

The Lord's Service

September 13, 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 65.4

LEADER: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

PEOPLE: **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of
your house, the holiness of your temple!**

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

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?

The love of Christ in which we stand.

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.

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.

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28.13

LEADER: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

PEOPLE: but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Church Practices*, Bucer, Strassburg (1539)

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. We implore you, remember your goodness and for your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.6-8

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

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person -- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die -- but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died 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.*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Before the Throne of God Above

Music on page 10

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart. *(repeat)*

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me. *(repeat)*

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God. *(repeat)*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

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

Baptism

In baptism, ordinary water represents God's work in the covenant of grace to forgive sins through Spiritual washing and the blood of Jesus. It cannot save. It symbolizes that we belong to Jesus and is commanded of every Christian. A child of Christian parents may be baptized because "household" baptism of the New Testament is similar to circumcision of the Old Testament.

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.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 146(p.525)

read by Elder Jason Coffey

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Introduction of New Members, Baptism

*Grant Coffey; Cody, Courtney, Judah, and Rylee Glodfelter;
Jon Michael Hutchinson; Everett McClelland; Lisa Stogner*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

With a Voice of Singing

Text & Music: Martin Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of his name.

Make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

*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 Pastor Bill Massey

Scripture Lesson

James 2.1-13(p.1011)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

FAITH WITHOUT FAVORITES

*Hymn of Response

Jesus Shall Reign
Hymnal No.441

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

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.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: Those whom God effectually called, He also freely justified: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

*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

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

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

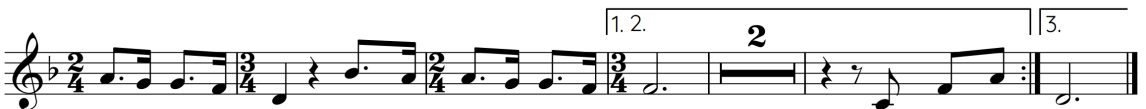


end? The love of Christ in which we stand.
nigh un - to the shore? The rock of Christ.
joy when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

[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

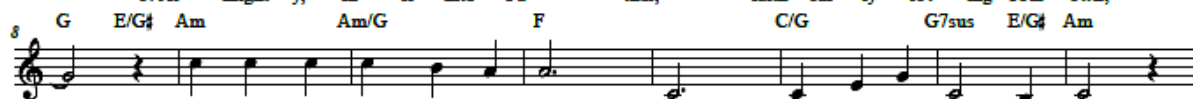
Wonderful Merciful Savior

Words and Music by
Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

VERSE

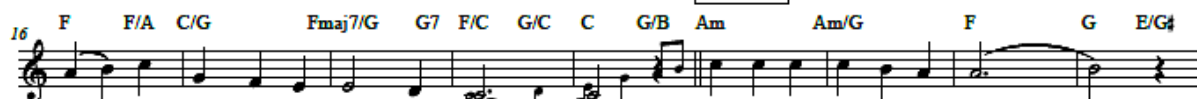


1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em - brace;
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own;

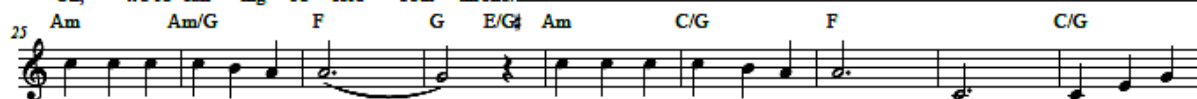


Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?
You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

CHORUS



Oh, You res - cue the souls of men. You are the One that we praise,
Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.



You are the One we a - dore. You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways

