

# The Lord's Service

March 1, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Missionaries

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

Revelation 5.11-13

LEADER: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

LEADER: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

PEOPLE: **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

### 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 David Stephenson

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymnal No.38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Psalm 135.15-18

**LEADER:** The idols of the nations are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands. They have mouths,  
but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not  
see; they have ears, but do not hear, nor is  
there any breath in their mouths.

**PEOPLE:** **Those who make them become like them,  
so do all who trust in them.**

### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Scottish Psalter*, Psalm 51, Edinburgh (1595)

**Father of all mercies, who delights not in the death of  
a sinner, have compassion upon us, and wash us from  
all our sins that we have committed against your holy  
majesty since the time we first came into this world.  
Create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us  
continually with the power of your Holy Spirit that  
we, being truly consecrated to your service, may set  
forth your praises, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

### 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. We  
confess in prayer both  
corporately and privately 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.

## Private Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-4

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

### 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

*Rock of Ages*  
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 Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 42.1-13 (p.602)  
read by Elder Ken Hostetler

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*The Apostles' Creed*

Music: Mark Perry

Choristers

*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, of Mary, the virgin, birthed.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; amen, amen.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilot;  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.*

*On 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 dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of body,  
And life everlasting!*

\*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 Jason Coffey

**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.

Sermon

by Reverend Austin Kettle

IF IT DIES, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT

\*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 voice, and let me sing,  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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**

**Apostles' Creed**

**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<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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.

**\*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.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

# 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 15 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.*

## Sursum Corda

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

## 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.**

## The Institution and Prayer

### Hymns for Distribution

*Come, Behold the  
Wondrous Mystery  
music page 10*

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
in the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven's praises,  
robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness,  
now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ who condescended,  
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,  
He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suffering,  
never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam,  
come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment  
of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,  
Christ, the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption,  
see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory,  
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,  
slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could ever restrain Him,  
praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance,  
how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected  
as we will be when He comes.

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Hymnal No.247

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this, thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.

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

### 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.

Postlude

# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleeker



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King. He the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord u - pon the tree. In the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life. But no



theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our  
liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See our  
stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the  
grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to  
true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the  
price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing  
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in



Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.  
ma - ny sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
po - wer re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes. [Tag]

# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** If It Dies, It Bears Much Fruit

**Text:** John 12.20-26

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## **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: Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Don Griffin, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders (Clerk), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Phil Wade, Rex Wagner, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Thomas Blackburn, Jonathan Calloway, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Jay Helton, Steven James, Eric Mantel (Clerk), Mike Mason (Chairman), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Spotts, Matt Wright

### **Musicians**

Director - Todd Gaither, Piano - Alayne Griffin, Organ - Evangeline Wykoff

## 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 119.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from Daniel 7.

### 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 Family Worship Room)

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 1 - Missions Awareness Week

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Missions-Focused Sunday School

### Tuesday, March 3

Ladies' Bible Study (John) - Room 122 - 10 am

### Wednesday, March 4

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 pm  
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -  
*Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*  
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

### Thursday, March 5

Growing Together (Moms) - Room 105 - 9:30 am

### Friday, March 6

Men's Job Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am  
Middle School Bowling - Spare Time - 6 pm

### Sunday, March 8 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*

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## MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

**Website:** [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org)

**Prayer Requests:** Email your request or update to [prayer@cpcchatt.org](mailto: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

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at [office@cpcchatt.org](mailto:office@cpcchatt.org) to make an appointment.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL – MISSIONS SPEAKERS

- Austin Kettle - MTW Brussels, Belgium - Rooms 121-122
- Jim Jung - MTW Sydney, Australia - Room 105
- Luke McAuley - SIM Kijabe, Kenya - Schum Fellowship Hall (Room 100)
- Josh Willing - RUF at UTC, and Laura Graham - MTW France - Room 200
- Jeff Vaughn - MTW - Choir Room (Room 150)

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## 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](mailto:mmason89@comcast.net)
- Mercy Committee Chair: Geff Adams - [mercy@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:mercy@cpcc chatt.org)

# COVENANT LIFE

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING

**Mar 6 • 6 pm • Spare Time**

We hope your student can join us for a fun night of bowling! Cost: \$10.

