

The Lord's Service

January 4, 2026

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

Prelude

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.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 68.4

LEADER: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

PEOPLE: Lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

LEADER: His name is the Lord;

PEOPLE: Exult before Him!

*Invocation

by Pastor Eric Mullinax

*Hymn of Adoration

To God Be the Glory
Hymnal No.55

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

Emmanuel
Music page 9

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us.
His name is called Emmanuel.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 3.7

LEADER: Be not wise in your own eyes;
PEOPLE: Fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Strassburg Liturgy (1539)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

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.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

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.”

Psalm 130.7

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

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymnal No. 226

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2, 6-7 (p.572)
read by Elder Jon Harris

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

LASST UNS EFREUEN

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!

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Eric Mullinax

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1.18-25 (p.807)

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

GOD WITH 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.

*Hymn of Response

How Great Thou Art

Hymnal No.44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power thro'out the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou are, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scare can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Chorus*

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

Apostles' Creed (215)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,

[†] "catholic" -- universal

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*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.

The Lord's Table

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 13 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymns for Distribution

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal No.193

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

What Child Is This
Hymnal No.213

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,

let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Hymnal No.208 (Refrain)

O come, let us adore Him, (x3)
Christ the Lord.

We give you all the glory, (x3)
Christ the Lord.

We'll praise Your name forever, (x3)
Christ the Lord.

Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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.

Emmanuel

Words and Music by
Bob McGee

♩=80

1 C/E F F/E Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B_b

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

5 A⁷ A⁷/C[#] Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C E⁷

His name is called Em - man - u - el: God with

10 F F/E Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B_b

us, re - vealed in us!

13 A⁷ A⁷/C[#] Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C

His name is called Em - man - u - el.

SERMON NOTES

Title: God With Us

Text: Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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*)

CPC Officers

ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Jon Harris,

Ken Henry, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi,

Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Rex Wagner,

Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

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Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison,

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. 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.

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from Daniel 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, 2022 (deacons can direct you)
- **Calm Kit Bags** - borrow fidgets and tools to help soothe the wiggles during

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 4

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Wednesday, January 7

Session & Diaconate Joint Meeting - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 8

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

Friday, January 9

Men's Proverbs Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Youth Game Night - Room 100 - 6 pm

Saturday, January 10

Baby Shower for Grace Morrison - Room 121-122 - 2 pm

Sunday, January 11

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - visit cpcchatt.org for class list
Youth Parent Seminar - Room 100 - 12:00 pm

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org These needs are shared M-F. If you have an urgent need, contact your shepherding elder.

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

COVENANT LIFE

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Fri, Jan 9 • 6 pm • Room 100 (SFH)

We hope you can join us for Game Night!
We will be playing a few group games.
Pizza is provided!

MORALES BABY SHOWER

Sat, Jan 10 • 2 pm • Room 121-122

Join us to celebrate and shower Grace (Morrison) Morales, who grew up at CPC, and her husband Fernando as they are expecting their first baby boy in February!

Scan the QR code to see their registry.



YOUTH PARENT SEMINAR

Sun, Jan 11 • Noon • Room 100 (SFH)

Please join us for a seminar introducing our youth ministry spring study - a Biblical Worldview series on sexuality and gender.

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Jan 14 • 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 for the time you prefer.



CPC MEN'S CONFERENCE

JAN 23-24, 2026 - SCHUM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Topic: “Christian Men: Called to Provide and Protect”

COST:

Adults: \$30

Young Men (Grades 9-12): Free



SCHEDULE:

Fri, Jan 23 - 6-9 pm

Sat, Jan 24 - 8:30 am-12 pm



SIGN-UP:

**Scan QR Code for more info
or to sign-up by Sun, Jan 18**



**SPEAKER:
BRIAN COSBY**



**Senior Minister
Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCA)
Signal Mountain, Tennessee**

COVENANT LIFE

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2025 Budget.....\$1,947,725.39

Giving as of 12/28/25.....\$1,951,726.31

Giving as of 12/22/24.....\$2,089,006.53

If you have questions, please contact:

- CPC Treasurer: Gary Cosby
cpctreasurer@cpcchatt.org
- CPC Bookkeeper: Lauren Frye
lfrye@cpcchatt.org

2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

All giving statements will be sent digitally to the email address we have on record in ShelbyNext.

If you would like your giving statement to be mailed or have any questions, please contact the church office at office@cpcchatt.org.

ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Ingredients: gluten-free flour mix (garbanzo bean, tapioca, sorghum, fava beans, potato starch), water, canola oil, and salt.

DIACONATE FUND

As we come to the Lord's Table and share in Christ, we also share in caring for those in need. We receive gifts for the Diaconate Fund as an expression of our shared life in Christ.

The Diaconate Fund, overseen by our Mercy Committee, enables CPC to care for practical needs within our church and community as an expression of Christ's mercy to us. This ministry helps meet real needs in seasons of difficulty and reflects the Gospel's call to love one another in tangible ways.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please use the enclosed envelope and mark it clearly for *Diaconate Fund*.

