

The Lord's Service

November 23, 2025

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

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.

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.

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.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Testimony of Making Christ Known

Frank Sindler - Equipping Farmers International

Preparation for Worship

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16.31-34

LEADER: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice, and let them say among the nations,
"The Lord reigns!"

PEOPLE: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!

LEADER: Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

PEOPLE: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

For the Beauty of the Earth
(Hymnal No.116)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light, *Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight, *Refrain*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, *Refrain*

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.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from William Tyndale (Psalm 115.1)

Father, it is only right for us to acknowledge our sin and trespass. Be a merciful Father, and do not deal with us according to what we deserve, nor judge us too rigorously, but give us grace that we may live in such a way that your holy name may be hallowed and sanctified in us.

Guard our hearts, so that we neither do nor speak, that we neither think nor intend, anything but that which will bring you honor and praise.

Above all things, may we seek the honor and glory of your name and not our own. By your great power, bring us, your children, to love and revere you as our heavenly Father. 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

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
(Hymnal No.465)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

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.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. *Refrain*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118.1-18(p.511)
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Glorious Everlasting
Text: Psalm 57.11,14; Music: M. Thomas Cousins
Sanctuary Choir

Glorious Everlasting!

*I will praise Thee, O Lord among the people,
I will sing unto Thee among the nations.
I will praise Thee, O Lord, I will sing unto Thee.*

Glorious Everlasting!

*I will praise Thee among the people,
I will praise Thee among the people,
I will sing unto Thee, O Lord.*

*Be Thou exalted, O God,
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.*

Glorious Everlasting!
Amen!

***Doxology**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)
Give thanks.

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Woody Brauer

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4.14-23(p.982)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN GENEROSITY

***Hymn of Response**

Now Thank We All Our God
(Hymnal No.98)

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

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.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven—
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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**

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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

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Generosity

Text: Philippians 4.14-23

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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 Travis preaches from Isaiah 9 and Luke 1.

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 23

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

Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Room 100 - 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving! - Offices Closed

Friday, November 28

Offices Closed for Thanksgiving holidays

Sunday, November 30

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

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

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

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access.

COVENANT LIFE

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

THANKSGIVING

Eve Service

Wed, Nov 26 - 6:30 pm - Room 100

A Service of Prayer & Singing

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 a talk titled, "You Don't Know How It Feels: Interiority, Empathy, and Being Known." Young men in High School are also invited to join us. Cost: \$5.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-

Sun, Dec 7 • Sanctuary

Please plan to stay after worship for our Annual Congregational Meeting when we will receive the annual report from our pastoral staff. We'll review the 2025 finances, and members will vote on the 2026 Board of Directors (trustees) as well as elect new officers.

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

Wed, Dec 3 • 6:15 - 6:45 • Room 100

Prior to our Congregational Meeting, we will have a Q&A following our midweek dinner for recommended changes to the CPC Constitution.

COVENANT LIFE

BEHOLD *our* God

**December 7 - 7:00 pm - Sanctuary
CPC Festival Choir & Orchestra**

COME CELEBRATE

The Joy of the Lord

**Ladies' Christmas Dinner
December 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)



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.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2025 Budget	\$1,947,725.39
Giving as of 11/17/25	\$1,295,990.50
Giving as of 11/17/24	\$1,278,697.79

If you have questions, please contact:

- Chairman of the Diaconate: Mike Mason
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- CPC Treasurer: Gary Cosby
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COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

Nov 26: No meal - Thanksgiving Service at 6:30

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)



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	Jayda Bradley Lorelei Bradley Maria England	Grace Doran Marianne Doran Sarah Wade	Amy Creamer Eleanor James	Barrett Hostetler Jack Hostetler

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Nov 30

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Sherry Baierl	Ann Kistner Ada Wooten Volunteer Needed	Dawn Reynolds Connie Sanders Tim Warren	Sarah McCurry Volunteer Needed	Maria England Eric Mullinax

MISSIONS



Daniel & Lydia Mathuva
Kenya

Ministry Focus:

Daniel and Lydia work with Equipping Leaders International in their native Kenya, training and equipping church leaders. Daniel is an experienced Presbyterian pastor who has planted a number of churches in Kenya. (Nationals already know the language and culture where they are ministering, and their support needs are generally lower than American missionaries.)

Prayer:

- For their marriage and family
- For increased support from ministry partners
- For money to purchase property for a new church in Kitengela, Kenya
- For pastors in East Africa to be strong in their personal walk with the Lord



Chattanooga Sports Ministries

Ministry Focus:

CSM reaches a large number of kids ages 8-18 throughout our summer soccer program. In recent years, we have also added a fall and spring after-school soccer program. CSM focuses on the neighborhoods of East Chattanooga, Westside, Highland Park, East Lake, and Wheeler Homes. CSM serves a very diverse group of youth including kids from Latino, African American, and Caucasian backgrounds.

Prayer:

- For hiring of a new full-time Operations Coordinator
- For faithful coaches and volunteers
- For the needed funding and supplies for year-round programs
- For opportunities to share the Gospel with all participating kids and families

More details at cpcchatt.org/ministry/outreach

