

The Lord's Service

October 12, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome & 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 111.1-3, 1a

LEADER: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

PEOPLE: **Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

LEADER: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

PEOPLE: **I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

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

*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Hymnal No.457)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

The Goodness of God
music on page 8

I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up,
Until I lay my head,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus 'Cause all my life You have been faithful,
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice;
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father;
I've known You as a Friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (x2)
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

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. 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.

Call to Confession

Proverbs 3.7

LEADER: Be not wise in your own eyes;

PEOPLE: Fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *The Valley of Vision*, Bennett (1975)

O Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb. We remain in the foothills when we should be on the heights. We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race; sullied consciences, wasted hours, and unspent opportunities. We are blind to the light shining around us.

Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our stony hearts of unbelief. Make it our highest joy to study you, to meditate on you, to gaze on you, to sit like Mary at Your feet, to lean like John on your breast, to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things but as rubbish. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 130.7

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

"... hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption."

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

Before the Throne of God Above
music on page 9

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

Psalm 98(p.500)
read by Elder Chris Rimondi

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Introduction of New Member

Eva Arkushenko

Tithes and Offerings

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.

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.

Offertory

Is He Worthy
Text & Music: Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive, Arr. by Dan Galbraith
Sanctuary Choir
Phil Wade, soloist

*Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
The light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.*

*Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.*

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? He is!*

*Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.*

*From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is!*

*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 Ken Hostetler

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3.4-11 (p.981)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN KNOWING CHRIST

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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 12.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: All those that are justified, God guarantees in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption. By which they are taken into the number and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have His name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him as by a father. They are never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*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

Goodness of God

Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Jason Ingram, and Brian Johnson

[Verse]



1. I love You, Lord.____ Oh, Your mer-cy ne - ver fails____ me. All of____ my days
 (2. I love Your voice;)____ You have led me through the fi - re____ In dark-est night



____ I've been held in your hands.____ From the mo - ment that I wake up, un - til I lay
 ____ You are close like no oth - er.____ I've known You as a Fa - ther, I've known You as



____ my head,____ oh, I____ will sing____ of the good-ness____ of God.____
 ____ a Friend, And I____ have lived____ in the good-ness____ of God.____

[Chorus]



And all my life You have been faith - ful, and all my life you have been so,____ so good.



With ev-ery breath that I am a - ble, oh, I____ will sing____ of the good-ness of God.____

1.

2. [Bridge]



2. I love Your voice; Your good-ness is run-ning a - fter, it's run-ning a - fter me.



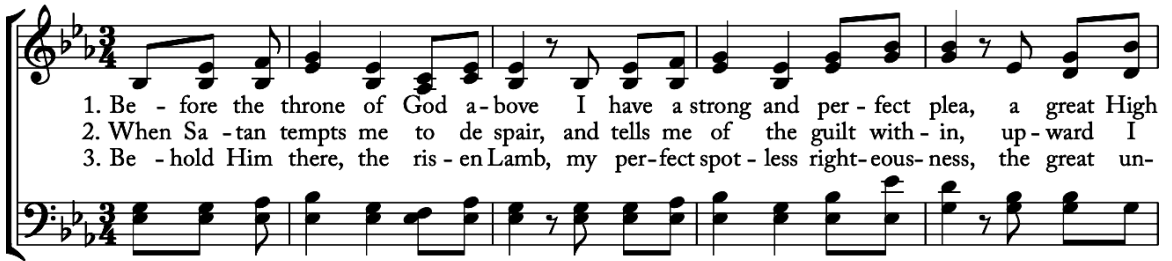
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give

