

The Lord's Service

August 30, 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 117.1-2

LEADER: Praise the LORD, all nations!

PEOPLE: Extol him, all peoples!

LEADER: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and
the faithfulness of the LORD endures
forever.

PEOPLE: 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 Bill Massey

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Call to Confession

Psalm 66.16, 18-20

LEADER: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

PEOPLE: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

LEADER: But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

PEOPLE: Blessed be God, because he has not
rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast love from me!

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Heinrich Bullinger, Swiss Reformer (Zurich), c. 1510

I, a poor sinful person, confess myself before you, my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned much, with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.31-34

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

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for 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

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy;
have mercy on us.

Trisagion
Music page 7

It Is Well with My Soul
Hymnal No.691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

Refrain: It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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 our selves.

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.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 119.1-24(p.512)
read by Elder Jon Harris

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Will Lift Up My Eyes
Text: Psalm 121, Music: John Purifoy
Sanctuary Choir

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

*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 Phil Wade

Scripture Lesson

James 1.12-18(p.926)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

THE INNER BATTLE

*Hymn of Response

Psalm 150
Music page 8-9

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Chorus: Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness All creation
Praise the Lord Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust
In love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus *Chorus*

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal *Chorus*

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, 1 (1563)

LEADER: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and
in death?

PEOPLE: **That I am not my own, but belong body and
soul, in life and death to my faithful Savior
Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins
with His precious blood, and has set me free
from the tyranny of the devil. He also
watches over me in such a way that not a
hair can fall from my head without the will
of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things**

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.

must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for 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

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.

*Benediction

Postlude

Trisagion

Words & Music by Fernando Ortega

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might -

- y; Ho - ly, Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy, have

mer - cy on us.

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Words & Music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Choir

1.You made the star - ry hosts, you traced the moun - tain peaks, you
2.You reached in - to the dust, in love your Spir - it breathed; you
3.Let sym - pho - nies re - sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all

Choir

4
paint the ev - 'ning sky with won - ders. The earth, it is your throne, from
formed us in your ver - y like - ness to know your won-drous works, to
heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its

Choir

7
des - ert to the sea; all na - ture tes - ti - fies your splen - dor:
tell your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing chor - us: Praise the
hon - ors to the King, a roar of har - mo - nies e - ter - nal:

Choir

10
Lord, praise the Lord, sing his great - ness, all cre - a - tion; Praise the Lord, raise your

15

Choir

voice, you heights and all you depths, from fur - thest east to west, let ev - 'ry - thing that

18

Choir

has breath praise the Lord! west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and

22

Choir

far, from sky to sea to shore, sing out for - ev - er -

24

Choir

more, let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord!

SERMON NOTES

Title: The Inner Battle

Text: James 1.12-18

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 (*Associate Pastor of Discipleship*), Travis Hutchinson (*Assistant Pastor of Youth & Families*)

CPC Officers

ELDERS: Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Don Griffin, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Dee Hobbs
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Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Spotts, Matt Wright

Musicians

Director: Joshua Spacht, Piano: Alayne Griffin, Organ: Vangie Wykoff
Violin: Bryonie Wykoff, Viola: Nichole Pitts, Cello: Callie Widener

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 James 1.

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 30

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - [visit cpcchatt.org](http://visit.cpcchatt.org) for class list
Youth Parent Meeting - SFH - 12:05 pm
Ferrel/Smith Wedding Shower - Orthner's Home - 2 pm

Wednesday, September 2

Blood Drive - Bloodmobile - 4:30 pm
Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, September 3

Young Mom's Bible Study - Room 105 - 9:30 am

Friday, September 4

Men's Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Youth Friday Fellowship - Chick-fil-A - 11:30 am

Sunday, September 6

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

NEWCOMER LUNCH

Sun, Sep 20 • 12:15 pm • SFH

Welcome, we are so glad you're here! You are invited to a Newcomer Lunch with Pastor David Stephenson and his wife, Kelly, in Schum Fellowship Hall. Please contact Shannon Ratliff at Sratliff@cpcchatt.org or 423-899-5099 to RSVP for lunch or to ask additional questions.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

COVENANT LIFE

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

TODAY • 12:05 pm • SFH

We will have a brief parent meeting to talk through the Fall calendar events, curriculum, and to address any questions you may have.

WEDDING SHOWER

TODAY • 2 pm • Kelly Orthner's Home

Please join us for a wedding shower celebrating the upcoming wedding of Meg Ferrel, daughter of Melissa Ferrel, and Graham Smith. They are registered at The Knot.



CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Sep 2 • 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.



YOUNG MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Thu, Sep 3 • 9:30 am • Room 105

Join us on Thursday mornings this fall as we study *Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood: An 11-week devotional Bible Study*, by Melissa Kruger. Nursery available.

YOUTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Sep 4 • 11:30 am • Chick-fil-A

Join us for a time of fellowship for our homeschool families in the youth group! Parents are welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES PROVERBS STUDY

Begins Tue, Sep 8 • 10 am • Room 122

Join us Tuesday mornings as we study the background, shape, and themes of the book of Proverbs using Kathleen Nielson's book, *Proverbs: The Ways of Wisdom*.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Sep 12 • 8:30 am • SFH

Men, mark your calendar and plan to join us for food and fellowship as Doug McEachern shares a talk entitled, "Everyday is a Holiday!" Young men in high school are invited to join us.
Cost: \$5

WOMEN'S PODCAST & DISCUSSION GROUP

Sat, Sep 12 • 10 am • Holler's Home

Come listen and join in the discussion of Rosaria Butterfield's podcast, "When a Loved One Rejects God's Design." Bring a snack to share.

COVENANT LIFE

SENIOR SAINTS VISITATION

Tue, Sep 15 • 11:30 am • CPC

This is a wonderful and meaningful ministry to our seniors as well as a blessing for those who go to see them.

We will meet at CPC to pack muffins and the gifts that our children's class has made, sign cards to take to our seniors, and pray together. Typically, we visit in pairs and each pair goes to two senior saints. We will leave the church around noon and you should be done in a couple of hours.

We'd love to have you join us. Please contact Judy Foster at 423-645-1086 or grammiesno1@live.com.

LIVESTREAM UPDATE



We have recently added a CPC YouTube channel to our livestream options. On your TV, in the YouTube app, search for Covenant Presbyterian Chattanooga or, on your computer, go directly to our channel's page youtube.com/@cpcchatt. The livestream of our Sunday service continues to be available on our website, cpcchatt.org/live, and on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/cpcchatt](https://facebook.com/cpcchatt).

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT ORDINARY LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Fri, Sep 25 - Sun, Sep 27
Cloudland Canyon**

Join us for a refreshing weekend at our Women's Fall Retreat at beautiful Cloudland Canyon! We will be talking about spiritual growth through the ordinary means of grace.

Women from our church will share their journeys in growth. High schoolers are welcome with a chaperone. Sign-up at the women's ministry table as well as online (cpcchatt.org).

Registration closes Tue, Sep 8.



WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

Beginning in September

Are you looking for a place to grow in your faith? Consider joining a Women's Journey Group.

Scan the QR Code
for more info or to register.



COVENANT LIFE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Proverbs Study: *Led by Dianne Cosby and Valerie Massey* - Tuesdays, 10 am - Room 122 (begins 9/8); We will study the background, shape and themes of the book of Proverbs using Kathleen Nielson's book, *Proverbs: The Ways of Wisdom*.

Young Moms' Bible Study: *Led by Ryan Hostetler & Peyton McDaniel* - Thursdays, 9:30 am - Room 105 (begins 9/3, childcare provided on-site); We will study *Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood*: An 11-week Devotional Bible Study by Melissa Kruger.

Men's "We Three Kings" Study: *Led by Eric Mullinax* - Fridays, 8:30 am - Room 105; Join us each Friday morning for a time of fellowship and study. Our reading and discussion focuses on the lives of King David, King Solomon, and greater KING Jesus.

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

cpcchatt.org/ministry/children
or scan QR code



Youth

Grade 6-12

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



CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

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

MIDWEEK MENU

Sep 2: Marry Me Chicken with Pasta, Green Beans, Salad Bar, and Lemon Pie Coffee Cake

Sep 9: Philly Cheese Steak Sloppy Joes, Oven Fries, Salad Bar, and Banana Bread Cake

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online (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.

Food allergies? For a list of Midweek meal ingredients email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org

MIDWEEK KITCHEN HELP

We are in search of a **dishwasher** and other helpers this fall semester during kitchen cleanup (Wednesdays 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@cpcchatt.org.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Tammy Bacon	Vera Sanders Lisa Wright	Dianne Cosby Meghan Lewis Lily McDaniel	Bryonie Wykoff Magdalene Wykoff	John Wykoff Peter Wykoff

NURSERY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 6

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Volunteer Needed	Hannah Schreiner Micah Schreiner	Betta Cook Debby Gardner Amelia Wahlers	Evangeline Wykoff Priscilla Wykoff	Lucy Mantel Susan Mantel

MISSIONS



Stepan & Alla
Belarus

Ministry Focus:

Stepan and Alla are nationals serving in their home country of Belarus. They have six children and several grandchildren. Stepan pastors a small church as well as travelling to many other small towns to offer Communion to those believers without a pastor.

The church has faced opposition yet continues to serve the homeless and disabled.

Prayer:

- For many people in Belarus to become Christians
- For safety and health as they travel daily
- For locals that have visited their church to be saved
- For the provision of their extra needs as they help others



Josh & Ashley Underwood
Scotland

Ministry Focus:

The Underwoods work alongside the Free Church in this monumental endeavor with the skills and talents that the Lord has given them, particularly through discipleship and evangelism. There is a great need for gospel workers in a post-Christian secular society like Scotland. The Free Church has a vision to see a healthy gospel church for every community in Scotland and to plant 30 new churches by 2030.

Prayer:

- For their marriage and family
- For Gospel-centered relationships with their neighbors and others
- For their leadership of a Youth Club group and Josh preaching in September services

More details at cpcchatt.org/ministry/outreach