

The Lord's Service

September 21, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Testimony

We bear witness to God's
redeeming grace and
celebrate His faithfulness
as Christ brings restoration
to our lives, our church,
and our world.

Testimony of Making Christ Known

Becky Chinchon - Amani Ya Juu

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

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

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

Across the Lands
music on page 8

You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.
Chorus: You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord
(Hymnal No.16)

Come, let us sing unto the Lord
new songs of praise with sweet accord;
for wonders great by him are done,
his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God
is seen through all the earth abroad;
before the heathen's wond'ring sight
he has revealed his truth and right.

All lands, to God lift up your voice;
sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
with voice of joy and loud acclaim
let all unite and praise his name.

This Is My Father's World
(Hymnal No.111)

This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:
the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heav'n be one.

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

Psalm 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 Book of Common Prayer, London (1789)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

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!**

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

*Hymn of Assurance

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

(Chorus) He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast;
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

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.

He Will Hold Me Fast
music on page 9

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 85(p.493)
read by Elder Adam Sanders

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Jesus I Love Thee

Text: W.Featherston, Music: A.Gordon, Arr. By Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee, all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I'll love thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."*

*In mansions of glory, and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."*

*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 Ken Henry

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2.12-18(p.981)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN WORKING OUT WHAT GOD WORKS IN YOU

*Hymn of Response

Take My Life and Let It Be
(Hymnal No.585)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 8.3

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE: The Lord Jesus, in His human nature thus
united to the divine, was sanctified and
anointed with the Holy Spirit, above
measure, having in Him all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge; in whom it
pleased the Father that all fullness should
dwell, to the end that, being holy,
harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and
truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to
execute the office of a Mediator and
Surety.**

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.

This office He took not unto Himself, but
was called by His Father, who put all
power and judgment into His hand and
gave Him commandment to execute the
same.

*Gloria Patri

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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

Across The Lands

Keith and Kristyn Getty

[Verse]



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be-fore the world be-gan; ev-'ry
(2. Yet you) left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost, and ex-
(3. With a) shout You rose vic-tor-ious, wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave, and as-



star and ev-'ry pla-net has been fash-ioned by Your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-
changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the
cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in Your wake. Now You stand be-fore the



geth-er by the po-wer of Your voice; let the skies de-clare Your glo-ry, let the
hun-gry, with a word You stilled the sea, yet how si-lent-ly You suf-fered that the
Fath-er, in-ter-ced-ing for Your own; from each tribe and tongue and nat-ion, You are

[Refrain]



land and seas re-joice! You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, You're the Lord of ev-'ry
guilt-y may go free.
lead-ing sin-ners home.



man; and Your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands. lands.

2. Yet you
3. With a



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Adas Habershon (1861-1918)

Matt Merker

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Working Out What God Works In You

Text: Philippians 2.12-18

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

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David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor*), Bill Massey (*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship*),

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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 Bill Massey 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, 2022 (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 21

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Diaconate Mtg - Room 121-122 - 12:30 pm

Tuesday, September 23

Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am
Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 24

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list

Thursday, September 25

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200
(*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am
Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 28

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Oct 4 • 8:30 am • Room 100

Men, mark your calendar and plan to join us as Will McDaniel shares his personal testimony of God's work in his life and how God continues to lead him. Cost: \$5

High School young men are also invited!

LADIES' HIKE AND FELLOWSHIP

Sat, Oct 11 • 8 am • Enterprise South

Ladies, you are invited to join us for a hike on Poe Run Path to Hidden Lake and back. Hike options range from 1-3 miles. After the hike, we'll have breakfast at Oaks Coffeehouse. (The rain plan is breakfast and fellowship at Oaks Coffeehouse.)

We will meet at Enterprise South Visitors Center, 190 Still Hollow Loop. Email Ginger Holler (gingerholler@yahoo.com) with questions.

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

Join us as we explore gospel hospitality with short talks by Lois Ann Atkinson, and as we fellowship with food, discussions, and games. There will also be an interview with our pastor's wife, Kelly. On Friday night, soup will be provided by the WM team. Bring a favorite dessert (and recipe) to share, if you are able.

Breakfast will be provided Saturday morning, and nursery is provided for both sessions.

Scan QR code to register.



MARRIAGE MINISTRY RETREAT

Fri, Mar 13 - Sun, Mar 15

Oak Haven Resort in the Smokies

Save the date! More details to come.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Reformation Celebration on Wednesday, October 29. Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Wednesday, October 22.

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

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

Oct 15: Minestrone Soup, Homemade Bread,
Salad Bar, Oatmeal Pie Squares

- 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
Sherry Baierl	Madelyn Horton Sandi Schreiner Lillie Yonkofski	Adam Cathey Ann Kistner Tim Warren	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez	Tracy Lloyd Eric Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE – Sept 28

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Tammy Bacon	Jayda Bradley Barbara Leach Sarah Wade	Jeannie Hall Abby Sotelo Kristin Sotelo	Bev Fowler Bekah Gernhard	Abby Knecht Sarah McCurry

MISSIONS



Jonathan & Maggie Hunter
Central America

Ministry Focus:

After serving in Costa Rica for eight years, the Hunters have transitioned to UWM's Theological Education Initiative. In 2022, they moved to Scotland for Jonathan to work on a Ph.D. at the University of St. Andrews. They just arrived in the USA for Jonathan writes his thesis this fall.

The Hunters plan to return to Latin America to partner in training theologians and scholars.

Prayer:

- For the completion and submission of Jonathan's thesis.
- For the Spirit to direct their vision and plans for the next steps.
- That they would be a witness of the Gospel to their neighbors.



Gary & Phyllis Waldecker
Third Millennium Ministries

Ministry Focus:

The Waldeckers have been missionaries since 1980 - joining Thirdmill in 2015. They are aiding in the mission of creating and providing seminary-level education "for the world, for free." Most pastors in the world have no theological education and no way to obtain one. Thirdmill is working to meet this global need by creating and distributing a high-quality, multimedia seminary curriculum in the major languages of the world.

Prayer:

- For new opportunities in South Africa, Nicaragua, Colombia, and India.
- For the millions of people using Thirdmill materials. Pray that these people would, as a result, be increasingly effective in their ministry.