

# The Lord's Service

May 24, 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 150.1-6

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!

**PEOPLE:** **Praise Him for his mighty deeds; praise  
Him according to his excellent greatness!**

**LEADER:** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him  
with lute and harp!

**PEOPLE:** **Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!**

**LEADER:** Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him  
with loud clashing cymbals!

**PEOPLE:** **Let everything that has breath praise the  
Lord! Praise the Lord!**

### 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 Travis Hutchinson

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?

*Refrain:* 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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

# 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. We confess in prayer both corporately and privately as people equally in need of God's grace.

## Call to Confession

Ezekiel 36.25-26

**LEADER:** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

**PEOPLE:** And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

from Martin Bucer

**LEADER:** O God the Father of heaven,

**PEOPLE:** Have mercy on us.

**LEADER:** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**PEOPLE:** Have mercy on us,

**LEADER:** O God, the Holy Spirit,

**PEOPLE:** Have mercy on us. Be merciful to us and spare us, O Lord.

**LEADER:** From all sin, from all error, from all evil,

**PEOPLE:** Deliver us, O Lord.

**LEADER:** From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death,

**PEOPLE:** Deliver us, O Lord.

**LEADER:** Lord Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, By your holy nativity,

By your baptism and temptations,

**PEOPLE:** Deliver us, O Lord.

**LEADER:** By your agony and blood,

By your cross and passions,

By your death and burial,

By your resurrection and ascension,

By the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

**PEOPLE:** Deliver us, O Lord. Amen.

## Private Confession of Sin

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1-2, 5 NIV

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

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

## 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

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
Hymnal No.648

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 love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
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.

## 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.

## Scripture Lesson

Psalm 32 (p.462)  
read by Elder Tracy Wright

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*Those Who Wait*  
Text: Pamela Stuart, Music: Craig Courtney  
Sanctuary Choir

My life was your treasured vineyard;  
My soul, your field of grain.  
In summer, I bathed in sunlight;  
In spring, I tasted rain.

I was golden; I was crimson  
Until the harvest came.  
Now I am fallow and lifeless,  
And nothing green remains.

Lord of the fallow season,  
Whose patient work transforms,  
Tend the earth of my spirit.  
Repair, renew, restore.  
Oh, I wait between trusting and doubting;  
The center of hope and despair;  
A place between living and dying  
Where the darkness becomes a prayer.

How long must I dwell in darkness;  
My home, the house of night?  
O God, my Hope, my Help, I call.  
I cannot feel your light.

My soul is full of emptiness  
With nothing left to glean.  
My God, have you forgotten me?  
Am I unheard, unseen?

I confess a shallow faith  
In times your work is slow.  
Scatter the seed within me  
To bloom once more and grow.

\*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

Luke 23.39-43 (p.884)

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

THE THIEF ON THE CROSS: WHEN IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

\*Hymn of Response

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*  
Hymnal No.535

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loveth, ever loveth,  
changeth never, nevermore;  
how he watches o'er his loved ones,  
died to call them all his own;  
how for them he intercedeth,  
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to thee.

**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.

## 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.

† "catholic" -- universal

## 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.

## \*Confession of Faith

from Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>†</sup> and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## \*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

# 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-



on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His  
grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a  
ward will Hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him! There, we will rise to meet the



hand? What comes, a - part from His command? And what will keep us to the  
rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us  
Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed. And we will feast in end - less

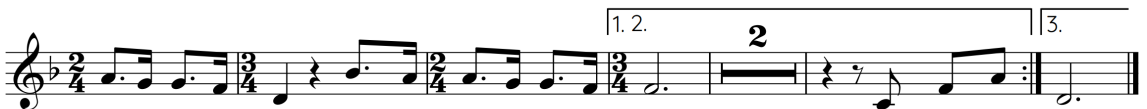


end? The love of Christ in which we stand.  
nigh un - to the shore? The rock of Christ.  
joy when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

[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

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**Title:** The Thief on the Cross: When It's Never Too Late

**Text:** Luke 23.39-43

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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

## 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 after the worship service.

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from John 21.

