

The Lord's Service

July 27, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Upon the Willows

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 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: **Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel -

PEOPLE: **He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

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.

*Hymn of Adoration

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Hymnal No.32

*Invocation

by Elder Will McDaniel

God Cleanses Us

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.

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.4-6

LEADER: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**PEOPLE: And these words that I command you
today shall be on your heart.**

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Strassburg Liturgy (1539)

**Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and
acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in
unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression
in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor
follow your holy commandments.**

**Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for
your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us
our iniquity which truly is great. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 33.20-22

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

**"Our soul waits for the Lord, he is our help and
our shield. For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name. Let your
steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we
hope in you."**

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 28 (p.460)

read by Elder Ken Henry

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Offertory

Meditation, by J.Massenet
Carolyn Hudson, harp; Rebecca James, violin

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

by Pastor Render Caines

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12.18-24(p.1009)

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

THE MOUNTAIN OF GRACE

*Hymn of Response

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Hymnal No.465

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 2.2

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them;

He is the alone foundation of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things; and has most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever He pleases.

In His sight all things are open and manifest; His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature; so as nothing is to Him contingent or uncertain.

He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands.

To Him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.

*Gloria Patri

GREATOR EX

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Postlude

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.

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.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Words and Music by
Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

VERSE

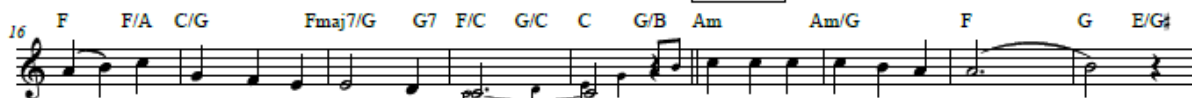


1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em - brace;
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own;

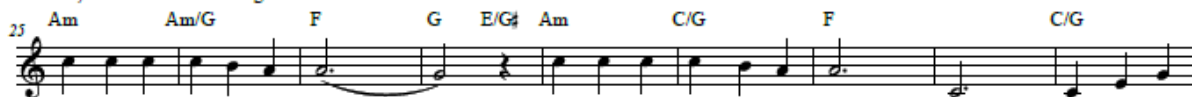


Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
 Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

CHORUS



Oh, You res - cue the souls of men. You are the One that we praise,
 Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.



You are the One we a - dore. You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways

TURNAROUND



hun - ger for, oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

OUTRO



hun - ger

for.

SERMON NOTES

Title: The Mountain of Grace

Text: Hebrews 12.18-24

Intro: The spiritual privileges we have in Christ are almost unimaginable! Our fellowship now is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. The child of God has free access to the inner courts of heaven. How ungrateful, how foolish we would be if we did not come to God by faith in the blood of Jesus and the blessing of His Spirit!

Mission Statement of CPC

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

CPC Pastors

David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor*), Bill Massey (*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship*),
Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth & Families*)

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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 *What Is Presbyterian?* Class that meets in Room 120.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Bill Massey preaches from Hebrews 13.

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, July 27

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Ferrel/McCurdy Wedding Shower - Room 100 - 2 pm

Tuesday, July 29

Ladies Summer Book Study - Room 122 - 10 am

Wednesday, July 30

Communicants' Class Part 1 - Room 200 - 2 pm

OCC Christmas in July - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal resumes - 7 pm

Prayer Group - Pastor Stephenson's Study - 7 pm

Thursday, July 31

Swim Day at Mays' Pool - 11 am - 4 pm

Iron Men Summer Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, Aug 1

Men's Proverbs Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

Communicants' Class Part 2 - Room 200 - 9 am

Sunday, Aug 3

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Summer Marriage Ministry Connect Group -
Room 100 - 6 pm

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

COVENANT LIFE

FERREL WEDDING SHOWER

TODAY • 2 pm • Room 100 (SFH)

Ladies, you are invited to a shower in honor of member Connor Ferrel (who grew up at CPC) and Brooke McCurdy.

Let's encourage and support this young couple as they prepare for their marriage. The couple is registered at Amazon and the Knot.



OCC CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Wed, Jul 30 • 5:30 pm • Room 100 (SFH)

As we prepare for our Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, we are especially in need of more school supplies (on sale now).

More ways to give to OCC:

- * Visit CPC website (cpcchatt.org/give)
- * Search *Operation Christmas Child* on amazon to purchase items to donate
- * Donate McKay's "yellow" money (*OCC team will purchase needed items*)
- * Scan QR code to build a shoebox online



DOOR PRIZES FOR ALL WHO ATTEND!

