

The Lord's Service

November 9, 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 135.1-3

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand
in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the
house of our God.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

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

Behold Our God
music on page 7

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *Chorus*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave;
Jesus Savior risen now to reign. *Chorus*

You will reign forever!
Let Your glory fill the earth! *Chorus*

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

Psalm 25.10-11

LEADER: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

PEOPLE: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Book of Common Prayer*, London (1552)

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are
hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 23.6

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.”

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

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
music on page 9

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

Chorus:

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

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

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Chorus*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 111 (p.509)
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Introduction of New Members

Cathy Gebhart, Ruth Massey, Valerie Massey, and Will Massey

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend; Arr. by Brent Wells
Sanctuary Choir

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For eve'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!*

*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 Chris Rimondi

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

Philippians 4.5b-9(p.982)

Sermon

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN GOD'S NEARNESS

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.

*Hymn of Response

Be Still, My Soul
Hymnal No.689

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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 5.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: God, the great Creator of all things, does
uphold, direct, dispose, and govern
all creatures, actions, and things, from the
greatest even to the least, by His most

wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

*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

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.

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

[Verse]



1. Who has held the o - ceans in his_ hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of_ sand?
2. Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the_ Lord? Who can ques - tion a - ny of His_ words?
3. Who has felt the nails u - pon his_ hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful_ man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice; all cre - a - tion ri - ses to re -
Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fa - thom all His wond - rous
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave; Je - sus, Sa - vior ri - sen now to

[Chorus]



joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne; come, let us a - dore Him. Be -
deeds?
reign!



hold our king; no - thing can compare; come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

[Bridge]



Men: You will reign for - ev - er!

Women: Let your glo - ry fill the Earth!

(Repeat as directed, then repeat Chorus to end.)

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.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

[Verse]

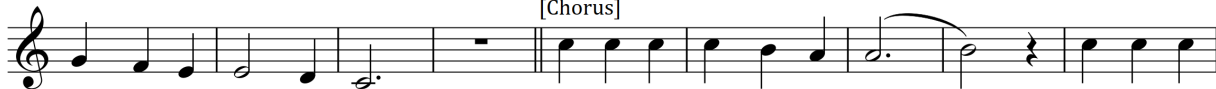


1. Won-der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior; pre-cious Re-deem-er and Friend;__
2. Coun-sel - or, Com-fort-er, Keep - er, Spi - rit we long to em - brace.__
3. Al-might-y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own;__



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

[Chorus]



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



One we a - dore. __ You give the heal - ing and grace our



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

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in God's Nearness

Text: Philippians 4.5b-9

...The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 Bill preaches from Philippians 4.

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, November 9

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

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

CPC Blood Drive - Bloodmobile - 4:30 pm
Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list

Thursday, November 13

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200 (*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am
Rekindled Ladies Luncheon - Room 100 - 12 pm
Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 16

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

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"

Ends Today

CPC is having a food drive for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Bring non-perishable food items - canned goods (vegetables, soup, proteins, fruit) and shelf-stable dry goods (peanut butter, pasta, rice, and oatmeal) - and place in the labeled boxes outside the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Email Jan Griffin jgriffin@epbf.com

Scan the QR code to make a monetary donation.



CHATTANOOGA AREA
FOOD BANK



CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Nov 12 - 4:30-8:00 pm

Register online at:
cpcchatt.org or scan below



REKINDLED LADIES LUNCHEON

Thu, Nov 13 • 12 pm • Room 100

Ladies, if you suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, join us for a time of ministry and encouragement and a light lunch. Please RSVP to Joan Denkinger at 423-899-8385.

YOUTH BONFIRE

Fri, Nov 21 • 7 pm • Horton's Home

Join us for a youth bonfire at Duane and Mindy Horton's home! Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship! Please bring a drink or snack to share.

OCC PACKING DAY

Sat, Nov 22 • 9 am • Room 100

Everyone is invited to come and pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world - any time between 9 am and 12 pm. Please make plans to join us!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wed, Nov 26 • 6:30 pm • Room 100

If you are in town with family during the Thanksgiving holiday, we would love for you and your family to join us for a special time of prayer and singing.

COVENANT LIFE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- SAVE THE DATE -

Sun, Dec 7 • Sanctuary

Please plan to stay after worship for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

During this time, we will receive our annual report from our pastoral staff about the life and ministries of our church.

