

# The Lord's Service

September 20, 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 75.1

LEADER: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks,  
for your name is near.

PEOPLE: **We recount your wondrous deeds.**

### Invocation

This prayer addresses God  
in three persons, asking  
Him to be present with  
us in worship to help  
us worship Him according  
to His will.

### \*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Hymnal No.598

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

1 John 1.8-10

**LEADER:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and  
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**PEOPLE:** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a  
liar, and his Word is not in 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.

## **Corporate Confession of Sin**

*from Be Thou My Vision, (2021)*

**O Almighty and merciful Father, you pour your  
benefits upon us—forgive the unthankfulness with  
which we have returned your goodness. We have  
remained before you with dead and senseless hearts,  
unkindled with love of your gentle and enduring  
goodness. Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we  
be turned. Make us with our whole heart to hunger  
and thirst after you, and with all our longing to desire  
you. Amen.**

## **Private Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

1 John 2.1-2

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

“My little children, I am writing these things to  
you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does  
sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus  
Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for  
our sins, and not for ours only but also for the  
sins of the whole world.”

### **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.*

\*Hymns of Assurance

*Trisagion*  
Music page 8

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

*His Mercy Is More*  
Music page 9

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

*Chorus:* Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. *Chorus*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. *Chorus*

# 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.

## 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 132(p.519)  
read by Elder Jason Coffey

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*O God Beyond All Praising*

Text: Michael Perry, Music: Gustav Holt, Arr by Mack Wilberg  
Sanctuary Choir

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today,  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word.  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

## \*Doxology

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
Hymnal No.100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## Prayer of the Church

by Elder Todd Smith

## Scripture Lesson

James 2.14-26(p.1012)

## Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

FAITH THAT WORKS

\*Hymn of Response

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*  
Hymnal No.1

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

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.

## 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, 11.2

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE: Faith, receiving and resting on Christ and His  
righteousness, is the alone instrument of  
justification. Yet is it not alone in the person  
justified, but is ever accompanied with all  
other saving graces, is no dead faith, but  
works by love.**

## \*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 -

4  
- y; Ho - - ly, Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy, have

8  
mer - - - cy on us.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff contains the first line of music, with a long note on 'ly' followed by a whole rest. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '4' and continues the melody. The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '8' and concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are in Spanish and are aligned with the notes and rests of the melody.

# His Mercy Is More

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, and Sing!

Gently swung



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all -  
(2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so  
(3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His blood was the



know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;  
tend - er, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est the vil - est, the poor;  
pay - ment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford;



our sins, they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

[Chorus]



Praise the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ His mer - cy is more! \_\_\_\_\_ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn; \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

2. What  
3. What

# SERMON NOTES

---

**Title:** Faith That Works

**Text:** James 2.14-26

---

## **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

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: Joshua Spacht, Piano: Alayne Griffin, Organ: Vangie Wykoff  
Bagpipe: Ephraim James, Violin: Rebecca James, 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.

---

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Travis preaches from James 3.

### 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 20

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

### Tuesday, September 22

Women's Proverbs Study - Room 122 - 10 am

### Wednesday, September 23

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 pm  
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -  
*Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*

### Thursday, September 24

Young Moms' Bible Study - Room 105 - 9:30 am

### Friday, September 25

Men's Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am  
College & Career Game Night - Ingram's Home - 6 pm  
Women's Fall Retreat Begins

### Sunday, September 27

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*  
Women's Fall Retreat Ends

---

## NEWCOMER LUNCH

**TODAY • 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.

---

## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

# COVENANT LIFE

---

## CPC FOOD DRIVE "FAITH IN ACTION"

**Sun, Sep 20 - Sun, Oct 11**

CPC is partnering this fall with the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. To donate to this "Faith in Action" activity, bring non-perishable food items such as canned goods (vegetables, soup, proteins, fruit) and shelf-stable dry goods (peanut butter, pasta, rice, and oatmeal) to the marked boxes outside of the Fellowship Hall.

You can also make a monetary contribution to our local food bank by scanning the QR code. Have any questions? Email Jan Griffin at [jjgriffin@epbf.org](mailto:jjgriffin@epbf.org) or call her at 423-718-0788.



---

## COLLEGE & CAREER GAME NIGHT

**Fri, Sep 25 • 6 pm • Ingram's Home**

Anyone in the 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:  
[calvin Ingram2013@gmail.com](mailto:calvin Ingram2013@gmail.com)



**CEF**  
CHILD EVANGELISM  
FELLOWSHIP®

## 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](mailto:dlazor7@gmail.com) to sign up or for additional questions.

**Good News Club Volunteer Training  
Sat, Oct. 3 - 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.

---

## 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

---

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Sat, Oct 3 • 8:30 am • SFH**

Men, mark your calendar and plan to join us for food and fellowship as Paul Huskey shares a talk entitled, "Born Again." Young men in high school are invited to join us.

Cost: \$5

---

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY HIKE

**Sat, Oct 3 • 8:30 am • Enterprise South**

Ladies, plan to join us for a hike and breakfast. We will meet at the Enterprise Visitor Center (190 Still Hollow Loop, Chattanooga, TN) for a hike to Hidden Lake and back. There will be options for an easy 1-mile or moderate 3-mile hike. Afterwards, relax over coffee/breakfast at Oaks Coffee House (2916 Silverdale Rd, Chattanooga, TN). If it rains, we will meet for breakfast at Oaks Coffee House at 8:30 am.

---

## YOUTH MISSIONS PRESENTATION

**Sun, Oct 4 • 11 am • SFH**

Adult classes will meet together in Schum Fellowship Hall for this special presentation.

The Youth will be sharing about their mission trip from this past summer, when they partnered with New City Fellowship in Atlantic City for inner-city ministry and outreach. Make plans to join us and be encouraged!!

## 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!**



---

## 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](http://cpcchatt.org/ministry/children)  
or scan QR code



### Youth

Grade 6-12

[cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth](http://cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth)  
or scan the QR code



---

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at [office@cpcchatt.org](mailto:office@cpcchatt.org) to make an appointment.

# COVENANT LIFE

## MIDWEEK MENU

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

**Sep 30:** Grilled Pork Tenderloin, Carrots, Rolls, Salad Bar, and No-Bake Chocolate Cheesecake Bars

\*\*\*\*\*

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online ([cpcchatt.org/give](http://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](mailto: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](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

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

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

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 27

| Worship - 9:15 am |                                |                                                | Sunday School - 11 am            |                                               |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Front Desk        | Little Lambs                   | Busy Bees                                      | Little Lambs                     | Busy Bees                                     |
| Laura Spotts      | Madelyn Horton<br>Marie Horton | Brandon Cross<br>Jeannie Hall<br>Waylan Horton | Jayda Bradley<br>Lorelei Bradley | Caleb Rimondi<br>Ella Rimondi<br>Tara Rimondi |

# MISSIONS

---



---

## Hope for the Inner City East Chattanooga

---

### 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
- For the renovated gym and dental clinic to make an increased impact
- For financial provision and volunteers



---

## Matt & Annette Cummings Japan

---

### Ministry Focus:

Matt and Annette, and their children, have served in Japan since 2013. In 2016, they began church planting in Sendai, Japan, the site of the 2011 earthquake and Tsunami. They host English classes, children's events, a cooking class, seasonal and special events, and various Bible studies.

### Prayer:

- For the Home Church, Young Adult Group, and Bible studies that meet regularly
- For salvation and further Bible study with those who are curious about Christianity
- For the Cummings' marriage and kids as they get older and are going to college/high school

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

