

The Lord's Service

August 17, 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.

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.

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 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.**

*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

To God Be the Glory (No.55)

Blessed Assurance (No.693)

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone (page 6)

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.**

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *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.”

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

All I Have Is Christ (see page 7)

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.

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.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 28(p.460)
read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Eric and Lucy Mantel present Moses Theodore for baptism.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Praise His Holy Name

Text: John Newton, Keith Hampton, Music: Keith Hampton
Sanctuary Choir

*Sing till the power of the Lord comes down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

*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
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone that and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

*Holy Jesus, praise His name, oh!
Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!
Hallelujah! Let us praise His name!
Hallelujah, Lord! Praise His Holy name!
Praise Him!*

*Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

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 Elder Jason Coffey

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 1.12-18(p.980)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial

guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN HARD PLACES

*Hymn of Response

It Is Well with My Soul (No.691)

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 12.1

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.

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.

*Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

John Newton (1725-1807)

Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I__
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears re lieved. How
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me; His word my hope se - cures. He__



once was_ lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see. *(to verse 2)* My chains are
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
will my_ shield and por - tion be as long as life_ en - dures.



gone, I've been set free! My God, my Sa - vior, has ran somed me. And like a



flood His mer - cy reigns; un - en - ding love, a - maz - ing grace. *(1st time to verse 3;
2nd time repeat chorus
and then go to verse 4)*



4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine. But



God, who called me here be - low, will be for - e - ver mine. Will



be for - e - ver mine. You are for - e - ver mine.

All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-ferent to the cost, You looked up
3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours al - one, and live so all might see the strength to



pro-mised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis-
fol - low Your commands could ne-ver come from me. O, Fa-ther, use my rand-somed

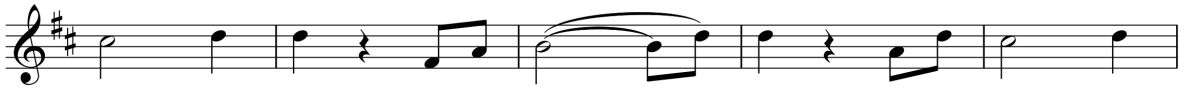


own a re - bel to Your will; And if You had not loved me first, I would re-fuse You
played: You suff-ered in my place; You bore the wrath re-served for me, now all I know is
life in a - ny way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be "my on - ly boast is

Chorus



still. (to verse 2) Hal-le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ. Hal-le - lu - jah! Je-sus
grace. (to chorus)
You!"



is my life! Hal - le - lu - - jah! All I have is



Christ. Hal - le - lu - - jah! Je - sus is my life! (1st time to verse 3;
2nd time repeat chorus)

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Hard Places

Text: Philippians 1.12-18

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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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 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 17

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
No Sunday School (Semester break)
Summer Marriage Ministry Connect Group -
Room 100 - 6 pm

Tuesday, Aug 19

ROMEO Breakfast - Cracker Barrel (Ringgold) - 8 am

Wednesday, Aug 20

Prayer Group - Pastor Stephenson's Study - 7 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 150 - 7 pm
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 7 pm

Thursday, Aug 21

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

Friday, Aug 22

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

Sunday, Aug 24

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

TODAY all Sunday School classes will take a break between the semesters. Fall Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, **Aug 24**.

See the class topic list on page 12.

FALL SEMESTER & PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sun, Aug 24

Sunday School Promotion Sunday for the children and youth classes.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Anna and I would like to thank you all for your prayers for her full recovery from her total hip replacement, and for all the encouraging cards. Your visits, food, tea parties, and the support of Anna's sister - who stayed with her and helped so much - have all been deeply appreciated. She is determined to make a full recovery and we so appreciate your kind words and covet your prayers as she continues to heal. God bless.

~ Lewis and Anna Reid

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING: Nehemiah, *Led by Dianne Cosby* - 10 am - Room 122 (begins 9/9); The main theme of Nehemiah is one of restoration - how one individual's dedication can lead to significant change and renewal within our community.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING: Ezra, Esther, & Nehemiah, *Led by Bev Fowler* - 6:30 pm - Room 119 (begins 9/2) Bring your Bibles and a pen as we explore the times of God's blessing on His people even during exile and the rule of pagan leaders.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING: "Moms of Littles," *Led by Ryan Hostetler & Peyton McDaniel* - 9:30 am - Hostetler Home (begins 9/4, childcare provided on-site); We will study *Risen Motherhood* together.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING: teachings from Forge Ministries, *Facilitated by Phil Spotts* - 6:30 pm - Room 105; FORGE is a weekly gathering of Christ-following men of all ages and backgrounds who are being shaped by the Father into the men they want to be and were originally designed to be. We will be watching and discussing select Forge Ministry videos by Pete Alwinson.

MEN'S FRIDAY MORNING: Proverbs, *Led by Eric Mullinax* - 8:30 am - Room 105; Join us each Friday morning for a time of fellowship and study. Our reading and discussion seek to uncover the foundation of wisdom, mark out the paths that make us wise, and point us to the ultimate source of all true wisdom and understanding, Jesus Christ.

COVENANT LIFE

2025-2026 REGISTRATION FORMS

Fall classes are beginning next week 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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS

There is a specific need for a **3-4yr olds and 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

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Three of our volunteers have retired and we need to fill their spots. We need your help!

Specific needs are prepping salad before dinner and serving dinner items. We always are looking for helpers to clean up after supper as well. If you would like to help, please contact our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Aug 24

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Dianne Cosby Abby Sotelo Kristin Sotelo	Connie Hildebrand Jim Hildebrand Bea Sanders	Catherine Coffey Jason Coffey	Bryonie Wykoff Peter Wykoff

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

WHAT IS PRESBYTERIAN?: *Led by Pastor Bill Massey* | Room 120

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

COLLEGE/CAREER CLASS: *Led by Tim & Bonnie Schoap* | Room 208

“Worship Matters” - Nothing is more essential than worshipping the God who created us. We will examine God-honoring worship and its component parts, including music, prayer, the sacraments, Scripture reading, and more, combining biblical foundations with practical application.

