

# The Lord's Service

October 19, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Testimony of Making Christ Known

Judy Foster - Operation Christmas Child

Preparation for Worship

## Testimony

We bear witness to God's  
redeeming grace and  
celebrate His faithfulness  
as Christ brings restoration  
to our lives, our church,  
and our world.

## 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 113.1-4

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!**

LEADER: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the  
name of the Lord is to be praised!

PEOPLE: **The Lord is high above all nations,  
and His glory above the heavens!**

### 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

Creation Sings  
music on page 8

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn and run the course of day  
Till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
“Hallelujah!” Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation’s King.

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time’s embrace  
Unveiled the Father’s plan of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky,  
All heav’n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: the glories of our God and King!

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
(Hymnal No.115)

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice with us and sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one.  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## 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 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

Isaiah 1.18

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

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

### 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

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  
(Hymnal No.508)

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
more than all in thee I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

# 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 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.

## Scripture Lesson

Psalm 100(p.500)

read by Elder Chris Rimondi

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*From Everlasting (Psalm 90)*

Music by Lacy Hudson & Lisa Clow

Todd Gaither

*O God, before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or days of spring and summer filled the earth,  
From everlasting You are God.  
We dwell beneath the stars in ancient skies;  
A thousand years are nothing in Your sight,  
From everlasting, You are God.*

*And all our days are held within Your hands;  
Your perfect love and favor have no end.  
We rest within the wisdom of Your plan,  
Everlasting God.*

*O God, when joy and tragedy collide  
And loss reminds us life is but a sigh,  
From everlasting You are God.  
O God of light, our ways are known to You,  
But by Your grace You're making all things new.  
So satisfy us in our numbered days,  
Establish every effort while we wait,  
From everlasting, You are God.*

## \*Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

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 Will McDaniel

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3.12-16(p.981)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

## JOY IN PERSEVERANCE

\*Hymn of Response

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*  
(Hymnal No.707)

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
all to leave, and follow thee;  
destitute, despised, forsaken,  
thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,  
all I've sought or hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition,  
God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
they have left my Savior too;  
human hearts and looks deceive me;  
thou art not, like man, untrue;  
and, while thou shalt smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
foes may hate and friends may shun me;  
show thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,  
'twill but drive me to thy breast;  
life with trials hard may press me,  
heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.  
O 'tis not in grief to harm me  
while thy love is left to me;  
O 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
were that joy unmixed with thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation,  
rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
joy to find in ev'ry station  
something still to do or bear;  
think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
what a Father's smile is thine,  
what a Savior died to win thee:  
child of heav'n, shouldst thou repine?

### 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.

Hasten on from grace to glory,  
armed by faith, and winged by prayer;  
heav'n's eternal day's before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
hope shall change to glad fruition,  
faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

### \*Confession of Faith      Westminster Confession of Faith 7.3

**LEADER:** Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE:** Man, having made himself incapable of life by the Covenant of Works, the Lord was pleased to make a second covenant, commonly called the Covenant of Grace. In this He freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring faith in Him that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life, His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

### \*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

# Creation Sings



- 1 a. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
 b. His fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow, His breath up - on this spin - ning globe,  
 2 a. Cre - a - tion gazed up - on His face; the age - less One in time's em - brace  
 b. A sec - ond A - dam walked the earth, whose blame - less life would break the curse,  
 3 a. Cre - a - tion longs for His re - turn, when Christ shall reign up - on the earth;  
 b. When He re - news the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth re - ply—



— and run the course of day 'till ev - ning falls in crim - son rays.  
 — He charts the ea - gle's flight; com - mands the new - born ba - by's cry.  
 — un - veiled the Fa - ther's plan of rec - on - ci - ling God and man.  
 — whose death would set us free to live with him e - ter - nal - ly.  
 — the bit - ter wars that rage are birth - pains of a com - ing age.  
 — with one re - splen - dent theme: the Glo - ries of our God and King!

## REFRAIN



Hal - le - lu - jah! Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing, "Hal - le - lu -



jah!" Fill the earth with songs of wor - ship; tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.

