

The Lord's Service

August 25, 2024

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

Only God Himself can call us into worship. He sets the terms for worship because, through His Son, He makes worship possible.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 75.1

LEADER: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks,
for your name is near.

PEOPLE: We recount your wondrous deeds.

*Hymn of Adoration

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Text: Psalm 100, adapted by William Kethe (1561)

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1551)

Hymnal No. 1

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

*Invocation

by Elder Ken Henry

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28.13

LEADER: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

PEOPLE: ... but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from the Psalter Hymnal (1987)

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you that we have sinned against you
by what we have done, and by what we have left
undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and
mind and strength;
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways,
by forgetting your love.**

**Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.**

**Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy
Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.1-5

**LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless his holy name! Bless the
Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who
heals all your diseases, who redeems your life
from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast
love and mercy, who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle’s.”**

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Text: Charles Wesley (1740)

Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry (1879)

Hymnal No. 508

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word,
and deed every week. This
prayer begins with silent
confession, followed by
corporate confession as
people equally in need of
God’s grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures
Christians, sinners saved
by grace, that they
are united to Jesus in His
death and resurrection.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 28(p. 460)

read by Elder Jason Coffey

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than ourselves.

Welcome to Our 3 Year Olds

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Hear My Prayer

Words and Music: Moses Hogan (2001)

Sanctuary Choir

O Lord, please hear my prayer,
In the mornin' when I rise.
It's Your servant bound for glory.

O dear Lord, please hear my prayer,
Keep me safe within Your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory.

O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done,
And You come to take me home.

Just to know I'm bound for glory.
And to hear You say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy.
Amen.

Doxology

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church
finishing with the Lord's Prayer

by Pastor Eric Mullinax

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.
Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5.20-22 (p. 810)

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment." ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire.

Sermon

by Pastor Render Caines

WHO AND WHAT

*Hymn of Response *Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness*

Text: stanza 1 by Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876);

stanza 2 by George F. Strickling

Music: LEAD ME, LORD, Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Hymnal No. 727

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands elders to pray with and for God's people, not just publicly, but privately.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Word by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith
together using statements
believed by Christians
over the ages, we join
in the sweep of Christian
history even as we await
the return of Jesus.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 12.1 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: All those that are justified,
God guarantees in and for His only Son Jesus
Christ,
to make partakers of the grace of adoption.
By which they are taken into the number
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the
children of God;
have His name put upon them;
receive the Spirit of adoption;
have access to the throne of grace with
boldness;
are enabled to cry, Abba, Father;
are pitied, protected, provided for,
and chastened by Him as by a father.
They are never cast off,
but sealed to the day of redemption,
and inherit the promises, as heirs of
everlasting salvation.

*Gloria Patri

CORONAE

Glory be to God the Father!
Glory be to God the Son!
Glory be to God the Spirit!
God Almighty, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

God Commissions Us

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the beginning of
the service, He graciously
sends us into our week
with a blessing (good
word) founded on the
redeeming work of Jesus.

*Benediction

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Title: Who and What

Text: Matthew 5.20-22

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

CPC Pastors

Bill Massey (*Interim Senior Pastor*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth & Families*),
Eric Mullinax (*Elder Emeritus-Volunteer for Congregational Care*)

CPC Officers

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John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Matt Wright

WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please fill out a Connection Card (located in each pew).

Join us in the Lobby for coffee and fellowship before Sunday School. If you are visiting or are wanting to become a member of Covenant, consider attending the Visitors Class that meets in Room 120.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Matthew 5.

Finding your way:

Scan the QR code to view a map of our campus. Printed maps can be found on the bulletin board just off the Lobby and outside the Nursery.