TURNAROUND



hun - ger for, oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

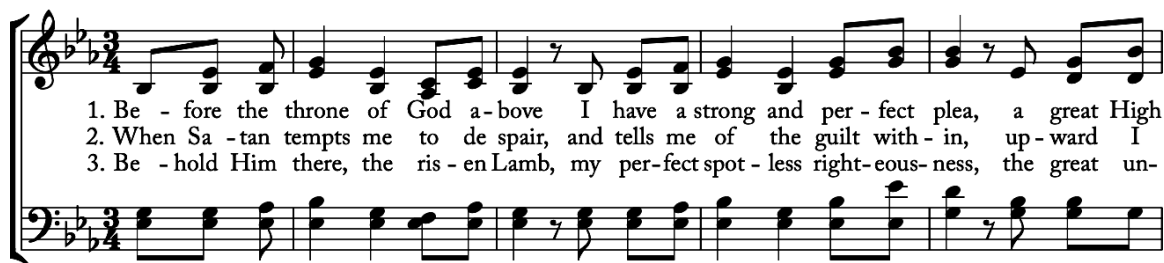
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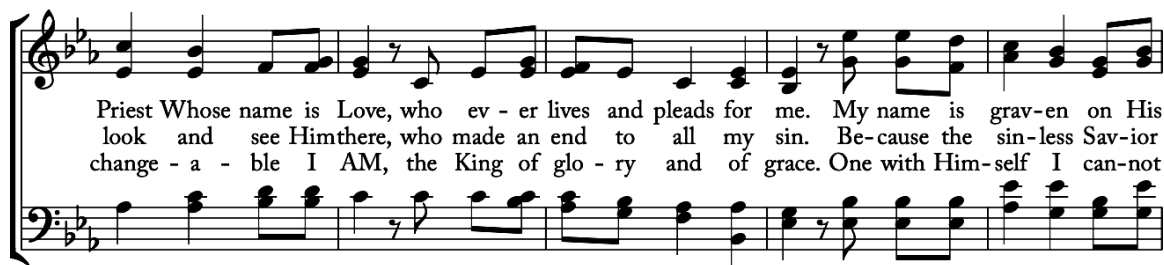
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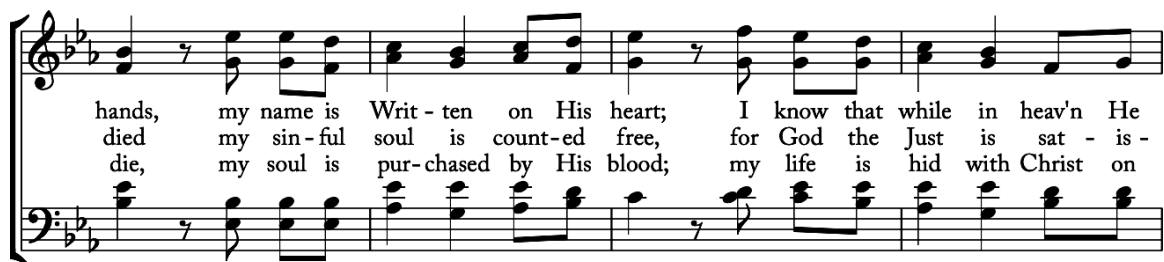
Before the Throne of God Above



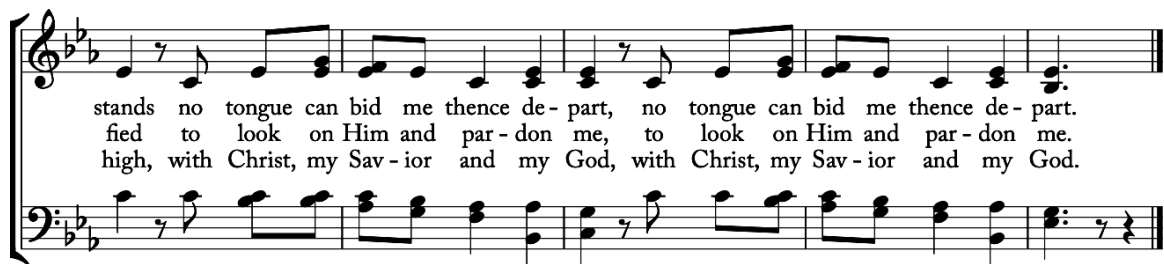
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
 3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest Whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
 look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
 change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I can - not



hands, my name is Writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He
 died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the Just is sat - is -
 die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
 high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Faith Without Favorites

Text: James 2.1-13

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 Children & Youth*)

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

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Eric Mantel (Clerk), Mike Mason (Chairman), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison,
Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Spotts, Matt Wright

Musicians

Director: Joshua Spacht, Piano: Alayne Griffin, Organ: Vangie Wykoff
Violin: Rebecca James, Flute: Cindy Solfest-Wallis, Clarinet: Ashley Leigh,
Guitar: Will Sotelo, Percussion: Caitlin Jones

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 James 2.

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, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

ROMEO - Ringgold Cracker Barrel - 8 am
Women's Proverbs Study - Room 122 - 10 am
Senior Saints Visitation - SFH - 11:30 am

Wednesday, September 16

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
[Visit cpcchatt.org](http://Visit.cpcchatt.org) for class list
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

Men's Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Christmas Choir Kickoff - Hullander Barn - 6 pm

Saturday, September 19

Youth Service Project - Meet at CPC - 9:30 am
Christmas Choir Kickoff - Hullander Barn - 12 pm

Sunday, September 20

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - [visit cpcchatt.org](http://visit.cpcchatt.org) for class list
Newcomer Lunch - SFH - 12:15 pm
Diaconate Meeting - Room 121-122 - 12:30 pm

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.

