

# The Lord's Service

May 31, 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 105.1-3

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

**PEOPLE: Make known his deeds among the peoples!**

LEADER: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

**PEOPLE: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

### 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 Eric Mullinax

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Behold Our God*  
Music on page 7

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God, seated on His throne,  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave;  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign.

You will reign forever!  
Let Your glory fill the earth!

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

based on Romans 8.39

**LEADER:** We know that nothing is able to separate us  
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Let us in freedom confess the wrong we  
have done.

Corporate Confession of Sin  
from Ambrose

**O Lord, you have mercy upon all - take away from me  
my sins and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your  
Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore  
you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy  
you, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.7

**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.”

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

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Hymnal No.498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking,  
he, my comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
he, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him,  
more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*

# God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23 (p.458)  
read by Elder Tracy Wright

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Total Praise*

Words & Music: Richard Smallwood, Arr. Dave Williamson  
Sanctuary Choir

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from You;  
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

Amen.

\*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 Pastor Eric Mullinax

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

**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

**PETER RESTORED: WHEN FAILURE ISN'T THE END**

\*Hymn of Response

*The Power of the Cross*

Music page 8

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath,  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed,  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

This the pow'r of the cross,  
Son of God slain for us;  
What a love. what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

\*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE: The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto Him.**

\*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.

## 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.

# Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

[Verse]



1. Who has held the o - ceans in his\_ hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of\_ sand?
2. Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the\_ Lord? Who can ques - tion a - ny of His\_ words?
3. Who has felt the nails u - pon his\_ hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful\_ man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice; all cre - a - tion ri - ses to re -  
Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fa - thom all His wond - rous  
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave; Je - sus, Sa - vior ri - sen now to

[Chorus]



joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne; come, let us a - dore Him. Be -  
deeds?  
reign!



hold our king; no - thing can compare; come, let us a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

[Bridge]

*Women:* Let your glo - ry fill the Earth!



*Men:* You will reign for - ev - er!

*(Repeat as directed, then repeat Chorus to end.)*

# The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day, Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
2. Oh, to see the pain writ ten on Your face, bear - ing the awesome weight of sin.
3. Now the day-light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Ma - ker bows His head.
4. Oh, to see my name writ ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
Ev' - ry lit - tle thought, ev' - ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.  
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love. *to coda*



This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.



This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** Peter Restored: When Failure Isn't the End

**Text:** John 21.15-19

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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  
Violin - Rebecca James, Violin - Steven James

# 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 Matthew 8.

## 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 31

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

## Monday, June 1

Music Camp begins - 8:30 am - 12:15 pm

## Tuesday, June 2

Music Camp - 8:30 am - 12:15 pm

## Wednesday, June 3

Music Camp - 8:30 am - 12:15 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Practice - Room 150 - 6:30 pm

## Thursday, June 4

Music Camp - 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Swim Day at Mays' Pool - 11 am - 4 pm  
Middle School Bible Study - 4 pm - Youth Suite

## Friday, June 5

Music Camp - 8:30 am - 12:15 pm  
Music Camp Skate Party - Hamilton Skate Place - 12:30-2:00 pm

## Saturday, June 6

Men's Breakfast - SFH - 8:30 am

## Sunday, June 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*  
Music Camp Presentation - Sanctuary - 6 pm  
Ice Cream Social - SFH - following program

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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

# COVENANT LIFE

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**TODAY • 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. The congregational meeting TODAY is for a vote on this call, after which the call will be submitted to Presbytery for approval.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

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

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## SWIM DAY AT THE MAYS'

**Thursdays thru Aug 6 • 11 am - 4 pm**

Peg May has graciously opened her pool for CPC families to enjoy. Parents, this is NOT a drop-off event. You are responsible for supervising your children and for cleaning up after yourself.

## 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 conclude Kathleen Buswell Nelson's 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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## 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

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## YOUTH SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

**Wed, Jun 10 • 6:30 pm • Front Lawn**

Students, mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Youth Summer Fellowship (YSF)! We will have popsicles, soccer, and games.  
Meet us on the front lawn.

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

**Thu, Jun 11 • 9 am • Youth Suite**

We hope your student can join us for breakfast. We will share a meal together in fellowship.  
Food will be provided.

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**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.



## WEDDING SHOWER



## Ferrel/Milligan Shower

**Sun, Jun 14 • 2 pm • SFH**

We are celebrating Maddie Ferrel and Ben Milligan, who will be getting married on July 25. Please join us in blessing this young couple as they begin their new life together!  
They are registered at The Knot.  
Scan QR code for registry.



## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

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## CONGRATULATIONS

The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Bonnie Ann Schreiner, daughter of Micah and Hannah Schreiner, born May 23.

# COVENANT LIFE

## Baby Supply Donation Drive

*June 11 6AM-6PM*

**DROP OFF NEW BABY ITEMS AT CHOICES  
SUPPORT LOCAL MOMS, DADS & BABIES**



**More Info**  [team.choiceschattanooga.org](http://team.choiceschattanooga.org)



### NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

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

### NURSERY SCHEDULE - June 7

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Sophia Cross Lillie Yonkofski	Marie Horton Joann Mills Jonathan Mills	Amy Creamer	Lois Ann Atkinson Eleanor Gernhard

# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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June 7 to August 9

**WHAT IS PRESBYTERIAN?:** *Led by Pastor Bill Massey | Room 119*

This is an ongoing class designed for those who wish to learn more about CPC. 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 Calvin & Hannah Ingram | Room 208*

Our study is: 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.

**LADIES' CLASS:** *Led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, and Lois Crenshaw | Room 120*

The book of Zephaniah - Zephaniah warns Israel and the surrounding nations that God will judge the nations with a burning fire as He purifies them from sin, evil, and violence. But, this purification will open a new future in which all of humanity can flourish. This is a ladies-only class.

**OUR UNION WITH CHRIST:** *Hosted by Jon Harris and Will McDaniel | Rooms 121-122*

This class is studying through a video series on Our Union with Christ by Sinclair Ferguson for the summer. This is a mixed-adult class open to everyone.

**PROVERBS:** *Led by Ken Henry and Dee Hobbs | Room 100 (Schum Fellowship Hall)*

The book of Proverbs is linked to Solomon and other wise men and contains hundreds of short, clever sayings designed to teach us how to live and act wisely. Each saying touches on a common area of life and shows us what it looks like to live well in God's good world. This is a mixed-adult class open to everyone.

**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 that 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.

# MISSIONS

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## Hope for the Inner City East Chattanooga

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### Ministry Focus:

Through the ministries of Neighborhood Outreach, Jobs Partnership, Harambee Housing Services and Lifting Hands Educational Development, and the renewing power of Christ, Hope for the Inner City seeks to reconcile relationships and change lives by providing leadership development, economic stability, educational opportunities, and affordable housing.

### Prayer:

- For all the outreach programs, especially with youth this summer
- For the renovated gym and dental clinic to make an increased impact
- For financial provision and volunteers



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## Paul Billy & Shirley Arnold India

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### Ministry Focus:

Paul Billy graduated from Covenant Seminary in 1993 with an M.Div. and returned to India to pioneer the Reformed church-planting ministry in southern India.

Reaching out to the children living on the streets of Bangalore led the Arnolds to open a "drop-in" facility and a home for the children.

### Prayer:

- For God's gracious undergirding and protection during trying times in India
- For ministry through Bangalore Pres. Church
- For many churches started by Presbyterian Church Planting Network

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