For those with children:

Your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. Please take advantage of these helpful tools:

- **Special Bulletin** - designed for our Little Theologians (available in Narthex)
- **Family Worship Room** - where children can be a little louder and more active (windowed room in Sanctuary)
- **Family Restroom and Nursing Mother's Room** (in Family Worship Room)
- **Nursery** - available to children born after September 1, 2021 (deacons can direct you)
- **Calm Kit Bags** - borrow fidgets and tools to help soothe the wiggles during worship (in the Family Worship Room)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 25

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School (*Youth & Children's Promotion Sunday*)

Tuesday, August 27

Ladies' Psalms Study - Rooms 121-122 - 10 am

Ladies' AM Cultural Book/Discussion Series -
Room 120 - 10 am

Ladies' PM Cultural Book/Discussion Series -
Rooms 121-122 - 7 pm

Wednesday, August 28

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
see website for class list

Friday, August 30

Men's Ecclesiastes Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

Sunday, September 1

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School

Monday, September 2

Church Offices Closed - Labor Day

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org

Pastoral Care Line: Call/text your request or need to 423-521-2142

COVENANT LIFE

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

All Sunday School classes resume this week.
See Page 11 for a list of adult classes.

FALL MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

beginning Wed, Aug 28 • 5:30 pm

Join us for the start of Midweek activities.
See Page 12-13 for details

TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED

Youth and Children's Ministries are still in need of teachers/helpers for the fall. If we do not have enough volunteers, we will not be able to offer a class for every grade level this year.

For Children's Ministry, email Sara Southard (SSouthard@cpcchatt.org). For Youth, email Heather Morrison (HMorrison@cpcchatt.org).

Sunday School:

- 3rd Grade helper

Midweek:

- K-2nd Grade Boys teacher
- K-2nd Grade Boys helper
- 9-10th Grade Boys helper

CONGRATULATIONS

The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Frances Anne Rodriguez-Feo, daughter of Charlie and Katie Rodriguez-Feo, born August 16.

From Duty to Delight

Growing in our Love for God through His Word and Prayer



Speaker:
Valerie Massey

Ladies' Fall Retreat

September 27 - 29
Fort Mountain Retreat Center



Cost is \$95. Scan the QR Code to register or call the church office for assistance by September 8.

THANK YOU

Dear CPC Family, I am so very thankful for all of your prayers, calls, cards, and visits that I have received. What an encouragement!
~ Sarah Ann Lonas

She has moved to this new address:

4586 Forsythia Way, Apt. 122, Ooltewah, TN 37363

COVENANT LIFE

LADIES' FALL STUDIES

beginning Tues, Sept 10

10-11:30 am **1 & 2 Thessalonians** | Room 121 -
led by Dianne Cosby & Sarah Wade
These epistles are short but not simple. They are full of Paul's love for believers and weighty teaching. Paul challenges us to live more faithfully as a member of Christ's body, until He comes again. This study is using Kathleen Nielson's book 1 & 2 Thessalonians: Living the Gospel to the End.

6:30-8 pm **Genesis** | Room 105 -
led by Bev Fowler
Beginning with Genesis 12, we will discern Jesus in the stories of His people, and we will see how the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We will use the workbook God of Covenant by Jen Wilkin. Please email bfowler@cpcchatt.org to reserve a spot!

MOMS OF TEENS BOOK STUDY

beginning Tues, Sept 10 • 10 am • Room 120

Tracy Horton will leading a study series on Melissa B. Kruger's book *Parenting with Hope*.

The first three chapters cover foundational principles that are vital for nurturing a home of faith. The middle section covers the battles parents commonly face. The final section of the book considers the blessings parents can offer their children. Scan the QR Code to register for this group.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Sept 7 • 8:30 am • Room 100

At the next Men's Breakfast, Pastor Greg Baney, who serves as the Senior Pastor of Woodlands Gathering, will share about the Lord's calling on his life to reach "First Nation" residents in the northern part of Hamilton County.

We look forward to you joining us for this encouraging time of fellowship. Young men in High School are also invited to join us. Cost: \$5.

MEN'S PSALMS STUDY

Fridays • 8:30 am • Room 105

The Friday Morning Men's Bible Study will begin a new study on September 6 focusing on the Treasury of David (selected Psalms). Join us for this rich time of study and encouragement!

CLOTHES CLOSET COLLECTION

The Ugandan orphanage needs our help again.

Ask friends and neighbors to donate and get involved too! The girls are growing and thriving. The orphanage has been able to expand to take on some boys. See need lists below.

Donations must be placed in the green carts at the bottom of the Youth Stairwell by **October 1**.