COVENANT LIFE

SENIOR SAINTS VISITATION

Tue, Sep 15 • 11:30 am • SFH

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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR KICKOFF

Fri, Sep 18 • 6-9 pm • Hullander Barn

Sat, Sep 19 • 12-6 pm

Join us for our Christmas music workshop at the Hullander Barn. We will start with dinner and fellowship on Friday evening followed by a music preview and rehearsal time. On Saturday we will have lunch and fellowship and music preview and rehearsal.

New participants are welcome to join us! If you're new and interested, please email Melissa Ferrel at mferrel@cpcchatt.org.

Scan QR code to sign up for the kickoff event.



YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Sat, Sep 19 • 9:30 am • SFH

Join us for a Youth Service Project Day as we serve Senior Saints in our church family! Students will be divided into groups of 3-4 with a parent leader. Each group will visit 2-3 homes to help with small household tasks such as sweeping or changing light bulbs, or other simple projects. We'll meet at CPC first to receive house assignments and instructions before heading out to serve. Scan the QR code to sign up or email

Heather Morrison at hmorrison@cpcchatt.org.



- SENIOR SAINTS - HOW CAN WE HELP?

Sat, Sep 19 • 9:30 am

The youth are excited to spend the day serving and spending time with our Senior Saints! Do you have a small task or project around your home that could use a helping hand?

Pick up a form on the table in the lobby.

Complete the form, then place it in Heather Morrison's box or on a desk in the church office.

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

COLLEGE & CAREER GAME NIGHT

Fri, Sep 25 • 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



CEF
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOOD NEWS CLUB

*Good News Club is a weekly after-school club
for students led by CEF trained volunteers.*

**WE NEED YOU at Ooltewah Elementary
School - Thursdays - 3:00 - 4:45 pm.**

Contact Diane Lazor dlazor7@gmail.com
to sign up or for additional questions.

**Good News Club Volunteer Training
Thu, Oct 2 - 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
at Stuart Heights Baptist Church**

Cost is \$35 and includes lunch, training materials, and background check. This is required for new volunteers and is also open to anyone wanting a refresher on the training.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

**Fri, Oct 16 - Sun, Oct 18
Camp Vester Point**

We're excited about the Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Vester Point and hope you can join us for a great weekend! We will spend the weekend fellowshiping, playing games, worshipping, and hearing from our speaker.

Scan QR code to register.

Register online by Mon, Oct 5!



OCC SEPTEMBER COLLECTION

We collect items all year to fill OCC Shoeboxes and spread the Gospel. All donations should be placed on the OCC cart in the Youth Stairwell just off of the Lobby. This month these are the items we are collecting:

Recreation Items:

*fishing supplies, sports items, games,
soccer balls & pumps*

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

COVENANT LIFE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Proverbs Study: *Led by Dianne Cosby and Valerie Massey* - Tuesdays, 10 am - Room 122

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 (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



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).

COVENANT LIFE

MIDWEEK MENU

Sep 16: Breakfast for Dinner: Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Bar, Eggs, Sausage, Tater Tots, and Honey Bun Cake

Sep 23: Chicken Pot Pie Over Biscuits, Salad Bar, and Strawberry Lasagna

- 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

RUNNING LATE FOR SUPPER?

If you realize that you will be arriving late for our Midweek meal, you can text Emily by 6:15 pm at 423.432.1743 with your name and ask for a boxed meal to be set aside for you to pick up when you arrive.

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Sherry Baierl	Hannah Ingram Hannah Pittman	Sherlyn Hobbs Calvin Ingram Nathan Pittman	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez	Ryan Hostetler Peyton McDaniel

NURSERY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 20

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Annabelle Cross	Connie Sanders Kelly Stephenson	Grace Durgin Wesley Durgin Donna Schreiner	Sally Forrester Tracy Lloyd	Jonathan McClelland Mollie McClelland

MISSIONS



Heidi Meiners
Hungary

Ministry Focus:

Heidi partners with SHARE Education Services to provide educational consultations, assessments, and other support for the children of global workers in Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa. Heidi has a passion for helping students succeed and thrive in the classroom and in other areas of life.

She also serves as the TCK advocate for Mesa Global families who serve in Europe.

Prayer:

- For daily wisdom in teaching and guiding students, both in academic and spiritual needs.
- For Heidi's adjustment to new roles with SHARE Education Services
- For faithful financial supporters



Linda Summer
Agape Puppets - Worldwide

Ministry Focus:

Each year, Agape Puppets shares the true love of Jesus Christ with over 70,000 children, teenagers, and adults across five continents. They also train and equip teams in many countries to reach their children (and parents) for Jesus. Using puppets and storytelling, they tell children living in desperate places that there is hope.

Prayer:

- For their current work and travel in Peru
- For Linda's physical health and spiritual vigor
- For international safety and finances
- For new believers to grow and be connected to a local church for discipleship and encouragement

More details at cpcchatt.org/ministry/outreach