- Chairman of the Diaconate: Mike Mason
mmason89@comcast.net
- Mercy Committee Chair: Geff Adams
mercy@cpcchatt.org

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The January birthday/anniversary calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

SPRING 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*

Study: Apologetics for an Ever-Changing Culture - A practical and engaging study in apologetics based on Sean McDowell's book of the same name. We will focus on three key areas: Understanding today's culture, building a positive case for Christianity, and engaging the toughest objections with truth and love.

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.

SPRING MIDWEEK

ADULT CLASSES RESUME

Beginning Wed, Jan 14 • 5:30 pm

5:30-6:30 pm: **Dinner** - Room 100

6:15-6:45 pm: **Bell Choir** - Sanctuary

7:00-8:00 pm: **Adult Classes**

• **Busy Bees** - Room 119 - *Facilitated by Sherry Baierl & Susan Miller* - *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.*

• **C.S. Lewis Discussion Group** - Room 105 - *led by Edyne Vatt & Jonathan Calloway* - *Join this group for engaging discussions of Lewis' book The Four Loves which we will finish in January. Next, we plan to do a detailed study of The Abolition of Man.*

• **Iron Men Study** - Room 120 - *led by Bill Massey* - *"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.*

• **Parenting With Hope (beginning Feb 4)** - Room 208 - *Facilitated by Ken Henry & Tracy Horton* - *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** - Room 101 (*Pastor Stephenson's Study*) - *led by Doug McEachern* - *This group intercedes for the various needs of our church body and members.*

• **Saints & Scoundrels** - *Family Worship Room (in Sanctuary)* - *led by Lois Ann Atkinson* - *This ladies only study provides a fresh look at what motivated a number of people associated with Jesus. Their stories help us more clearly see the generous grace of Jesus toward the worst of sinners.*

• **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - Room 150 (*Choir Room*) - *led by Todd Gaither* - *No audition or experience is required.*

YOUTH MIDWEEK

6:30-6:45 pm: **Youth Worship** - Room 121-122

6:45-7:30 pm: **Youth Class & Small Groups** - Rooms 200-206 - *This semester they are studying a series on Biblical Sexuality and Manhood and Womanhood. Topics include: marriage and singleness, effects of the Fall, disordered attractions, how to live out our God-given calling as men and women, gender identity, and more. Our students encounter these topics in everyday life, and it is essential for them to build a firm Biblical foundation grounded in the truths of Scripture.*

COVENANT LIFE

CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK RESUMES

6:30-8 pm: **Nursery** (Birth - 2 Yrs.)

6:30-7 pm: **Children's Choir (K-5th)** - Room 220

7:00-8 pm: **3 & 4 Yrs.** - Room 110 (enter through Nursery) - *Children will play with toys and games and participate in a short Bible lesson. They may enjoy music, prayer time, Scripture memory, crafts, games, and activities related to the Bible lessons.*

Children's Classes - Rooms 221-225 -

Students will learn about how God intends us to live in our thoughts, emotions, and actions.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade students will study stories from Scripture that point us to the gospel, and students 3rd-5th Grade will look at examples of God's faithfulness in men and women throughout Scripture and history. All children will work toward catechism and Scripture memorization goals.

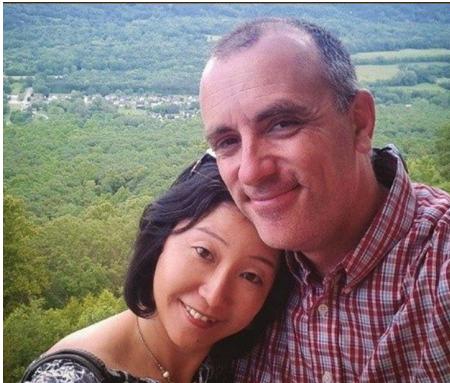
NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Hannah Ingram Esther McEachern Lillie Yonkofski	Sherlyn Hobbs Calvin Ingram Tim Warren	No SS	No SS

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Jan 11

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Susan Helton	Madelyn Horton Dawn Reynolds Sandi Schreiner	Jean Mauroner Richard Mauroner Vera Sanders	Maria Lopez Telllo Jose Romero Nuñes	Ryan Hostetler Lily McDaniel Peyton McDaniel

MISSIONS



Dan & Mako Gilcrist

Ministry Focus:

Dan serves full-time with ELI and has primary responsibility for three training partnerships in Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. He is also responsible for receiving and processing requests from prospective faculty members as well as Christian leaders seeking leadership training partnerships. Mako is responsible for ELI's social media communications in addition to her full-time responsibilities as a mother and registrar at a local school.

Prayer:

- For wisdom and skill of God's grace as Dan takes on new responsibilities as ELI's inaugural Director of Operations;
- For the funds needed for ministry, our growing partnership with Bishop Gitonga in Kenya, establishing new partnerships, coordinating our various teams in East Africa



David & Eowyn Stoddard
Germany

Ministry Focus:

The Stoddards have served with MTW in Berlin, Germany since 2001 as church planters. David currently serves as international director for Europe, overseeing MTW's vision, strategy, and personnel. Eowyn assists David in his role and supports church-planting through evangelism, teaching, and women's initiatives.

Last year they began a church-planting work in Munich.

Prayer:

- For increased support for their new ministry in Munich
- For new relationships with "seekers" in Munich to lead to gospel conversations
- For their grown children: Jesse, Liam, Alethea, Emma, and Ethan