The Lord's Service

November 16, 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

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. **PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods.

PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever. LEADER: To him who alone does great wonders. PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.

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 David Stephenson

*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery music page 8

Psalm 136 1-4

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man. In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ, the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold. Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life. But no grave could ever restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

Is He Worthy? music on page 9-10 Please sing the words in bold.

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!

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.

Call to Confession

Psalm 32.3-5

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

PEOPLE: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Form of Prayer, Zwingli, Zurich (1525)

Almighty, eternal God! Forgive us our sin and lead us to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2

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

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

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 Paid It All (Hymnal No. 308)

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small, child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim — I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

from Psalm 37(p.466) read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

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.

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

Worthy Is the Lamb! Text based on Rev. 4.11, 5.12, & John 1.29; Music by Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir

You are worthy, our Lord and God! You are worthy, our Lord and God to receive glory and honor! You created all things; by Your will they were created! By Your blood we have redemption. Praise the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

Worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wisdom and strength!

All glory and honor praise!

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb!

*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 Jason Coffey

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4.10-13 (p.982)

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

JOY IN CONTENTMENT

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast music on page 11

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus) He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast; Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!

*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.

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.

*Gloria Patri

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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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleeker



Is He Worthy?



Is He Worthy? (page 2)



He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast. pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast. jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



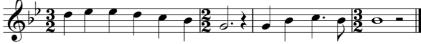
I could nev -er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path; He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom is - es shall last; Raised with Him to end less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast. bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. 'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Adas Habershon (1861-1918)

Matt Merker

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Contentment **Text:** Philippians 4.10-13

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

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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.

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David 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 16

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

Monday, November 17

OCC Collection Week Begins - Lobby - 4 pm

Tuesday, November 18

ROMEO - Cracker Barrel, Ringgold - 8 am Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 4 pm

Wednesday, November 19

OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 4 pm 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, November 20

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200 (Youth Suite) - 9:30 am OCC Collection Week - Lobby 4 pm Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, November 21

Men's Proverbs Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 4 pm Youth Bonfire - D&M Horton's Home - 7 pm

Saturday, November 22

OCC Packing Day - Room 100 - 9 am OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 12 pm

Sunday, November 23

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list* OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 12:05 pm

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

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

COVENANT LIFE

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Dec 6 • 8:30 am • Room 100

We look forward to you joining us for this encouraging time of fellowship. Adam Sanders will be sharing. Young men in High School are also invited to join us. Cost: \$5.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT "BEHOLD OUR GOD"

Sun, Dec 7 • 7 pm

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

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

YOUTH DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

MS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fri, Dec 5 • 6 pm • Hostetlers' Home

Join us for our Middle School Christmas Party! We will have dinner, games, and a white elephant gift exchange! Wear your best funny Christmas sweater. Bring a dessert to share. Please let Heather know if you plan to attend.

JESUS'BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sat, Dec 6 • 5 pm • Meet at CPC

Linda Summer, the director of Agape Puppets Ministry, has invited us to attend Jesus' Birthday Party. Transportation will be provided. Plan to meet at the church at 5 pm. We will return by 9 pm. RSVP to Heather Morrison by Fri, Dec. 5.

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

Sun, Dec 7 • 12 pm • Room 100

We will be discussing our spring curriculum, spring calendar, and summer trips, including our HS Mission Trip. We will meet at 12 pm following the Congregational Meeting.

HS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Fri, Dec 12 • 5:30 pm • Meet at CPC

We will meet at the church and travel together to rotate through 3 families' homes for appetizers, the main meal, and dessert! Please let Heather know if you will be attending.

LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sat, Dec 13 • 5:30 pm • Room 100

You are warmly invited to our annual Christmas dinner. This year's theme is *Come Celebrate the Joy of the Lord*. We will be collecting gently used items to donate to the new thrift store for Chattanooga Room in the Inn.

Scan the QR Code to register by December 7.

Cost: \$8 (adults and children 11 and up)
\$6 (children 10 and under)



FINANCIAL UPDATE

2025 Budget: \$1,947,725.39

Through Oct 31:

Actual Giving \$1,208,727.05 Expected Giving \$1,146,412.00

If you have questions, please contact these individuals:

- Chairman of the Diaconate: Mike Mason mmason89@comcast.net
- Mercy Committee Chair: Geff Adams mercy@cpcchatt.org
- CPC Treasurer: Gary Cosby cpctreasurer@cpcchatt.org

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

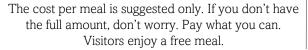
Nov 19: Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Cranberry Sauce, Carrots, Salad Bar, Caramel Buttermilk Cake

Nov 26: No meal - Thanksgiving Week

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

Dec 10: Ham, Potatoes Supreme, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Gingerbread Cake

- 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)



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	Connie Sanders Hannah Schreiner Lillie Yonkofski	Jean Mauroner Richard Mauroner Micah Schreiner	Kelly Stephenson Lisa Wright	Caroline Lewin Steve Lewin

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Nov 23

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Jayda Bradley Lorelei Bradley Maria England	Grace Doran Marianne Doran Sarah Wade	Amy Creamer Eleanor James	Barrett Hostetler Jack Hostetler

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

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Pete Mitchell France

Ministry Focus:

On December 10, 2024, the Lord called Pete's wife, Ruth, to Himself - an unexpected and sudden loss. Pete is still involved in church planting in Toulouse, France with MTW. He serves on a church planting team with a vision to build up the Reformed Evangelical Churches in southeastern France. Pete also serves on national and presbytery committees of the French church.

Prayer:

- For life-transforming work of the Gospel in all of France
- For Pete's adjustment to being without Ruth
- For financial provision to meet the needs of the whole Toulouse team



Linda Summer Agape Puppets - worldwide

Ministry Focus:

Each year, Agape Puppets shares the true love of Jesus Christ with over 70,000 children, teenagers, and adults across five continents. They also train and equip teams in many countries to reach their children (and parents) for Jesus. Using puppets and storytelling, they tell children living in desperate places that there is hope.

Prayer:

- For Linda's physical health and spiritual vigor
- For international traveling safety and finances
- For new believers to grow and be connected to a local church for discipleship and encouragement