A COLOSSIAN LOOK AT EPHESIANS: *Led by Ken Henry* | Room 100 (Schum Fellowship Hall)

The early church in Colossae received a letter from Paul, and in that letter, they were encouraged to read another letter that Paul had written to churches in that region. Most scholars believe that letter was Ephesians. We will employ both our imaginations and our exegesis skills to study Ephesians as if we were the recipients of that first letter, the book of Colossians. We'll focus on the similarities and differences, and try to discover the message they offer us today. This is a mixed adult class.

LADIES CLASS: *Led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, and Lois Crenshaw* | Room 119

The book of Daniel - Daniel's experiences provide hope and assurance for the day that God will confront evil and deliver his people. This timeless book holds relevance for every generation, imparting a message of hope that serves as a catalyst for unwavering faithfulness.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS: *Led by Dee Hobbs* | Room 150 (Choir Room)

Paul's missionary journeys helped spread the gospel throughout much of the ancient world. Scripture records three separate missionary journeys that took Paul through Greece, Turkey, Syria, and numerous regions you won't find on modern-day maps. Join us as we journey with Paul and witness the establishment of the early church. This is a mixed adult class.

REVELATION: *Led by Dr. Lamar Allen* | Room 105 (Frederick Room)

This will be a multi-semester study of the book of Revelation - 22 chapters, 404 verses. Revelation is often regarded as a challenging book. Our intent will be to unravel complexities to the extent we can. As always, there will be ample time for questions and discussions. Join us for a trip through this important book of the Bible. This is a mixed adult class.

THEMES OF 2 CORINTHIANS: *Hosted by Jon Harris* | Rooms 121-122

This class is studying through 2 Corinthians and discussing various themes of the book, such as ministering out of weakness, the church in conflict, etc. This is a mixed adult class that is open to everyone.

FALL MIDWEEK

BELL CHOIR: *Led by Will McDaniel* | Sanctuary (6:00-6:30 pm)

Handbells are a surprisingly fun way to make beautiful music for worship. No experience is required.

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN LIVING: *Led by Dr. Lamar Allen* | Room 105 (Frederick Room)

This study will use Scripture and the Westminster documents to emphasize the following topics: God's Purpose for Our Life, God's Glory, Learning to Live to God's Glory, Enjoying God's Person, Priorities, Faith, Obedience to Christ, Renewing the Mind, Thought Life that Pleases God, Building Forms, Moral Knowing, Moral Feeling, Moral Action, and Christian Character.

BUSY BEES: *Facilitated by Sherry Baierl & Susan Miller* | Room 119

Ladies, you're welcome to join us for a collaborative time of crafting and fellowship. Whether working on your own handiwork or participating in a group craft, this is a great way to develop friendships as we do life together. This is a ladies' only group.

C.S. LEWIS DISCUSSION GROUP: *Led by Edyne Vatt & Jonathan Calloway* | Room 122

Are you a C.S. Lewis fan? Join us for an engaging discussion of Lewis' book *The Four Loves* and other C.S. Lewis works as time allows.

DAUGHTERS OF THE COVENANT STUDY: *Led by Lois Ann Atkinson* | Room 121

Using *Daughters of the Covenant*, we will learn together the joy of enjoying, embodying, and entrusting God's promises to us. This is a ladies' only study.

MEN'S IRON MEN STUDY: *Led by Bill Massey and Brian Hanks* | Room 120

"You Can Change" - You may be a new Christian, struggling to change the habits of your former way of life, or an older Christian who feels you have plateaued. This study is about the hope we have in Jesus who as our Redeemer, has set us free and will bring us to Glory. Holiness is "good news" because it far surpasses anything sin offers.

PARENTING WITH HOPE: *Facilitated by Ken Henry & Tracy Horton* | Room 208

This study for parents of pre-teens and teens will use Melissa B. Kruger's book *Parenting with Hope*. The book is divided into three sections: foundational principles that are vital for nurturing a home of faith, the battles parents commonly face, and the blessings parents can offer their children. We plan to address some "hot topics" related to teens and culture during this semester.

PRAYER GROUP: *Led by Doug McEachern* | Room 101

Join us for prayer each week as we intercede for the various needs of our church body and individual members.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: *Led by Todd Gaither* | Room 150 (Choir Room)

Sanctuary Choir is a wonderful way to praise God and lead in worship. No audition or experience is

MISSIONS



Daniel & Lydia Mathuva
Kenya

Ministry Focus:

Daniel and Lydia work with Equipping Leaders International in their native Kenya, training and equipping church leaders. Daniel is an experienced Presbyterian pastor who has planted a number of churches in Kenya. (Nationals already know the language and culture where they are ministering, and their support needs are generally lower than American missionaries.)

Prayer:

- For their marriage and family
- For increased support from ministry partners
- For good attendance at training events
- For pastors in East Africa to be strong in their personal walk with the Lord



Andy & Kathy Napier
NC - worldwide

Ministry Focus:

Andy's primary responsibility at TransWorld Radio is producing and hosting a radio program, "Footsteps," for the American audience. It tells the amazing story of what God is doing around the world through TWR and its partner ministries. In essence, Andy is a reporter on the fulfillment of the Great Commission happening through radio broadcasts.

Prayer:

- For safety as Andy travels, for successful work, and for Kathy and the boys while he's away
- For continued support from ministry partners
- For Gospel impact through TWR programs