Girls: dresses only (for ages 12-19)

Boys: *in need of everything* (for ages 5-12) - shoes, socks, underclothes, shirts, shorts, pj's, belts, etc.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

AUG 25 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Sherry Baierl

Worship - 9:15 am

Sarah & Sylvia Wade (Little Lambs)

Esther McEachern & Connie Sanders
(Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Sandy Coffey & Selah Cross (Little Lambs)

Tammy Bacon & David Gernhard (Busy Bees)

SEPT 1 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Volunteer Needed

Worship - 9:15 am

Camille Ambrose & LoisAnn Atkinson
(Little Lambs)

Betta Cook & Bea Sanders (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Stephen & Mindy Haywood (Little Lambs)

Volunteers Needed (Busy Bees)

FALL SEMESTER DATES

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

- Sunday School Promotion Sunday/
Toddler Welcome into Worship:
Today
- Midweek Classes and Activities begin:
August 28

CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration is required for Sunday Morning and Midweek programs for all children through 12th grade. We know that parents and schools use varying criteria to determine what grade a child is placed in. CPC's age/grade chart is on the online form. Any exception must be approved by the Children/Youth Director.

Scan the QR Code(s) below to register.



Children's
Ministry



Youth
Ministry

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Sept 6 • 6 pm • Room 100

We have two movie options and will provide pizza and popcorn! Hope to see you there!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Visitor's Class: Led by Interim Senior Pastor Bill Massey | Room 120

This is an ongoing class designed for visitors who wish to learn more about Covenant. It addresses our distinctive life, doctrine, and worship as a conservative, Presbyterian, and Reformed church. The New Member's Class is a temporary class before finding your long-term Sunday school class.

College-Age/Career Class: Led by Tim & Bonnie Schoap | Room 208

Study: *"Confronting Christianity"* This study, written by Rebecca McLaughlin, explores 12 issues that are often seen as obstacles to faith, including the reality of suffering, the complexity of modern sexuality and gender, and the reliability of Scripture.

Book of Job: Led by Jon Harris | Rooms 121-122

This class is studying the book of Job using a book by Christopher Ash (*Trusting God in the Darkness: A Guide to Understanding the Book of Job*) as a guide and a resource for those in the class who want to read along. This is a mixed adult class that is open to everyone.

The Reformation: led by Dan Steere, Bill Higgins, and Dee Hobbs | Room 150 (Choir Room)

Have you ever wondered why American Christians are so prone to look to the government for help in doing the work of the Kingdom? The English Reformation is of particular importance to us because much of how we "do church" is inherited from England. This is a mixed adult class that is open to everyone.

Zephaniah Led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, and Lois Crenshaw | Room 119

Zephaniah forces us to hold two aspects of God's character at once—His justice and His love—to see that together they contain the future hope for our world. This is a ladies-only class.

The Life of Moses: Led by Ken Henry | Room 100

This class will study the life of Moses as well as selected passages throughout the Pentateuch. Additionally, this class will look at the culture of ancient Egypt and the impact of Moses on our understanding of Christ and the New Testament. This mixed adult class of all ages is open to everyone.

Romans: Led by Dr. Lamar Allen | Room 105

The epistle to the Romans has profoundly affected those who read it. Many have been converted by its message including Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Wesley. Martin Luther wrote that *"...Romans is the true masterpiece of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul."* This is a mixed adult class that is open to everyone.

MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



August 28: Taco Salad and Mexican Flan Cups

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online (cpcchatt.org/give or scan QR code)



The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can.
Visitors enjoy a free meal.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

If you want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Sept 4 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot. Scan the QR Code to sign-up online for the time you prefer.



CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK

6:30-8 pm: **Nursery** | Room 110 (Birth -2 Yrs.)