### 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 24

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
No Sunday School

### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, May 27

Sanctuary Choir Practice - Room 150 - 6:30 pm

### Friday, May 29

We, Three Kings Men's Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am  
College & Career Game Night- Ingram's Home - 5 pm

### Sunday, May 31

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary - 11 am  
No Sunday School

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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 BREAK

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

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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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## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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## 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.

## COLLEGE & CAREER GAME NIGHT

**Fri, May 29 • 5 pm • Ingram's Home**

All College and Career age group is invited to join us for a fun time of games and fellowship.

Dinner will be provided.

Please email Calvin with questions:

[calviningram2013@gmail.com](mailto:calviningram2013@gmail.com)

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sun, May 31 • 11 am • Sanctuary**

The Session is recommending that Bill Massey be called as Associate Pastor. We are grateful for Bill's faithful ministry among us as both Interim Senior Pastor and current Assistant Pastor, and we believe this reflects both his present role and the ways the Lord is using him to serve and shepherd our church. We will hold a congregational meeting on May 31 for a vote on this call, after which the call will be submitted to Presbytery for approval.

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## SWIM DAY AT THE MAYS'

**Thu, Jun 4 • 11 am - 4 pm**

Peg May has graciously opened her pool for CPC families to enjoy.

Swim Day is every Thursday through August 6 and is open 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Parents, this is NOT a drop-off event.

You are responsible for supervising your children and for cleaning up after yourself.

# COVENANT LIFE

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Sat, June 6 • 8:30 am • SFH**

Men, mark your calendar and plan to join us for this encouraging time of fellowship. Don Griffin will be sharing a talk entitled, "Just Keep Walking." Young men in high school are also invited to join us. Cost: \$5.

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## LADIES SUMMER STUDY

**Tue, June 9 • 10 am • Room 121-122**

Ladies, you are warmly invited to join us as we study John: That You May Believe. Through this study, we will seek to deepen our discernment and delight in God's Word, and see the implications of this study for our lives. Led by Valerie Massey & Dianne Cosby, we will continue with chapters 15-21 beginning June 9 through July 14.

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## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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



**Sat, Jun 13 • 10:30 am**

Ladies, join us for our first Summer Indoor Garden Party! All ladies and young ladies of any age are welcome! Edith Dryden will be speaking on "Thirsting for God", and during that time, young girls will have a craft time. There will be a cold buffet, cornhole and other games, and a plant-cuttings swap.

Nursery provided.

Scan QR code to sign up.



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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.



# COVENANT LIFE

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to James Creamer and his family on the loss of his mother, Joann Creamer.

## THANK YOU

Our family is so grateful for this church family. Thank you for your outpouring of love through calls, texts, and emails as we grieve the loss of James's mom, Joann. We look forward to seeing her again some day.  
~The Creamer family

## NARTHEX FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex are placed by Tracy, Amy, and Georgia Wright.

In Memory of:  
PFC Herman O. Gilstrap, KIA, France 1944  
PFC Jacob A. Dennis, KIA, Afghanistan, 2010

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

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

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - May 31

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Annabelle Cross Brandon Cross	Debby Gardner Ann Kistner Babs Leach	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

# MISSIONS

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**David & Eowyn Stoddard**  
Germany

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## 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 and higher taxes
- For new relationships with "seekers" in Munich to lead to gospel conversations
- For the women's ministry at the church plant
- For the pastors David is coaching and other church members going through training



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**Davis & Hannah Mooney**  
UTC RUF

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## Ministry Focus:

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) is a campus ministry that reaches college students from all backgrounds with the hope of Jesus Christ. The Mooneys want RUF to be a place where a student can come with questions, find fellowship with others, worship God, serve others, and grow in their knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His work on their behalf.

## Prayer:

- For students who already know the Lord to grow in their faith
- For unbelievers to hear and believe the Gospel
- For student leaders and small group meetings
- For the 35 students going to the Summer Conference

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