

# The Lord's Service

May 17, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Graduates

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 Bill Massey

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Hymnal No.100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Romans 5.8, Hebrews 4.16

**LEADER:** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**PEOPLE:** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Christian Order and Custom*, Bullinger, Zürich (1535)

**We, poor sinners, confess ourselves before you, our Lord God and Maker that, sadly, we have sinned much with our thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well.**

**We regret them and beg your grace. Amen.**

### Private Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 145.13-14

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

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

### 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.

## 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

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Hymnal No.164

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

# God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103 (p.502)  
read by Elder Tracy Wright

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*To the Lamb on the Throne*  
Text: Charles Wesley, Music: Dan Forrest  
Sanctuary Choir

Worthy the Lamb!

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful name;  
the name all victorious of Jesus extol;  
His Kingdom is glorious and rules overall.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”  
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save:  
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have.  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give Him His right,  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

\*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, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Todd Smith

**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 Pastor David Stephenson

**THE WOMAN WHO TOUCHED JESUS:  
WHEN WE'RE SUFFERING SILENTLY**

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call*

*Text Psalm 42 and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa (2019)*

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Lord, Lord, from sorrows deep I call

When my hope is shaken;

Torn and ruined from the fall,

Hear my desperation.

For so long I've pled and prayed,

"God, come to my rescue!"

Even so, the thorn remains;

Still my heart will praise you.

Storms within my troubled soul,

Questions without answers;

On my faith these billows roll—

God, be now my shelter.

Why are you cast down my soul?

Hope in Him who saves you.

When the fires have all grown cold,

Cause this heart to praise You.

Should my life be torn from me,

Every worldly pleasure,

When all I possess is grief,

God be then my treasure.

Be my vision in the night;

Be my hope and refuge.

'Til my faith is turned to sight,

Lord, my heart will praise You.

And oh, my soul, put your hope in God,

My help, my rock, I will praise Him.

Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm;

You're still my God, my salvation.

\*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **God, the great Creator of all things, does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

\*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

Postlude

### 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.

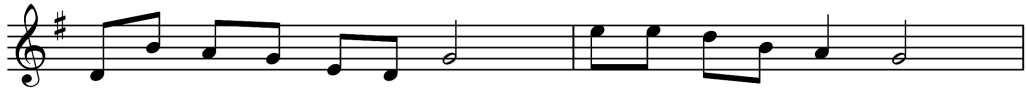
### Benediction

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.

# Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call



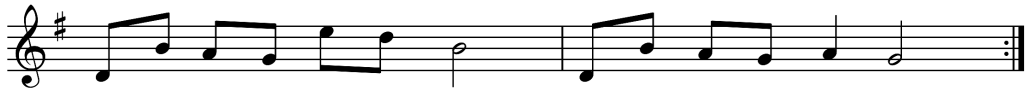
1. Lord, from sor rows deep I call      when my hope is shak - en;  
2. Storms with-in my trou-bled soul,      ques-tions with out an - swers;  
3. Should my life be torn from me,      ev - 'ry world ly plea - sure:



torn and ru - ined from the fall,      hear my des - pe - ra - tion.  
on my faith these bil-lows roll-      God be now my shel - ter.  
when all I pos - sess is grief,      God be then my trea - sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed,      "God, come to my res - cue!"  
Why are you cast down my soul?      Hope in Him who saves you.  
Be my vi - sion in the night;      be my hope and re - fuge.



E - ven so, the thorn re - mains;      still my heart will praise you.  
When the fires have all grown cold,      cause this heart to praise you.  
'Til my faith is turned to sight,      Lord my heart will praise you.



Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** The Woman Who Touched Jesus: When We're Suffering Silently

**Text:** Mark 5.25-34

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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, Dee Hobbs, 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  
French Horn – David Quagliana, Trumpet I – AJ Bowers, Trumpet II – Henry Griffin,  
Trombone – Dennis Rogers, Trombone – Cody Spotts, Tuba - Kevin Rice

# 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 Bill preaches from Luke 23.

## 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, May 17

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*  
Graduate Meet & Great - SFH ~ 11 am  
Diaconate Meeting - Room 121-122 - 12:30 pm

## Tuesday, May 19

ROMEO Breakfast - Cracker Barrel (Ringgold) - 8 am

## Wednesday, May 20

Session & Diaconate Joint Mtg - Room 105 - 6:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Practice - Room 150 - 6:30 pm

## Friday, May 22

We, Three Kings Men's Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

## Sunday, May 24

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

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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.

# COVENANT LIFE

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATION CHANGE

**TODAY • 11 am**

Ken Henry and Dee Hobbs' Sunday School  
Class will meet in the Sanctuary.

