

The Lord's Service

August 24, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements Testimony of God's Grace
CPC Children's Ministry - Sara Southard

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 29.10-13

LEADER: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty;

PEOPLE: For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

LEADER: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

PEOPLE: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

LEADER: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

PEOPLE: And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

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, Holy, Holy (Hymnal No.100)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) - See page 6

God Cleanses Us

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Book of Common Prayer (1552)

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred
and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have
followed too much the devices and desires of our
hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done, and we have done those things which we
ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable
offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their
faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to
your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus**

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.

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.

our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

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.

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.

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.”

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us - See page 7

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 86(p.494)

read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Behold Our God

Text: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge

Arr. By Bradley Knight

Sanctuary Choir

*Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.*

*Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him*

*Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?*

*Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave;
Jesus Savior risen now to reign.*

*You will reign forever!
Let Your glory fill the earth!*

*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 Elder Tracy Wright

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 1.19-26(p.980)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN LIVING AND DYING

*Hymn of Response

Jesus, I Live to Thee (Hymnal No.516)

Jesus, I live to thee,
the loveliest and best;
my life in thee, thy life in me,
in thy blest love I rest.

Jesus, I die to thee,
whenever death shall come;
to die in thee is life to me
in my eternal home.

Whether to live or die,
I know not which is best;
to live in thee is bliss to me,
to die is endless rest.

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.

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.

Living or dying, Lord,
I ask but to be thine;
my life in thee, thy life in me,
makes heav'n forever mine.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, 1 (1563)

LEADER: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

PEOPLE: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

*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.

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing. it's time to sing your song
2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your Name is great, and your
3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing; the end draws near and my



— a - gain. What - ev - er may pass — and what - ev - er lies be - fore_ me,
heart is kind. For all_ your good-ness I will keep on — sing - ing
time has come, still, my sould will sing your praise un - end - ing,



let me be sing - ing when the ev'-ning comes. Bless the Lord, O my soul;
ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find.
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er more!



O, — my soul, wor-ship his ho - ly Name. Sing like ne-ver be-fore, O my soul, I'll



wor-ship your ho - ly Name. wor-ship your ho - ly Name. — Bless the



Lord, O my soul; O, — my soul, wor-ship his ho - ly Name. — Sing like ne-ver be-fore,



O my soul, I'll wor-ship your ho - ly Name. — Yes, I will



wor-ship your ho - ly Name. — Lord, I'll wor-ship your ho - ly Name. —

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fath-er's love for us. How vast be - yond all meas - ure.
2. Be - hold a Man up - on the cross, My sin up - on his shoul - ders,
3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing. No gifts, no pow'rs, no wis - dom,



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fath - er turns His face a - way,
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - comp - lished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fi - nished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Living and Dying

Text: Philippians 1.19-26

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 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 24

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School Fall Semester begins -
See page 13 for class list

Wednesday, Aug 27

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm
Kids Fall Kick Off - Front Lawn - 6:30 pm
Youth, & Adult Midweek Fall Semester Classes
begin - *See page 14 for class list*

Friday, Aug 29

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

Sunday, Aug 31

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Youth Parent Meeting - Room 200 - 12:05 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

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

COVENANT LIFE

KIDS' FALL KICK-OFF

Wed, Aug 27 • 6:30 pm • Front Lawn

Kick off the start to a new year with lawn games and inflatables after dinner! Don't forget to invite a friend! **Parents please check your children in by 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's hallway.**

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Fri, Sep 5 • 6 pm • Room 200

Mark your calendars for a youth game night! Bring your favorite game to play and snacks to share! Dinner will be provided.

LADIES AT THE LOOKOUTS

Fri, Sep 5 • 6:30 pm • AT&T Field

We are getting reserved seats together to enjoy one of the last games at AT&T field. Invite your friends and neighbors. All ages welcome. Sign up and pay online by Aug 31.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Sep 6 • 8:30 am • Room 100

Men, mark your calendar and plan to join us as Jason and Michael Coffey share "Seeking the Welfare of the City: Loving Our Neighbors through Business." Cost: \$5

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

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

August 27: Pancakes, Sausage, Tater Tots, Yogurt & Fresh Fruit Bar

Sept 3: Shepherd's Pie, Rolls, Salad Bar, Apple Blondies

Sept 10: Glazed Pork Loin, Rice, Carrots, Salad Bar, No Bake Éclair Cake

Sept 17: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Italian Bread, Caesar Salad, Vanilla Mousse Cheesecake

- 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.

MIDWEEK MEAL INGREDIENTS

If you have food allergies/dietary restrictions and want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

This email will include the ingredients used in preparing the meal and if any adaptations are available (gluten free, dairy free, etc.).

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.

RUNNING LATE FOR SUPPER?

If you realize that you will be arriving late for our Midweek meal, you can text Emily by 6:15 pm at 423.432.1743 with your name and ask for a boxed meal to be set aside for you to pick up when you arrive.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

For a list of Midweek meal ingredients please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

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



CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The September 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	Dianne Cosby Abby Sotelo Kristin Sotelo	Connie Hildebrand Jim Hildebrand Bea Sanders	Catherine Coffey Jason Coffey	Bryonie Wykoff Peter Wykoff

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Aug 31

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Shery Baierl	Ellie Wright Lisa Wright Volunteer Needed	Evangeline Cathey Joann Mills Jonathan Mills	Abby Knecht Sarah McCurry	Sandy Coffey Ryan Hostetler

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.

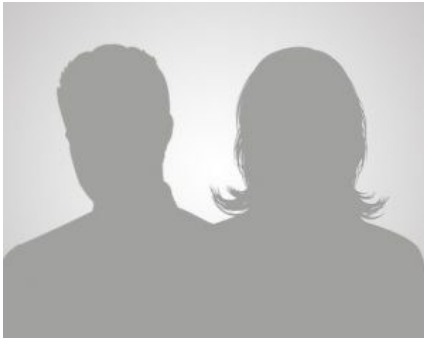
PRAYER GROUP: *Led by Doug McEachern* | Room 101

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



Sujai & Lavanya
India

Ministry Focus:

This Gospel work started in 2004 as an out-patient based clinic in the living room of their home. Now, through a main clinic in Hyderabad and a satellite clinic the ministry meets the needs of hundreds of individuals and families affected by HIV and leprosy each month.

The leaders of the clinic are experiencing more political pressure under the current government regarding their biblical care.

Prayer:

- For safety in all work and political pressures
- For the Gospel to impact every patient
- For wisdom and strength for S & L
- That God might supply the resources (financial, dedicated personnel, facilities) to fully staff the second clinic



Yohan & Chloe Prudente
Harvest USA

Ministry Focus:

Yohan graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary and lives with his beloved wife, in the greater Philadelphia area. Yohan is on the Men's Ministry staff at Harvest USA, assisting in the equipping mission through preaching, teaching, and creating content for the local church. Harvest USA ministers to those who struggle with sexual issues of all types - bringing the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those affected by sexual sin.

Prayer:

- For Yohan and Chloe in their marriage
- For success in raising financial support
- For the Men's Ministry section of Harvest and their small group meetings

