

The Lord's Service

September 14, 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

Psalm 65.4

LEADER: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

PEOPLE: **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of
your house,
the holiness of your temple!**

*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
music on page 8

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand.

(Chorus) Oh, sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
Oh, sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, The rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will Heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Hymnal No.500

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

based on Acts 17.28, by Martin Bucer

Heavenly Father, hear the prayer we make before you. Drive from our heart and soul all those things that displease you.

Enable us to understand that we live and move and have our being in you; and that our sins are so great and so offensive before you, that neither your grace nor your life ever could have been restored to us except through the death of your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.7

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

“... hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.”

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Hymnal No.629

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

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.

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.

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.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 84(p.493)

read by Elder Adam Sanders

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Introduction of New Members

Maggie McCurry, Thaddeus & Rebecca McRae

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

At the Name of Jesus

Text: based on Phil.2.6-11, Music: Cindy Berry

Sanctuary Choir

*Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God,
But laid aside his mighty power and glory,
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.*

*He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
Even death on the cross.*

*At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow
In heaven and in earth.
That every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!*

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Todd Smith

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2.5-11 (p.980)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN THE HUMILITY OF JESUS

And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!)
and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me! [Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. [Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. [Refrain]

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.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 8.5

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto 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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, and Sing!

[Verse]



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone. What is our
2. What truth can calm the troub-led soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His
3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!" And what re-



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grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a
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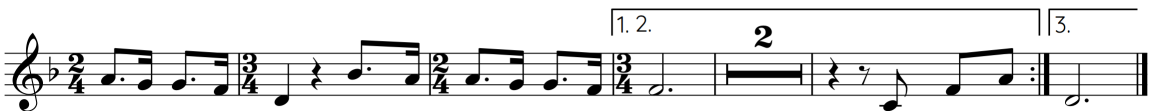


end? The love of Christ in which we stand.
nigh un - to the shore? The rock of Christ.
joy when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

[Refrain]



Oh, sing hal - le - lu-jah, our hope springs e - ter-nal! Oh, sing hal - le - lu-jah, now and



ev-er we con - fess: Christ our hope in life and death.

death

2. What truth can

3. Un - to the

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in the Humility of Jesus

Text: Philippians 2.5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 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, September 14

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

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

Tuesday, September 16

ROMEO Breakfast - Cracker Barrel (Ringgold) - 8 am

Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am

Senior Saints Visitation - Room 100 - 11:30 am

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

Wednesday, September 17

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 18

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

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

Friday, September 19

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

Youth Friday Fellowship - CFA - 11:30 am

Ladies' Movie Night - Schoap's Home - 7 pm

Sunday, September 21

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

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

Diaconate Mtg - Room 121-122 - 12:30 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

SENIOR SAINTS VISITATION

Tue, Sept 16 • 11:30 am • Room 100

We'll meet at CPC prior to the visit - we will pray together and sign cards for those who cannot receive visitors. Typically, we will visit in pairs and each pair goes to two senior saints. We will leave the church around noon and 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.

YOUTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Sept 19 • 11:30 am • Chick-Fil-A

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Chick-Fil-A (1804 Gunbarrel Road).

LADIES' MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Sept 19 • 7 pm • Bonnie Schoap's Home

Ladies you're invited to come enjoy the movie, "Tender Mercies" at Bonnie Schoap's home. Relax, fellowship, and make new friends. Drinks provided, please bring a snack to share.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Oct 17-19 • Camp Vesper Point

Scan the QR Code for more information and to register.

Registration deadline Oct. 8.



LADIES' FALL FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Oct 17 • 6 - 9 pm • Room 100

Sat, Oct 18 • 9am - 12 pm • Room 100

Ladies mark your calendars! More details to come!

MARRIAGE MINISTRY RETREAT

Fri, Mar 13 - Sun, Mar 15

Oak Haven Resort in the Smokies

Save the date! More details to come.

THANK YOU

Dear CPC Family, We would like to thank all those who have helped so generously during our time of need. So many excellent meals were provided, cards arrived in the mail daily, and phone calls were made to check on us. We have no adequate words to express our thanks, but we hope you all know what this means to us. We have felt much love from our Covenant family.

These kindnesses will never be forgotten.

~ Rich and Joan Denkinger

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

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

Oct 1: Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, Peas, Salad Bar, Brownies & Ice Cream

Oct 8: Boneless Wings, French Fries, Salad Bar, M&M Cookie Bars

- 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
Lauren Warren	Hannah Ingram Hannah Pittman Hannah Schreiner	Calvin Ingram Nathan Pittman Micah Schreiner	Lina Lewin Nicole Lewin	David Gernhard Zach Southard

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Sept 21

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Sherry Baierl	Madelyn Horton Sandi Schreiner Lillie Yonkofski	Adam Cathey Ann Kistner Tim Warren	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez	Tracy Lloyd Eric Mullinax

MISSIONS



Heidi Meiners
Hungary

Ministry Focus:

Heidi is a special education teacher at a Christian school that also accepts non-Christian students and students of other nationalities. She now has many students she works with using the NILD (National Institute for Learning Development) program based in Norfolk, VA. The goal is to help students develop the weaker areas of their brains so that they can function in a standard classroom.

Prayer:

- For daily wisdom in teaching and guiding students, both in academic and spiritual needs.
- Staff to fill openings for 2025-26 school year.
- For this year's seniors beginning the next steps of their journey across the globe



Tom & Ann Austin
MTW

Ministry Focus:

They have been with Mission to the World since 1983, when they answered God's call to life-long missions in Africa. For over 14 years they served in Kenya. In 1999, they moved to South Africa where Tom became president of the Bible Institute of South Africa. They now bring vast experience to the needs of training and education for the 21st century Church. Tom's primary focus is to coordinate this work for MTW teams serving all of Africa.

Prayer:

- For faithfulness in teaching truth
- For effective ministry through cross-cultural courses made for MTW
- For Tom as he continues to take chemo medication daily (he is currently in remission); pray that he would be able to stop taking this medicine and that the side effects would subside