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## GRADUATE MEET & GREET

**TODAY • 11 am • SFH**

On your way to Sunday School, feel free to stop by Schum Fellowship Hall to greet our graduating High School seniors. The HS Sunday School class will not be meeting in order to visit with the seniors.

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## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Fridays • 8:30 am • Room 105**

Men, join us Fridays at 8:30 am in Room 105 as we begin a new study called, "*We, Three Kings*," a series on the lives of King David, King Solomon, and greater KING Jesus.

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## FORGE CAMP REGISTRATION

**Camp Dates • Jul 30 - Aug 1**

Online registration for Forge Camp is open. Visit [cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth](http://cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth) or scan QR code to sign-up.

Please email Heather Morrison at [HMorrison@cpcchatt.org](mailto:HMorrison@cpcchatt.org) if you have any questions or want to volunteer.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

All Sunday School classes will take a break between semesters **May 24 and May 31**. The Summer Sunday School semester begins June 7.

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## THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the cards, notes, texts, and emails. I have felt so loved on. Words fail me!

Please continue to pray for me and my family as we walk through this time.

~ Bev Mealor

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On behalf of our family, thank you so much for the kind words, prayers, beautiful flowers, and support that we have received from Covenant Pres. Thank you for loving Davy, Kelly, and family so well during this time. Your continue prayers are needed and appreciated. Thank you!

~ Lane Stephenson

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Nathan Pittman and his family on the loss of his grandfather.

# COVENANT LIFE

## MUSIC CAMP

### June 1-5, 2026

For children ENTERING Kindergarten through 6th Grade

#### REGISTRATION

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to attend Music Camp. Scan the QR Code to register by May 27. If you have any questions or need help getting signed up, please contact the church office.



#### VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

If you are interested in volunteering to help during Music Camp, scan the QR Code to sign-up or contact the church office.



### NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Stacy Collins	Hannah Ingram Hannah Pittman	Christopher Collins Calvin Ingram Nathan Pittman	Evangeline Wykoff Priscilla Wykoff	Ella Rimondi Tara Rimondi

### NURSERY SCHEDULE - May 24

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Sherry Baierl	Lorelei Bradley Judy Foster	Jeannie Hall Heather Harris Jon Harris	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

# GRADUATES

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Kohl Arbuckle..... Silverdale Baptist Academy  
Jake Cathey ..... Oakwood Christian Academy  
Taylor Fisher..... Grace Baptist Academy  
Malachi Harris ..... Chattanooga Christian School  
Will James ..... Georgia Connections Academy  
Carter Johnson..... Homelife Academy  
Peyton Johnson..... Homelife Academy  
Sebastian Lewin ..... Veritas Classical School  
Carson Pearce ..... Ringgold High School  
Ethan Runkle..... Silverdale Baptist Academy  
Abigail Leigh Sotelo..... East Hamilton High School  
Ellie Wright ..... Chattanooga Christian School

Elijah Harris..... Covenant College  
Emily James ..... Covenant College  
Drew Johnson ..... Lee University  
Caleb Lloyd ..... Montreat College  
William John Sotelo..... Covenant College  
Betsy Wade ..... Truett McConnell University

Travis Hutchinson, Master's..... Washington University of VA  
Pierce Wooten, Master's..... University of TN, Knoxville

# MISSIONS

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## Child Evangelism Fellowship Chattanooga

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### Ministry Focus:

The Greater Chattanooga Chapter, as part of CEF worldwide, presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ to over 11,281 children annually in schools, homes, community centers, YMCAs, churches, and many other venues.

CEF of Tennessee, Greater Chattanooga Chapter has established over 50 Clubs in elementary and middle schools, preschool facilities, community centers, and churches.

They serve in eleven area counties.

### Prayer:

- For volunteers to work all the summer clubs beginning soon
- For the children who attend every Good News Club and their families
- For long-term Gospel impact



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## Chattanooga Sports Ministries

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### Ministry Focus:

CSM reaches a large number of kids ages 8-18 throughout our summer soccer program. In recent years, we have also added a fall and spring after-school soccer program. CSM focuses on the neighborhoods of East Chattanooga, Westside, Highland Park, East Lake, and Wheeler Homes. CSM serves a very diverse group of youth including kids from Latino, African American, and Caucasian backgrounds.

### Prayer:

- For faithful coaches and volunteers especially for fall programs
- For the needed funding and supplies for year-round programs
- For opportunities to share the Gospel with all participating kids and families

More details at [cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach](http://cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach)

