

The Lord's Service

October 5, 2025

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Bell Choir

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

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

*Hymn of Adoration

10,000 Reasons
music page 9

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul;

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul:

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 135.15-18

LEADER: The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands. They have mouths,
but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not
see; they have ears, but do not hear, nor is
there any breath in their mouths.

PEOPLE: Those who make them become like them,
so do all who trust in them.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Christian Order and Custom, Bullinger, Zürich (1535)

**We, poor sinners, confess ourselves before you, our
Lord God and Maker that, sadly, we have sinned
much with our thoughts, words, and deeds, as you,
eternal God, know very well.**

We regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-4

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

**“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O
Lord, who could stand? But with you there is
forgiveness, that you may be feared.”**

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. This
prayer begins with silent
confession, followed by
corporate confession 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.

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.

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

His Mercy Is More
music page 10

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

Psalm 91 (p.497)
read by Elder Chris Rimondi

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Revelation 19

Text & Music by Jeffrey LaValley: Arr, by Jack Schrader
Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory,
Honor and power unto the Lord our God.

For the Lord our God is mighty,
And the Lord our God is omnipotent;
The Lord our God, He is wonderful.

All praises be to the King of Kings,
And the Lord of Lords, He is wonderful.

*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.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3.1-3(p.981)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN WHAT REALLY MATTERS

*Hymn of Response

Go, Labor On
Hymnal No.584

Go, labor on: spend, and be spent,
your joy to do the Father's will;
it is the way the Master went;
should not the servant tread it still?

Go, labor on: 'tis not for naught;
your earthly loss is heav'nly gain;
men heed you, love you, praise you not;
the Master praises - what are men?

Go, labor on: enough while here
if he shall praise you, if he deign
your willing heart to mark and cheer:
no toil for him shall be in vain.

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

Go, labor on while it is day:
the world's dark night is hast'ning on.
Speed, speed your work, cast sloth away;
it is not thus that souls are won.

Toil on, faint not, keep watch and pray;
be wise the erring soul to win;
go forth into the world's highway,
compel the wand'rer to come in.

Toil on, and in your toil rejoice;
for toil comes rest, for exile home;
Soon shall you hear the Bridegroom's voice,
the midnight peal, "Behold, I come."

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (215)

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.**

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.

The Lord's Table

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 15 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the
table, bread, and wine, but
lift our hearts to Jesus in
the glory of His Father.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymns for Distribution

Man of Sorrows! What a Name
Hymnal No.246

Man of Sorrows! what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die,
"It is finished!" was his cry:
now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

All I Have Is Christ
music page 11

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will,
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed:
You suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
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Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.
O, Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose,
And let my song forever be
"My only boast is You."

Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Postlude

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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Matt Redman



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing. it's time to sing your song
2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your Name is great, and your
3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing; the end draws near and my



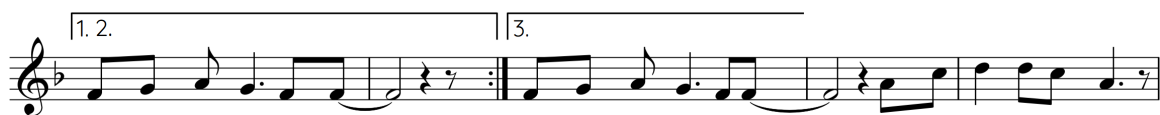
— a - gain. What - ev - er may pass — and what - ev - er lies be - fore_ me,
heart is kind. For all_ your good-ness I will keep on_ sing - ing
time has come, still, my soul will sing your praise un - end - ing,



let me be sing - ing when the ev'-ning comes. Bless the Lord, O my soul;
ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find.
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er more!



O, — my soul, wor-ship his ho - ly Name. Sing like ne-ver be-fore, O my soul, I'll



wor-ship your ho - ly Name. wor-ship your ho - ly Name. — Bless the Lord, O my soul;



O, — my soul, wor-ship his ho - ly Name. — Sing like ne-ver be-fore, O my soul, I'll



worship your ho-ly Name. Yes, I will wor-ship your ho-ly Name. Lord, I'll wor ship your ho-ly Name.

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

All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kaufflin



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
 2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-fer-ent to the cost, You looked up
 3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours al - one, and live so all might see the strength to



pro-mised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
 on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis-
 fol - low Your commands could never come from me. O, Fa-ther, use my rand-somed



own a re - bel to Your will; And if You had not loved me first, I would re-fuse You
 played: You suff-ered in my place; You bore the wrath re-served for me, now all I know is
 life in a - ny way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be "my on - ly boast is



still. *(to verse 2)* Hal-le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ. Hal-le - lu - jah! Je-sus
 grace. *(to chorus)*
 You!"



is my life! Hal - le - lu - - jah! All I have is



Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life! *(1st time to verse 3;
 2nd time repeat chorus)*

