

# The Lord's Service

August 3, 2025

*\*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

1 Chronicles 16.31-34

LEADER: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations,  
"The Lord reigns!"

PEOPLE: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!

LEADER: Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

PEOPLE: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

### 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

*How Great Is Our God*  
see page 7

### \*Invocation

by Elder Jason Coffey

### 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

Psalms 25.10-11

LEADER: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**PEOPLE: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my  
guilt, for it is great.**

## Private Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

from William Tyndale (Psalm 115.1)

**Father, it is only right for us to acknowledge our sin  
and trespass. Be a merciful Father, and do not deal  
with us according to what we deserve, nor judge us  
too rigorously, but give us grace that we may live in  
such a way that your holy name may be hallowed and  
sanctified in us.**

**Guard our hearts, so that we neither do nor speak,  
that we neither think nor intend, anything but that  
which will bring you honor and praise.**

**Above all things, may we seek the honor and glory of  
your name and not our own. By your great power,  
bring us, your children, to love and revere you as our  
heavenly Father. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1.18

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

**“Come now, let us reason together, says the  
Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they  
shall be as white as snow; though they are red  
like crimson, they shall become like wool.”**

**The peace of the Lord be with you!**

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

## \*Hymn of Assurance

*My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

*Text and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick (2014)*

see page 8

## 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.

## 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.

## Scripture Lesson

Psalm 29 (p.461)  
read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*To God Be the Glory*  
Tune: William H. Doane, Arr. by: Mark Hayes  
Alayne Griffin and Gideon Rimondi

## \*Doxology

MORNING HYMN (No.395)

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.

## Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

## Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 13.1-6(p.1009)

Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

## THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

\*Hymn of Response

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Hymnal No.92

### The Lord's Table

\*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (215)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**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.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

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.

### Instruction

*Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 14 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.*

### Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the  
table, bread, and wine, but  
lift our hearts to Jesus in  
the glory of His Father.

### Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution      *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*  
Hymnal No.253

Hymn      *Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

\*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

Postlude

### **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.

## *How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of the King,  
clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light  
and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God,  
sing with me: how great is our God.  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands,  
and time is in His hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb,

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves  
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## My Worth Is Not in What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
2. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by.  
3. Two won-ders here that I con-fess: My worth and my un-worth-i-ness.



But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name;  
But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. I will not boast in wealth or might,  
My va-lue fixed-my ran - som paid at the cross. 3rd TIME TO CHORUS



in win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.  
or hu-man wis-dom's fleet-ing light. But I will boast in know-ing Christ at the cross.

16 CHORUS



I re-joice in my Re-deem-er-great-est trea-sure, Well-spring of my soul.

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I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis-fied in Him a - lone.



# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** The Community of Christ

**Text:** Hebrews 13.1-6

**Intro:** What a quality of life we share with one another! We are brothers and sisters in the family of God. We enjoy a spiritual tie, which in some respects, may be stronger than the tie of flesh and blood. We are redeemed by the same Savior. We have access to the same heavenly Father. We are indwelt by the same Spirit. What a precious heritage God has bestowed on us in Christ! But to whom much is given much is expected! The privileges of our family identity bring family obligations!

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## **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*)

## **CPC Officers**

ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Dee Hobbs, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Rex Wagner, Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Thomas Blackburn, Jonathan Calloway, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steven James, Eric Mantel, Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, 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 *What Is Presbyterian?* Class that meets in Room 120.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Stephenson preaches from Philippians 1.

### 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 Family Worship Room)

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Aug 3

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*  
Summer Marriage Ministry Connect Group -  
Room 100 - 6 pm

### Monday, Aug 4

High School Lake Day - Chester Frost Park - 9 am

### Tuesday, Aug 5

Ladies Summer Book Study - Room 122 - 10 am  
Women's Ministry Team Mtg - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, Aug 6

Summer Supper Fellowship - Room 100 - 5:30 pm  
Prayer Group - Pastor Stephenson's Study - 7 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 150 - 7 pm  
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 7 pm

### Thursday, Aug 7

Swim Day at Mays' Pool - 11 am - 4 pm  
Iron Men Summer Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

### Friday, Aug 8

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

### Saturday, Aug 9

Choir Christmas Program Workshop - Room 150 -  
9:00 am

### Sunday, Aug 10

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*

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## MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

**Website:** [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org)

**Online Directory:** Contact the church office to request access

**Prayer Requests:** Email your request or update to [prayer@cpcchatt.org](mailto:prayer@cpcchatt.org)

# COVENANT LIFE

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## 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.

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## 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](http://cpcchatt.org/nomination). Printed forms are available in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

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## 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.

- 7-8 pm - Regular rehearsal
- 8-9 pm - Introduce Christmas music

On **Aug 9 - 9 am-12 pm** - we will have a special Christmas program workshop. Afterwards, lunch will be served.

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## LAST SWIM DAY

This Thursday **Aug 7** is the last Swim Day at Peg May's pool (11:00 am - 4:00 pm).

*Be sure to thank her for sharing with all of us!*

Parents, this is NOT a drop-off event. You are responsible for supervising your children and for cleaning up after yourself.

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## 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](mailto:sarahwade@catt.com) or 706-937-5951.

Contact the church office if you need more information.

# COVENANT LIFE

## OCC AUGUST COLLECTION

We collect items all year to fill OCC Shoeboxes and spread the gospel. All donations should be placed on the OCC cart in the Youth Stairwell just off of the Lobby. This month these are the items we are collecting:

Clothing Items:

*Flip-Flops, T-shirts, small dresses, etc.*

Please continue to shop for “Back To School” supplies while they are on sale!

## ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD’S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients:  
tapioca starch, water, potato starch,  
potato flakes, palm oil, honey, egg yolks,  
natural vinegar, salt

## 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
Laura Spotts	Betta Cook Sophia Cross Tammy Knotts	Grace Durgin Wesley Durgin Dawn Reynolds	Amy Creamer Eleanor James	Dave Gernhard Jack Hostetler

## NURSERY SCHEDULE – Aug 10

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Susan Helton	Lois Ann Atkinson Debby Gardner Cisse Griffin	Camille Ambrose Sherlyn Hobbs Marie Horton	Tara Rimondi Ella Rimondi	Evangeline Wykoff Magdalene Wykoff

# COVENANT LIFE

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## 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@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:ECalloway@cpcc chatt.org).

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER AND HELPER OPPORTUNITIES

Please pray and consider how God can use you this coming semester. There is a specific need for a K-2nd grade boys' teacher for Midweek. If you would like to help, please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpcc chatt.org)

# MISSIONS

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## Child Evangelism Fellowship Chattanooga

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### Ministry Focus:

The Greater Chattanooga Chapter, as part of CEF worldwide, presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ to over 11,281 children annually in schools, homes, community centers, YMCAs, churches, and many other venues.

CEF of Tennessee, Greater Chattanooga Chapter has established over 50 Clubs in elementary and middle schools, preschool facilities, community centers, and churches.

They serve in eleven area counties.

### Prayer:

- For volunteers to work all the school year clubs beginning soon
- For the children who attend Good News Club and their families
- For long-term Gospel impact



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## African Bible University Uganda, Liberia, & Malawi

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### Ministry Focus:

African Bible Colleges, Inc. is a higher educational institution where the Bible is central and the growth of Christian life and ministry is essential. All students must take the required Biblical Studies courses as part of the college's Liberal Arts curriculum, as well as general education classes that help the student get ready for a variety of Christian service jobs.

### Prayer:

- For the leadership and teachers/professors of each campus
- For every student who attends classes in person or online, to study diligently and be prepared to share the Gospel and impact their nations