Grand prize is 3 tickets to Dollywood!

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS

Wed, Jul 30 • 2-6 pm

Fri, Aug 1 • 9 am-1 pm

Pastor Hutchinson is offering a two-part communicants' class for children entering grades 3-5 seeking church membership. The class will have handouts and discussion questions to help the children (and their parents) decide if they are ready for church membership, and to prepare them for their membership interviews with the Session.

Another series will be offered in the fall during the Sunday School hour targeted toward rising 6th-8th graders.

Please contact Shannon Ratliff (sratliff@cpcchatt.org or 423-899-5099) if you have interest in these classes.

HIGH SCHOOL LAKE DAY

Mon, Aug 4 • 9 am • Chester Frost Park

We are so excited for our lake day at Chester Frost Park (2277 Gold Point Circle N, Hixson, TN). Students, meet us at CPC at 9 am for provided transportation, or at Chester Frost Park at 9:30 am. We will return to CPC at 3:30 pm.

COVENANT LIFE

SUMMER SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

Wed, Aug 6 • 5:30 pm • Room 100

Do you miss connecting with your church family during the summer? Take advantage of this opportunity to join us for a delicious supper and great fellowship.

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Chicken BBQ, Ham BBQ, Chips, Slaw, Brownies and Ice Cream

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed, Aug 6 • 7 pm • Room 150 (Choir Room)

Join the Sanctuary Choir! New participants are welcome as we resume practice.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The August birthday/anniversary calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

NURSERY SCHEDULE – TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Tammy Bacon	Calvin Ingram Hannah Ingram Lillie Yonkofski	Jayda Bradley Lorelei Bradley Sarah Wade	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Núñez	Stacy Collins Zach Southard

NURSERY SCHEDULE – Aug 3

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Betta Cook Sophia Cross Tammy Knotts	Grace Durgin Wesley Durgin Dawn Reynolds	Amy Creamer Eleanor James	Dave Gernhard Jack Hostetler

COVENANT LIFE

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

OPEN through Tue, Aug 5

The biblical qualifications for deacons and elders are found in 1 Timothy 3.1-13 and Titus 1.5-9.

Prayerfully consider men who you believe are qualified to serve. They must be members of

CPC for at least two years. Names can be submitted online at cpcchatt.org/nomination.

Printed forms are available in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER AND HELPER OPPORTUNITIES

CPC ministry leaders are busily planning the Fall

Semester. Please pray and consider how God

can use you this coming semester. If you would

like to help, please contact our Children's

Ministry Director, Sara Southard at

[SSouthard@cpcchatt.org](mailto:ssouthard@cpcchatt.org)

REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thu, Aug 14 • 12 pm • Room 100

Ladies, if you suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, we invite you to come and be rekindled through a time of ministry and encouragement over lunch.

RSVP to Sarah at sarahwade@catt.com
or 706-937-5951

Contact the church office
if you need more information.

MIDWEEK KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Midweek meals are resuming **August 27!**

Three of our volunteers have retired and we are looking to fill their spots. If you are available for an occasional Wednesday or every Wednesday night, we can use your help!

Specific needs are:

- * *prepping salad before dinner*
- * *prepping and serving at the drink station*
- * *serving dinner items*

If you would like to help, please contact our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

(We always are looking for helpers to pitch in and clean up after supper as well.)

MISSIONS



Jamie & Bethany
China

Ministry Focus:

Their vision is to use their skills in agriculture and music to restore hope through Christ to those overlooked in Asia. Jamie partners with local farmers to implement conservation farming practices, and they both work at an English adventure camp. Having a heart for students, they support a youth group as well as the camps held nearby.

Prayer:

- For success in cultural, linguistic, and administrative challenges
- For the hearts of youth to be captured and transformed for Christ
- For their marriage and family
- For travel safety during a USA trip soon



Chattanooga Sports Ministries

Ministry Focus:

CSM reaches a large number of kids ages 8-18 throughout our summer soccer program. In recent years, we have also added a fall and spring after-school soccer program. CSM focuses on the neighborhoods of East Chattanooga, Westside, Highland Park, East Lake, and Wheeler Homes. CSM serves a very diverse group of youth including kids from Latino, African American, and Caucasian backgrounds.

Prayer:

- For faithful coaches and volunteers especially for fall programs
- For the needed funding and supplies for year-round programs
- For opportunities to share the Gospel with all participating kids and families

