: Becoming a Trauma-Informed Covenant Community (Catie Lumpkin)