(Getty/Koerts, 2009 Thankyou Music)

# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** Joy in Perseverance

**Text:** Philippians 3.12-16

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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## **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*)

## **CPC Officers**

ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither, Jon Harris,  
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Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Matt Wright

## 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 19

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*  
Diaconate Meeting - Room 121-122 - 12:30pm  
Creamer Baby Shower - Room 100 - 2 pm  
Youth Fall Retreat Ends

### Tuesday, October 21

ROME0 Breakfast - Cracker Barrel (Ringgold) - 8 am  
OCC Prep Day - Room 121 - 9 am  
Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am  
Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, October 22

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

### Thursday, October 23

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

### Friday, October 24

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

### Sunday, October 26

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

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## MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

**Website:** [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org)

**Online Directory:** Contact the church office to request access

**Prayer Requests:** Email your request or update to [prayer@cpcchatt.org](mailto:prayer@cpcchatt.org)

# COVENANT LIFE

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## CREAMER BABY SHOWER

**TODAY • 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 this **Wednesday, October 22**.

## CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY

**Sat, Nov 1 • 8:30 am**

Men, women, and children are invited to a Church Work Day. A light breakfast will be provided. We will aim to complete all projects by noon. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Hanks ([brhanks@epbf.com](mailto:brhanks@epbf.com)) or Daniel Barber ([dbarber@cpccchatt.org](mailto:dbarber@cpccchatt.org)).

# REFORMATION CELEBRATION

## WED, OCT. 29 - 6-8 PM

Join us for supper at 5:30 pm - activities to follow!

## BRING YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

Enjoy carnival games, inflatables, candy, and prizes while learning about the Reformation.  
Activities for all ages!!



# COVENANT LIFE

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## 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 [jigriffin@epbf.com](mailto:jigriffin@epbf.com) or call her at 423-718-0788.



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## THANK YOU

Doug and I want to thank all of you for the many prayers, cards, texts, calls, and food during my recent surgery and recovery. We are blessed to be in a church family that cares.

~ Esther McEachern

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## ASL INTERPRETER

For the deaf community, we are now offering an ASL interpreter in our Sunday morning services. Please spread the word.

## MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

GERMANY

**May 27 – July 22, 2026**

Join CPC supported missionary, David Stoddard in Germany this summer!

How is God shaping you, and what kind of work does He have for you in His kingdom?

These are the questions you'll tackle at Die Werkstatt, “the workshop,” a summer ministry program in the heart of Europe and a 2026 RUF partnership site.

- \* 8 weeks in Munich and Freiburg in southern Germany
- \* Live in community with each city's missionary, dig deep in the gospel, explore exciting places
- \* Connect with multiple churches and get a taste of the missionary experience
- \* Learn German and engage in outreach
- \* Serve alongside MTW workers in two young church plants that CPC supports
- \* For ages 20-25

Scan QR code for more information



# COVENANT LIFE

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

**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

**Nov 12:** French Onion Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Pumpkin Goody Cake

- 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 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](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.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

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

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - OCT 26

| Worship - 9:15 am |                                                               |                                                   | Sunday School - 11 am        |                              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Front Desk        | Little Lambs                                                  | Busy Bees                                         | Little Lambs                 | Busy Bees                    |
| Laura Spotts      | Aubrie McClelland<br>Jonathan McClelland<br>Mollie McClelland | Evangeline Cathey<br>Heather Harris<br>Jon Harris | Abby Knecht<br>Sarah McCurry | Tara Rimondi<br>Ella Rimondi |

# MISSIONS

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## Love's Arm Outreach Chattanooga

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### Ministry Focus:

Love's Arm began in 2005 with a mission to engage, empower and transition women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction toward a Christ-centered community of grace. We believe all human beings are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God and worthy of love, respect, and dignity.

### Prayer:

- For those who struggle with sexual sins and related drug addictions
- For the families healing from these past sins
- For safety of our Outreach team members as they make ministry contact in difficult places



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## Hope for the Inner City Chattanooga

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### 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 our outreach programs, especially with young people
- For the renovated gym and dental clinic to make an increased impact
- For financial provision and volunteers

