# The Lord's Service

August 10, 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 16.8-11

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

PEOPLE: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

LEADER: Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

PEOPLE: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

#### 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 Pastor Bill Massey

\*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (No.103) All Creatures of Our God and King (No.115) For the Beauty of the Earth (No.116)

## 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

Isaiah 53.6

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have

turned - every one - to his own way;

PEOPLE: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### Private Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Henry Smith, London (16th century)

O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences. Give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom.

And then, being thus fully persuaded, may we have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world.

Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2.8-9

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

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

\*Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

\*Hymn of Assurance

His Mercy Is More (see page 6)

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 40.1-8 (p.468) read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

#### 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.

#### Passing of the Peace

In Christ, we are one family. In this moment, we extend His peace with a handshake, a smile, or a simple greeting. We do this to remind one another of the grace we have received and now share with each other.

#### Scripture Lesson

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

#### **Baptism**

In baptism, ordinary water represents God's work in the covenant of grace to forgive sins through Spiritual washing and the blood of Jesus. It cannot save. It symbolizes that we belong to Jesus and is commanded of every Christian. A child of Christian parents may be baptized because "household" baptism of the New Testament is similar to circumcision of the Old Testament.

# 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.

# 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.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Calvin and Hannah Ingram present Isaac Walter for baptism.

# Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Bill Massey

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

Jesus Paid It All

Text: Elvina Hall, Music: John Grape, Arr. by Robert Sterling Sanctuary Choir

I hear the Savior say "Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim. I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

# \*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.

## Scripture Lesson

Philippians 1.1-11 (p.980)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

- <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you

are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

\*Hymn of Response

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (No.359)

\*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: God, the great Creator of all things, does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

\*Gloria Patri *MEINEKE* 

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.

#### 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.

# **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

#### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

#### Chorus

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn, Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

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# SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Gospel Partnership

**Text**: Philippians 1.1-11

#### **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, 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

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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.

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David 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 the Family Worship Room)

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, Aug 10

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Sunday School - visit cpcchatt.org for class list

#### Tuesday, Aug 12

Men's Ministry Leadership Planning Mtg - Lobby - 7 pm

#### Wednesday, Aug 13

Prayer Group - Pastor Stephenson's Study - 7 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 150 - 7 pm

#### Thursday, Aug 14

Rekindled Ladies Luncheon - Room 100 - 12 pm Iron Men Summer Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

#### Friday, Aug 15

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

#### Saturday, Aug 16

Choir Rehearsal - Room 150 - 9 am

#### Sunday, Aug 17

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am No Sunday School (Semester break) 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**

# SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed, Aug 13 • 7 pm • Room 150 (Choir Room)

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

On **Aug 16 - 9 am-12 pm -** we will have a special Christmas music workshop.

Afterwards, lunch will be served.

# 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.

# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

Next Sunday, **Aug 17**, all Sunday School classes will take a one week break between the semesters. Fall Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, **Aug 24**.

# FALL SEMESTER & PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sun, Aug 24

Sunday School Promotion Sunday for children and youth classes.

# FALL MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

beginning Wed, Aug 27

Be sure to join us for the start of our Midweek meal, classes, and activities for all ages.

Be watching for more information.

# 2025–2026 REGISTRATION FORMS

Fall classes are beginning soon and every child and teen must be registered to attend the Children or Youth classes and activities.

#### Children

Age 3 - Grade 5 cpcchatt.org/ministry/children or scan QR code



#### Youth

Grade 6-12 cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth or scan the QR code



# **COVENANT LIFE**

# MIDWEEK KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Midweek meals are resuming **August 27**!
Three of our volunteers have retired and we need 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
- \* 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.)

# 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@cpcchatt.org

# NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

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

# NURSERY SCHEDULE – Aug 17

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Tammy Bacon	Charlotte Gernhard Lauren Warren Volunteer Needed	Eleanor Gernhard Heather Harris Jon Harris	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

# **MISSIONS**



Davis & Hannah Mooney UTC RUF

#### Ministry Focus:

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) is a campus ministry that reaches college students from all backgrounds with the hope of Jesus Christ. The Mooneys want RUF to be a place where a student can come with questions, find fellowship with others, worship God, serve others, and grow in their knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His work on their behalf.

#### Prayer:

- For students who already know the Lord to grow in their faith
- For unbelievers to hear and believe the Gospel
- For our marriage and family
- For student leaders and small group meetings
- For two new female UTC RUF staff that need financial support



Lee & Jen Leadbetter UTK RUF-International

#### Ministry Focus:

The Leadbetters guide the ministry to more than 1100 international students at the UT-Knoxville campus. RUF-I seeks to serve international students and scholars at UT with the love and hospitality of Christ, and to sensitively engage them with authentic Christianity in order that their lives, families, and home communities might be transformed by the Gospel.

#### Prayer:

- For God to use the staff and volunteer Ministry Team to love and serve students well
- For students from many diverse cultural and religious backgrounds to be drawn to Jesus as Lord and Savior
- For a strong marriage that radiates the Gospel of grace