We'll review the 2025 finances, and members will vote on the 2026 Board of Directors (trustees) as well as elect new officers (elders and deacons). More details to come.

Note: Sunday School will be cancelled that morning to allow everyone to attend.

SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT "BEHOLD OUR GOD"

Sun, Dec 7 • 7 pm

Please plan to join us in worshipping our Savior through music and song at our annual Christmas concert. Be sure to invite your family, neighbors, and friends.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: YOUTH DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December is a busy month, and we don't want you to miss out on anything.
More details will follow soon!

MS Christmas Party - Fri, Dec 5 at 6 pm

Jesus' Birthday Party - Sat, Dec 6 at 5 pm

Youth Parent Meeting - Sun, Dec 7 at 12 pm

HS Progressive Dinner - Fri, Dec 12 at 5:30 pm

COAT CLOSET DONATIONS

Donate winter clothes and shoes to our Coat Closet. Items like socks, gloves, etc, are also welcome. Place them in the marked green bins located in the Youth stairwell.

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

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

Nov 19: Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Cranberry Sauce, Carrots, Salad Bar, Caramel Buttermilk Cake

Nov 26: No meal - Thanksgiving Week

Dec 3: Cowboy Casserole, Tortilla Chips, Mexican Salad Bar, Peppermint Brownies

- 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
Casie Runkle	Judy Foster Eleanor Gernhard Bekah Gernhard	Hannah Pittman Nathan Pittman Vera Sanders	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez	Adam Cathey David Gernhard

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Nov 16

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Stacy Collins	Madelyn Horton Hannah Schreiner Lillie Yonkofski	Jean Mauroner Richard Mauroner Micah Schreiner	Kelly Stephenson Lisa Wright	Caroline Lewin Steve Lewin

OCC Final Countdown

Be a Collection-Site Volunteer (Nov 17-24)

- To volunteer for Collection Week at CPC, sign-up at the OCC table in the Narthex or contact Judy Foster (grammiesno1@live.com). It is fun! Adults and teens are needed. Your children (12 and under) are welcome to help alongside you. We need workers EVERY day that week.
- Homemade cookies are also needed for this week to encourage volunteers and thank those who drop off boxes. Contact Judy if you would like to bring some goodies.

Participate in CPC's Packing Day (Nov 22 at 9 am in Room 100)

All ages are invited to help pack! We still need the following items: *washcloths, toothbrushes (100), pencil erasers (200), 24- pack crayons (130), glue sticks (195), pens (300), pencils (300), notebooks that fit in the box or notebook paper (several), hot wheels type cars (140), coloring books for 2-4 yr olds (20), pencil sharpeners (100), we have enough 'stuffies' already*

Build a Box Online (by Dec 18) or at Home (by Nov 23)

- **Online:** For \$30, you choose great items for your box and pay for the shipping (also includes the Greatest Gift booklet in the child's language). Scan the QR Code to be directed to CPC's specific page.
- **At Home:** Get your boxes from the Narthex or the Lobby. Return the filled shoeboxes to the Lobby Christmas tree. Be sure to pray over your box, pack it with great items, include a note and/or a picture, plus \$10 for shipping.



Please pray for Operation Christmas Child and for all of the children who will receive boxes. May the Gospel be clearly shared with hearts ready for the Good News. May we magnify Lord and exalt His name together this OCC season.

**SENDING THE GOSPEL
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

MISSIONS



Choices Chattanooga

Ministry Focus:

Since every life is God-given and valuable, Choices has provided no cost pregnancy services to women and men facing unexpected pregnancies since 1985. Every day, the staff and volunteers have the privilege of sharing the love and message of Christ in both word and deed.

Prayer:

- For gospel opportunities as we work with clients
- For wisdom among counseling staff
- For Life to be chosen in the midst of challenging circumstances
- For financial and volunteer support for the clinic



Compassion International

Ministry Focus:

Compassion is a global ministry that serves more than 2.2 million babies, children and young adults by partnering with more than 8,500 churches in 27 countries to help break the cycle of poverty. The Child Sponsorship Program is at the core of Compassion's holistic child development model and is delivered at child development centers, which are administered by thousands of indigenous church partners.

Prayer:

- For every child center and the on-site national leaders - to be faithful in their ministry and personal walk with God
- For each child to know and grow in the Lord Jesus Christ
- For sponsors to be enabled to continue financial support