

The Lord's Service

August 9, 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 34.1-3

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;

PEOPLE: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

LEADER: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

PEOPLE: Let the humble hear and be glad.

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me;

PEOPLE: And let us exalt His name together!

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

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Hymnal No.119

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God

that made the mountains rise,

that spread the flowing seas abroad,

and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained

the sun to rule the day;

the moon shines full at his command

and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn mine eye,
if I survey the ground I tread
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that man can be,
you, God, are present there.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Romans 12.1-2

LEADER: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the
mercies of God, to present your bodies as a
living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.

PEOPLE: **Do not be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern what is the
will of God, what is good and acceptable and
perfect.**

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Psalter Hymnal* (1987)

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you that
we have sinned against you by what we have
done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and
mind and strength; we have not fully loved our
neighbors as ourselves; we have not always had in us
the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we
have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering
from your ways, by forgetting your love.**

**Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us
from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of
your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your
Son, our Savior. Amen.**

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.1-5

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

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord,
O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who
forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your
diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good so that your youth
is renewed like the eagle’s.”

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

He Will Hold Me Fast
music on page 8

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast;
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last! *Refrain*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 65.17-25 (p.624)
read by Elder Jon Harris

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Introduction of New Members

Terry Lay, Bob & Judy Nay, Barbara Rose, Happy & Trish Schimpf

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 our selves.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Rock of Ages
Arr. by James Ward
Libby Fenn, soloist

*Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power*

*Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone*

*Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the 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 my 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*

***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 Phil Wade

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 1.3-9(p.1014)

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

THIS WE BELIEVE: LIFE EVERLASTING

***Hymn of Response**

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.

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

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[†] church,
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.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Postlude

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
 bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Adas Habershon (1861-1918)

Matt Merker

SERMON NOTES

Title: This We Believe: Life Everlasting

Text: 1 Peter 1.3-9

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 - Don Griffin, Organ - Vangie 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 Romans 10.

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, August 9

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Brown/Hocking Wedding Shower - SFH - 2 pm

Monday, August 10

Women's Ministry Team Mtg - Morrison's Home - 6 pm

Tuesday, August 11

Men's Ministry Leadership Mtg - Lobby - 7 pm

Wednesday, August 12

Prayer Group - Room 101 - 7 pm

Sanctuary Choir Practice - Choir Room - 7 pm

Thursday, August 13

Rekindled Ladies' Luncheon - SFH - noon

Haiti (HAFF) Mission Update - Mullinax's Home - 7 pm

Friday, August 14

Men's Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

Sunday, August 16

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Reception/Perry Baby Shower - SFH - 11 am

C. Gaither Baby Shower - Gaither's Home - 2 pm

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



WEDDING SHOWER

Brown/Hocking

TODAY • 2 pm • SFH

Please join us for a wedding shower celebrating the upcoming marriage of Tavis Brown, son of Jason and Gretchen Brown, and Emma Hocking. Celebrate with us as we shower them with love, encouragement, and best wishes as they prepare to begin their life together. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

Scan QR code for their registry.



SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed, Aug 12 • 7 pm • Choir Room (Room 150)

Join the Sanctuary Choir! New participants are welcome as we resume practice.

Sat, Aug 29 - Time TBD

Save the date! Christmas music workshop.

REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thu, Aug 13 • 12 pm • SFH

Ladies, if you have suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, we invite you to come and be rekindled through a time of ministry and encouragement over lunch.

RSVP to Joan at 423-605-9677.

Contact the church office if you need more information.

HAFF MINISTRY UPDATE

Thu, Aug 13 • 7 pm • Mullinax's Home

Join us at Eric and Boo's home for dessert and a conversation with longtime HAFF missionaries

Carla and Colin Wilson. During their stop in Chattanooga before returning to Haiti, Carla and Colin will share the latest news from HAFF's ministry and life on Haiti's Central Plateau.

CPC has partnered with HAFF (Haitian American Friendship Foundation) for many years through mission trips, prayer, and finances.

If you've been a part of that partnership, or would simply like to learn more, we hope you'll join us for this special evening.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Scan the QR code for more information about HAFF.



RECEPTION & SHOWER

Sun, Aug 16 • 11:00 am • SFH

Please make plans to join us for a combined reception and baby shower.

Come express your thanks to Todd Gaither, Mark Perry, and Triston Teague at a reception to honor their faithful leadership throughout this season of transition.

Also, join us in celebrating the upcoming arrival of Mark and Hannah Perry's baby boy!

The Perry's are registered at Babylist.

Scan QR code for their registry.



COVENANT LIFE

GAITHER BABY SHOWER

Sun, Aug 16 • 2 - 4 pm

Todd & Alyssa Gaither's Home

Please join us for a drop-in baby shower for
Chris & Lydia Gaither.

They are registered at Babylist.

Scan QR code for their registry.



COLLEGE & CAREER GAME NIGHT

Fri, Aug 21 • 6 pm • Ingram's Home

All College and Career age group is invited to
join us for an evening of games, fellowship, and
food. Dinner will be provided. Join our GroupMe
for updates - "CPC College and Career."