*Sing bridge twice,
 then go to Chorus.*

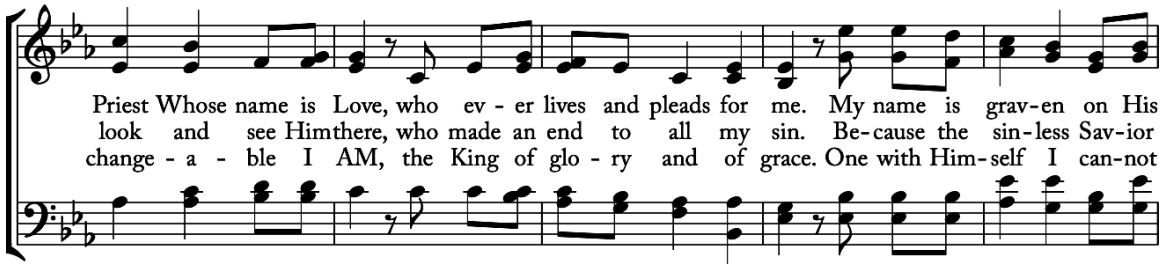


____ You ev - ery-thing. Your good-ness is run-ning a - fter, it's run-ning a - fter me.

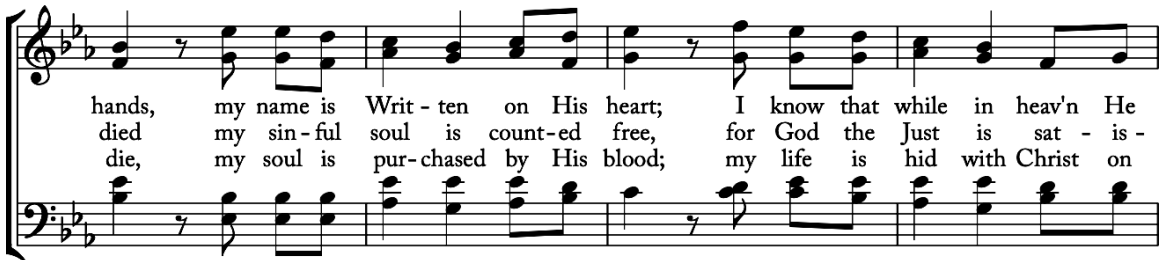
Before the Throne of God Above



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.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je-sus, my re-deem er. There is no more for hea ven now to give.
2. The night is dark, but I am not for-sak-en, for by my side the Sav ior, He will stay.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv-en, the fu ture sure, the price, it has been paid.
4. With ev-erybreath I long to fol low Je- sus, for He has said that He will bring me home.



He is my joy, my right eous ness and free dom, my stead fast love, my deep and bound less peace.
 I la-bor on in weak ness and re-joic-ing, for in my need, His pow-er is dis-played.
 For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my par-don, and He was raised to o-ver-throw the grave.
 And day by day I know He will re-new me un-til I stand with joy be-fore the throne.



To this I hold: my hope is on-ly Je - sus. For my life is whol ly bound to His.
 To this I hold; my shep herd will de-fend me. Through the deep-est val-ley He will lead.
 To this I hold: my sin has been de-fea-ted. Je - sus now, and ev-er is my plea.
 To this I hold: my hope is on-ly Je - sus. All the glo-ry ev-er-more to Him.



Oh how strange and di-vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 Oh the night has been won, and I shall o-ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 Oh the chains are re-leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re-peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Knowing Christ

Text: Philippians 3.4-11

..though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

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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 the Family Worship Room)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 12

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

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am
Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm
Men's Ministry Leadership Planning Mtg - Lobby - 7 pm

Wednesday, October 15

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

Men's Proverbs Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Youth Fall Retreat Begins
Ladies' Fall Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

Saturday, October 18

Ladies' Fall Fellowship - Room 100 - 9 am

Sunday, October 19

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Diaconate Meeting - Room 121-122 - 12:30pm
Youth Fall Retreat Ends

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

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.



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.

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**.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Wed, Oct 29 • 6 pm • Front Lawn

Everyone is invited to our annual Reformation Celebration. Come enjoy carnival games, inflatables, candy, and prizes, while learning about key figures and events of the Reformation. A fun dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, and festivities last until 8 pm. Children should feel free to wear costumes. Invite and bring your neighbors and friends! Activities for all ages!

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Anna Yonkofski and her family on the loss of her brother, Joel Shapiro.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

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

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

Oct 29: Reformation Celebration: Pigs in a Blanket, Coleslaw, Chips, Salad Bar, Fall-Cookie Muddy Buddy Mix

Nov 5: Pineapple Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Millionaire Shortbread 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
Laura Spotts	Wesley Durgin Connie Hildebrand Jim Hildebrand	Nathan Blackburn Sarah Blackburn Sherlyn Hobbs	Evangeline Wykoff Priscilla Wykoff	Bryonie Wykoff Magdalene Wykoff

NURSERY SCHEDULE - OCT 19

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Leanna Cathy	Dianne Cosby Grace Durgin Tammy Knots	Lois Ann Atkinson Cisse Griffin Bea Sanders	Catherine Coffey Jason Coffey	Lisa Wright Matthew Wright

MISSIONS



David & Eowyn Stoddard
Germany

Ministry Focus:

The Stoddards have served with MTW in Berlin, Germany since 2001 as church planters. David currently serves as international director for Europe, overseeing MTW's vision, strategy, and personnel. Eowyn assists David in his role and supports church-planting through evangelism, teaching, and women's initiatives.

Last year they began a church-planting work in Munich.

Prayer:

- For increased support for their new ministry in Munich
- For new relationships with "seekers" in Munich to lead to gospel conversations
- For their grown children: Jesse, Liam, Alethea, Emma, and Ethan



Mario & Keila Xoca
I-55 Mexico

Ministry Focus:

Mario leads the spiritual oversight for the Isaiah-55 deaf ministry, teachers, staff, and community center, and also continues to pastor the Camino de Fe Church. Keila organizes community outreach, ministers to young women, and leads a tutoring program in the Aquiles Serdán neighborhood which surrounds the mission. They desire to see a church planted in this same community.

Prayer:

- For their marriage and family
- For the Isaiah-55 deaf ministry with young people and their families as well as community outreach
- For safety and continued financial support