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in What Really Matters

Text: Philippians 3.1-3

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

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*)

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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 120.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from Philippians 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, October 5

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Tuesday, October 7

Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am
Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 8

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list

Thursday, October 9

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200
(*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am
Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

Ladies' Hike - Enterprise South - 8 am

Sunday, October 12

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org

COVENANT LIFE

LADIES' HIKE AND FELLOWSHIP

Sat, Oct 11 • 8 am • Enterprise South

Ladies, you are invited to join us for a hike on Poe Run Path to Hidden Lake and back. Hike options range from 1-3 miles. After the hike, we'll have breakfast at Oaks Coffeehouse. We will meet at Enterprise South Visitors Center, 190 Still Hollow Loop. Email Ginger Holler (gingerholler@yahoo.com) with questions.

Sign-up online
by October 10



CPC FOOD DRIVE

"AN ABUNDANTLY GRATEFUL HARVEST"

Sun, Oct 12 – Sun, Nov 9

CPC is partnering this fall with the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. To donate to this "Abundantly Grateful Harvest," bring non-perishable food items such as canned goods (vegetables, soup, proteins, fruit) and shelf-stable dry goods such as 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 jgriffin@epbf.com or call her at 423-718-0788.



YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Oct 17-19 • Camp Vesper Point

Scan the QR Code for more information and to register.

Registration deadline Oct. 8.



CREAMER BABY SHOWER

Sun, Oct 19 • 2 pm • Room 100

McKellan and Rebecca Creamer
are expecting
a baby boy in December.
Let's celebrate and help them get
ready! Scan code for registry.



OCC PREP DAY

Tue, Oct 21 • 9 am • Rooms 121-122

Everyone is invited to help prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child outreach. We will count and separate items for packing day, fold OCC shoeboxes, and decorate the OCC Christmas tree.

OCC OCTOBER 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:

*Backpacks or bags that fold flat,
Flashlights that do not require batteries*

COVENANT LIFE

LADIES' Fall Fellowship

October 17-18 at CPC



Speaker:
Lois Ann Atkinson
"Gospel Hospitality"

**Sign up
Online
by Oct 15**



Childcare: Nursery provided
**Cost: FREE (bring dessert
& recipe on Friday)**

Questions? Email:
jaynelea@comcast.net

Join us as we explore gospel hospitality with short talks by Lois Ann Atkinson, and as we fellowship with food, discussions, and games around the table. There will also be an interview with our pastor's wife, Kelly. On Friday night, soup will be provided by the WM team. Bring a favorite dessert (and recipe) to share, if you are able. Breakfast will be provided Saturday morning

ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Ingredients: gluten-free flour mix, (garbanzo bean, tapioca, sorghum, fava beans, potato starch), water, canola oil, and salt.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Reformation Celebration on Wednesday, October 29. Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Wednesday, October 22.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

Oct 8: Boneless Wings, French Fries, Salad Bar, M&M Cookie Bars

Oct 15: Minestrone Soup, Homemade Bread, Salad Bar, Oatmeal Pie Squares

Oct 22: Chicken Cobbler, Salad Bar, Cherry Pie Bars

- 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 ALLERGY INFO

If you have food allergies/dietary restrictions and want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please 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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE – TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Stacy Collins	Grace Durgin Marie Horton Dawn Reynolds	Camille Ambrose Wesley Durgin Debby Gardner	Brooke Lieving Timothy Lieving	Ryan Hostetler Lily McDaniel Peyton McDaniel

NURSERY SCHEDULE – OCT 12

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Betta Cook Connie Hildebrand Jim Hildebrand	Nathan Blackburn Sarah Blackburn Sherlyn Hobbs	Evangeline Wykoff Priscilla Wykoff	Bryonie Wykoff Magdalene Wykoff

MISSIONS



Mission to North America (PCA)

Ministry Focus:

MNA's various ministries are wonderful resources for established PCA churches and church plants. We help equip and train churches and congregants for faithful kingdom mission. We invite you to engage with MNA ministries, enabling us to come alongside you as you seek to faithfully love neighbors in Jesus' name.

A few MNA Ministry 'arms' include Disaster Response, Refugee & Immigrant Ministry, and Prison Ministry.

Prayer:

- That by the grace of God in the next ten years the PCA will prayerfully plant new churches, reduce church closings, and expand the diversity of the PCA
- For the leaders of MNA to seek God's direction and guidance in every task



Metanoia Prison Ministry

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 unique volunteers from reformed churches. The mentoring ministry has also expanded into a total of four facilities across the southeast and plans to expand into several more in the coming years.

Walker State Prison is a local facility where CPC has partnered. More mentors are needed.

Prayer:

- For all of the ministry staff. (There are Regional Directors in CA, TX, GA, SC, NC, and TN.)
- For God to continue to provide the financial partners to carry out the ministry.
- For prisoners to grow in Christ through correspondence and direct mentoring