6:30-7 pm: **Covenant Choristers Choir** |

Room 220 (K-5th Grade) - *They will learn how to sing and read music. The Children's Choir will occasionally be incorporated into Sunday worship.*

7-8 pm: **Children's Classes**

3-4 Yr. Olds Class | Room 110 - *They will play with toys and games and participate in a short Bible lesson. They may enjoy music, prayer time, Scripture memory, crafts, games, and activities related to Bible lessons.*

Children's Classes | Room 221-225 - *They will learn about how God intends us to live as full human beings, in our thoughts, emotions, and actions. Kindergarten – 2nd grade students will study stories from Scripture that point us to the gospel, and students in 3rd - 5th grade will look at examples of God's faithfulness in men and women throughout Scripture and history. All children will work toward catechism and Scripture memorization goals.*

MIDWEEK

YOUTH MIDWEEK

6:30-6:45 pm: **Youth Worship** | Room 200 -
*The Youth start each Midweek with worship.
6th - 12th grade students gather for a time of
singing and prayer.*

6:45-7:30 pm: **Youth Small Groups** |
Rooms 200-208 - *Small groups are designed
so that students can ask questions and engage in
meaningful conversations about how Scripture
applies to their lives. It's a safe environment
where students can be known and loved, and
where they can pray for and encourage one
another toward maturity in Christ. We have
separate guys and girls small groups divided by
grade level. All groups will be studying
"Honesty" from the SeeJesus study series.*

7:30-8 pm: **Youth Activities** | Room 200 - *After
small group, the youth will gather for various
sports, games, and fellowship time. Friends and
visitors are welcome to join us each week!*

ADULT MIDWEEK

beginning Wed, Aug 28 • 5:30 pm

5:30-6:30 pm: **Dinner** | Room 100

6:30-7 pm: **Bell Choir** | Room 126 -
No experience required.

7-8 pm: **Adult Classes**

GriefShare (begins at 6:30 pm) | Room 119 -
led by Eric & Boo Mullinax - *This group is for
people grieving the death of a loved one. Each
session is "self-contained."*

1 & 2 Peter | Room 105 - led by Lamar
Allen - *Peter's purpose in writing was to teach
endangered Christians how to live victoriously
amid hostility, to live through persecution
without losing hope or becoming bitter. They
were to trust in the Lord while anticipating His
coming again. Pertinent texts from Acts will be
included.*

C.S. Lewis Discussion Group | Room 120 -
led by Edyne Vatt and Ken Henry - *Are you
a C.S. Lewis fan? Join us for an engaging
discussion of Lewis' book God in the Dock and
other Lewis works as time allows.*

Iron Men Study | Room 121-122 -
facilitated by Scott Barber - *Men are invited
to a time of prayer (6:45 pm) and study (7 pm).
We will be studying "Disciplines of a Godly
Man" by R. Kent Hughes. A limited number of
books are available to be purchased, if desired.*

Prayer Group | Room 101 - led by Doug
McEachern

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Room 150 - led
by John Wykoff - *No audition or experience is
required.*

OUTREACH

MISSIONARIES WITH RUF AT UTC



**Davis & Hannah
Mooney**

Davis and Hannah serve with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). In a recent update, Davis shared about the upcoming school year: *"It truly is incredible to reflect back on all that has happened since my family and I moved to Chattanooga in August last year...it has been so encouraging to see the Lord at work on campus as we seek to reach students for Christ and equip them to serve! Summer Conference was easily one of the highlights of the year. The Lord [also] really answered our prayers, and our Guys Small Groups grew this [past] semester."*

Please pray for them and this ministry in these particular ways:

- For incoming intern Grace Kreul as she begins to serve in RUF at UTC
- For their ministry among the students and relationships with the Lord and other students to deepen
- For student outreach especially in August and September
- For incoming freshmen who will be equipped to serve as leaders in a few years; for a strong freshman class

CPC MISSIONARIES TO UTK RUF INTERNATIONAL



Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter

Lee and Jennifer serve with Reformed University Fellowship-International (RUF-I) at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. In a recent update, Lee shared about the upcoming fall semester: *"We are on the cusp of another school year, and we have NO idea exactly what the Lord has planned for our ministry - how we will meet students, what countries they'll be from, what their needs will be, what leadership challenges we might face...or whether we will witness any student coming to new faith in*

Christ. And yet, two things help us lean into hope. First, God has called us to the UT campus to be "servants of Christ" & "stewards of the mysteries of God." And second, Christ has promised to build his global church upon the rock of his Gospel of grace...and He will not fail in that mission."

Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- For their first ever Leaders Retreat (this past weekend) to bear fruit
- For them to meet students in creative & unexpected ways (none of the normal ways are open to them this fall)
- For their opening RUF-I events: 8/22 Dinner & Discovery and 8/24 Welcome Party