Scan QR code to sign up.



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## CPC BLOOD DRIVE

**Wed, Mar 11 • 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.



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## YOUTH REGISTRATIONS

**March 15-21 - Surf Trip #1  
to Jensen Beach, FL**

**March 28-April 1 - Surf Trip #2  
to Jensen Beach, FL**

High School students SIGN UP NOW to participate in an exciting surf adventure..

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**June 15-19 Middle School Edge Conference**

Make plans to join us at the Edge Camp at Covenant College! REGISTRATION IS OPEN.

Scan the QR code to register at [cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth](http://cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth)



## HS MISSIONS TRIP

**Jun 27 - Jul 4, 2036**

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!**

Our Youth Ministry will be taking a group of high school students to Atlantic City, New Jersey to partner with New City Fellowship Church. They will be helping with service projects during the day and running a Bible club in the evenings.

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## URGENT NEED

### MIDWEEK HELPER FOR PRESCHOOL

Can YOU serve in this way?

We need help (all curriculum supplied). Please contact Sara Southard if you are at all interested or have questions at [ssouthard@cpccchatt.org](mailto:ssouthard@cpccchatt.org).

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## OCC MARCH COLLECTION

We collect items all year to fill OCC Shoeboxes and spread the Gospel. All donations should be placed on the OCC cart in the Youth stairwell just off the Lobby. This month these are the items we are collecting:

*knit hats, ball caps, gloves, mittens,  
scarves, socks, earmuffs*

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## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

# COVENANT LIFE

**TODAY IS THE  
LAST DAY TO  
REGISTER!!!!**

## Marriage RETREAT IN THE SMOKIES

**March 13-15 - Oak Haven Resort  
Sevierville, Tennessee**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Coffield**  
**Title: Holding Fast**



Cost: \$250 per/couple  
Register Online by Mar 1

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a time of refreshment and rejuvenation.

Scholarships available. Questions?

Contact Jon or Heather Harris at [heather.c.harris73@gmail.com](mailto:heather.c.harris73@gmail.com)

## LENT RESOURCES

Please visit the Resource Center in the Lobby to check out the new books for Lent.

## 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.

## 2026 SUMMER CAMP DATES

- **Music Camp - Jun 1-5**  
*(Registration opens Apr 15)*
- **The Edge Conference - Jun 15-19**  
*(Registration is open)*
- **HS Mission Trip - June 27 - July 4**  
*(Contact Heather Morrison TODAY to register)*
- **SHINE Camp - July 20-24**  
*(Registration is open for CPC)*
- **Forge Camp - July 30 - Aug 1**  
*(Registration opens Mar 5)*
- **HS Lock-Out - Aug 2-4**

# COVENANT LIFE

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

**March 4:** Soup Night, Salad Bar, Homemade Bread, Strawberry Lemon Blondies

**March 11:** Sloppy Joes, Potato Wedges, Salad Bar, Twinkie Cake

**March 18:** Smothered Burritos, Mexican Salad Bar, Tortilla Chips & Salsa, Churro Bars

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online ([cpcchatt.org/give](http://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 KITCHEN CLEAN-UP HELP

**We currently have a need in the kitchen for weekly help with dish duty!** Please consider serving your church family this way. It is important work that will bless you as well as blessing others. Contact Emily Calloway [ecalloway@cpcchatt.org](mailto: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	Annabelle Cross Hannah Ingram	Brandon Cross Jeannie Hall Calvin Ingram	Ella Rimondi Tara Rimondi	Lily McDaniel Peyton McDaniel

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - Mar 8

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Lauren Warren Bekah Gernhard	Betta Cook Charlotte Gernhard	Madelyn Horton Bethany Sutherland Eppie Joy Sutherland	Eric Mantel Lucy Mantel	Eleanor Gernhard Rebekah Gernhard Ryan Hostetler