Please email Calvin with questions:
calviningram2013@gmail.com

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

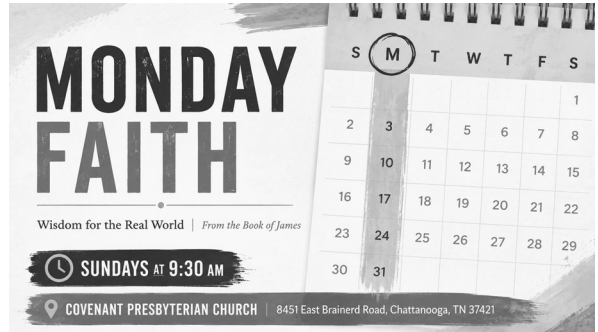
Fri, Aug 21 • 6 pm • SFH

Mark your calendars for a youth game night!
Bring your favorite game to play and snack to
share! Dinner will be provided. We are so
excited to welcome our new 6th graders!
Questions? Contact Heather Morrison at
HMorrison@cpccchatt.org.

NEW SERMON SERIES

"MONDAY FAITH"

Beginning Sun, Aug. 23 • 9:30 am



We have access to more information than ever,
yet wisdom often feels harder to find. We know
more, but anxiety, conflict, confusion, and
loneliness continue to grow. The book of James
shows us how to face hardship, make wise
decisions, manage money, build healthy
relationships, find purpose, and follow Jesus
in everyday life.

**What does genuine faith look like on an ordinary
Monday?** Come discover the answer in
the Book of James.

INSTALLATION SERVICE & RECEPTION

Sun, Aug 23 • 6 pm • SFH

Join us in Schum Fellowship Hall as we worship
the Lord and install Bill Massey as our Associate
Pastor of Discipleship and Travis Hutchinson as
our Assistant Pastor of Youth and Families.
A time of fellowship and light snacks will follow.
We look forward to seeing you there!

COVENANT LIFE

CHILDREN & YOUTH TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED:

Sunday School (Aug 23 start)

- 2 & 3 year olds class helper
- 4th grade co-teacher

Midweek (Aug 26 start)

- K - 2nd grade boys teacher
- 3rd-5th grade girls co-teacher
- 3rd-5th grade boys teacher & helper
- ~~3 & 4 year olds class teacher~~
- Middle School Girls teacher

If you would like to help, please contact:
Children's Ministry - Sara Southard at
SSouthard@cpccchatt.org
Youth Ministry - Heather Morrison at
HMorrison@cpccchatt.org

MIDWEEK KITCHEN HELP

Midweek meals are resuming **August 26!**
We are in search of **one good dishwasher** who
can help this fall semester on Wednesdays
during kitchen cleanup (around 6 pm).
We would love for you to join our crew!

If you are a high school student looking for
volunteer hours, consider helping before or after
dinner. Please contact Emily Calloway at
ECalloway@cpccchatt.org.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT SAVE THE DATE

Fri, Sep 25 - Sun, Sep 27

Join us for a refreshing weekend at our
Women's Fall Retreat at beautiful Cloudland
Canyon! Together we'll enjoy meaningful
fellowship, encouraging Bible teaching, heartfelt
worship, and time to relax in God's beautiful
creation. Come be renewed, deepen your faith,
and build lasting friendships as we grow together
in Christ. More details to come.

2026-2027 REGISTRATION FORMS

Fall classes are beginning soon and every child
and teen must be registered to attend the
Children or Youth classes and activities.

Children

Age 3 - Grade 5

cpccchatt.org/ministry/children
or scan QR code



Youth

Grade 6-12

cpccchatt.org/ministry/youth
or scan the QR code



COVENANT LIFE

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sunday, Aug 16**
No Sunday School (Semester Break)
- **Sunday, Aug 23**
Fall Sunday School semester begins
6 pm - Installation Service
- **Wednesday, Aug 26**
Fall Midweek semester begins

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Jeanie, Josh, Caleb, and their families on the loss of Charles “Charlie” Ray.

THANK YOU

From Dale Knutson and Family --

“Joy and comfort came to the Knutson family during the past few days and weeks as Covenant ministered to us during the challenge of caregiving and the death of Mary Knutson. Your prayer, ongoing encouragement and support brought significance to our bonds in Christ.”

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Susan Helton	Annaliese Spotts Laura Spotts	Camille Ambrose Bea Sanders Constance Sanders	Charlotte McCurry Sarah McCurry	Adam Cathey David Gernhard

NURSERY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 16

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Lauren Warren	Lisa Wright Lillie Yonkofski	Dawn Reynolds Vera Sanders Tim Warren	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

MISSIONS



Metanoia Prison Ministries
Barry Smith

Ministry Focus:

Metanoia partners in ministry with over 130 churches nationwide. The “discipleship through correspondence ministry” has grown to touch more than 1,300 prisoners each year and involves over 500 volunteers. The mentoring ministry has also expanded into a total of four facilities across the southeast and plans to expand into several more.

Walker State Prison is a local facility where CPC men have partnered. **More mentors are needed.**

Prayer:

- For God to provide the financial partners to carry out the ministry.
- For all of the ministry staff and volunteers
- For prisoners to grow in Christ through both correspondence and direct mentoring



Davis & Hannah Mooney
UTC RUF

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 new students arriving for the fall semester
- For unbelievers to hear and believe the Gospel
- For student leaders and small group meetings
- For students who already know the Lord to grow in their faith