

The Lord's Service

August 31, 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 Worship

Exodus 15.2

LEADER: The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;

PEOPLE: **This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

*Invocation

by Pastor David Stephenson

*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies (Hymnal No.167)

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies,
my silent spirit sighs:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
When evil thoughts molest,
with this I shield my breast:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymnal No.170)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and for evermore be thine.

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (Hymnal No.498)

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
he, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

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.

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.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Family Prayers*, Henry Thornton, London (1837)

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed.

O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2.4-5

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the

great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.”

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

**Please stand and extend God's peace to those around you.*

*Hymn of Assurance

God of Grace - See page 7

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 138(p.521)

read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose

Text: Charles Wesley, Tune: STELLA

Nicky Lewin

*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 Chris Rimondi

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 1.27-30(p.980)

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.

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.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

JOY IN STANDING TOGETHER

*Hymn of Response

We Are God's People (Hymnal No.355)

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **It pleased God in His eternal purpose, to
choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only
begotten Son, to be the Mediator between
God and man, the Prophet, and King, the
Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of**

all things, and Judge of the world. Unto
whom He did from all eternity give a
people to be His seed, and to be by Him in
time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified,
and glorified.

*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

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.

God of Grace



1. God of grace, a - maz - ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free;
2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;
3. God of grace, I stand a - stound - ed, cleansed, for - giv - en, and se - cure.



oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me.
sent my Sav - ior down from hea - ven: per - fect God and per - fect Man.
All my fears are now con - found - ed and my hope is ev - er sure.



God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re - stores my soul.
God of grace, I trust in Je - sus, I'm ac - cept - ted as His own.
God of grace, now crowned in glo - ry, where one day I'll see your face;



His own blood has paid my ran - som, awe - some cost to make me whole.
Ev - 'ry day new grace sus - tains me as I lean on Him a - lone.
and for - ev - er I'll a - dore You in Your ev - er - last - ing grace.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Standing Together

Text: Philippians 1.27-30

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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ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither, Jon Harris,
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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 2.

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, August 31

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

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

Monday, September 1

Church Offices Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 3

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -

Visit cpcchatt.org for class list

Session Mtg - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, September 4

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200 (*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am

Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, September 5

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

Youth Game Night - Room 100 - 6 pm

Ladies at the Lookouts - AT&T field - 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 6

Men's Breakfast - Room 100 - 8:30 am

Sunday, September 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Lord's Supper Celebrated

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

COVENANT LIFE

GROWING TOGETHER (FOR MOMS OF LITTLES)

Thu, Sep 4 • 9:30 am • Room 200

Please note that “Moms of Littles” has changed to “**Growing Together**.” This group is meeting in the Youth Suite (room 200). Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

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 **TODAY**.



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

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

Sun, Sep 7 • 12:05 pm • Room 200

We will have a brief parent meeting check-in about calendar events, curriculum, and to address any questions you may have.

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Sept 10 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot

CPC is partnering with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot. Scan the QR Code to sign-up online.



SENIOR SAINTS VISITATION

We would love to have you join us in visiting our senior saints in September and December this semester. This is a wonderful and meaningful ministry to our seniors as well as a blessing for those who go.

We meet at CPC prior to these visits - praying together and signing cards for those who cannot receive visitors. Typically, we visit in pairs and each pair goes to two senior saints. This will be on a Tuesday or Thursday leaving church around noon and you should be done in a couple of hours.

For September, volunteers please bake and bring wrapped muffins. Then, we will take three or four muffins to each senior along with their special card.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Judy Foster at 423-645-1086 or grammiesno1@live.com.

COVENANT LIFE

2025-2026 REGISTRATION FORMS

Fall classes have begun 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.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING: Nehemiah, *Led by Dianne Cosby and Valerie Massey* - 10 am - Room 122 (begins Sep. 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 Sep. 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: "Growing Together" (for moms of littles), *Led by Ryan Hostetler & Peyton McDaniel* - 9:30 am - Room 200 (*Youth Suite*) (begins Sep. 4, childcare provided); Join us as we 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

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

Sept 24: Sweet and Sticky Grilled Chicken, Roasted Broccoli, Salad Bar, Spice Cake

- 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.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

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.

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Sept 7

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Bekah Gernhard	Lorelei Bradley Judy Foster Volunteer Needed	Grace Doran Marianne Doran Jeannie Hall	Brooke Lieving Timothy Lieving	Neal Doran Nicole Doran

MISSIONS



Stepan & Alla
Belarus

Ministry Focus:

Stepan and Alla are nationals serving in their home country of Belarus. They have six children and several grandchildren. Stepan pastors a small church as well as travelling to many other small towns to offer Communion to those believers without a pastor.

The church has faced opposition yet continues to serve the homeless and disabled.

Prayer:

- For many people in Belarus to become Christians
- For the provision of their extra needs as they help others
- For safety and health as they travel daily
- For locals that have visited their church to be saved



Josh & Ashley Underwood
Scotland

Ministry Focus:

God first gave the Underwood family a heart and love for the people of Scotland during their first visit back in 2014. In a post-Christian secular society like Scotland there is a great need for gospel workers. The Free Church has a vision to see a healthy gospel church for every community in Scotland and to plant 30 new churches by 2030. The Underwoods work with MTW and alongside the Free Church.

Prayer:

- For their marriage and family adjusting to the move to Scotland
- For gospel relationships with their neighbors
- For further discipleship of the church leaders

