

# The Lord's Service

November 30, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Alline Ingle, Jean Marshall,  
Sheila Ray

## 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 40.1-3a

LEADER: I waited patiently for the Lord;

**PEOPLE: He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

LEADER: He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a  
rock, making my steps secure.

**PEOPLE: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of  
praise to our God.**

### 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

*Let All Mortal Flesh  
Keep Silence*  
(Hymnal No.193)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood;  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

#### \*Scripture Reading

Psalm 130.5-6

LEADER: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his  
word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more  
than watchmen for the morning, more than  
watchmen for the morning.

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
(Hymnal No.196)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;  
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;  
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

## 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 Book of Common Prayer, London (1789)*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### Private Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 33.20-22

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

“Our soul waits for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”

### 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

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
(Hymnal No.221)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming,  
as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to men a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story,  
proclaimed by angels bright,  
how Christ, the Lord of glory,  
was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped  
and in the manger found him,  
as angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor  
the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God;  
from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary,  
who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
who dost our weakness know,  
bring us at length, we pray,  
to the bright courts of heaven  
and to the endless day.

# 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.

## 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.

## Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 7.12-14, 16(p.259)  
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Arranged by Lloyd Larson  
Bell Choir

## \*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.

## Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Eric Mullinax

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9.1-7; Luke 1.26-38(p.573. 855)

## Sermon

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

## WHEN GOD WAS PROMISED

\*Hymn of Response

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
(Hymnal No.162)

Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the Source, the Ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race;  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heav'n-taught singers  
sang of old with one accord,  
whom the Scriptures of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be,  
honor, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and 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 8.3

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

**PEOPLE:** The Lord Jesus, in His human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety. This office He took not unto Himself, but was called by His Father, who put all power and judgment into His hand and gave Him commandment to execute the same.

## \*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

# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** When God Was Promised

**Text:** Isaiah 9.1-7; Luke 1.26-38

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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, Jon Harris,

Ken Henry, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi,

Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Rex Wagner,

Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Thomas Blackburn, Jonathan Calloway,  
Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steven James, Eric Mantel,

Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison,

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 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 30

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*

### Wednesday, December 3

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -

*Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list*

Session Mtg - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

### Thursday, December 4

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200  
(*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am

Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

### Friday, December 5

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

MS Christmas Party - Hostetler's Home - 6 pm

### Saturday, December 6

Men's Breakfast - Room 100 - 8:30 am

Jesus' Birthday Party - Meet at CPC - 5 pm

### Sunday, December 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Congregational Mtg - Sanctuary - 11 am (No SS)

Youth Parent Mtg - Room 100 - 12 pm

CPC Christmas Concert - Sanctuary - 7 pm

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## MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

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

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

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

# COVENANT LIFE

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## 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.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-

**Sun, Dec 7 • 11 am • 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.

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**Wed, Dec 3 • 6:15 - 6:45 pm • Room 100**

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

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**Wed, Dec 10 • 6:15 - 7 pm • Room 100**

We will provide an update on the Session's work regarding the Worship Philosophy and the associated staffing plan. This will include a presentation and time for Q&A during our midweek dinner.

## YOUTH DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

### MS CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Fri, Dec 5 • 6 pm • Hostetters' 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

# COVENANT LIFE

# BEHOLD

*our*

# God

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

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.

COME CELEBRATE

## *The Joy of the Lord*

### Ladies' Christmas Dinner

**December 13 - 5:30 pm - Room 100**

Scan the QR Code to **register by December 7.**

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



# COVENANT LIFE

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## CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

**Sun, Dec 21 • 11 am • Room 100**

Join us for a church-wide fellowship around "favorite holiday dishes" after the morning service in Room 100 (Schum Fellowship Hall). Sign up next week with QR code.

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## SS & MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

- Last 2025 Sunday School - **Dec 14**
  - Last 2025 Midweek - **Dec 10**
  - 2026 Sunday School classes begin - **Jan 11**
  - 2026 Midweek activities resume - **Jan 14**
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## FOOD DRIVE REPORT AND THANKS

It was an Abundantly Grateful Harvest!  
CPC collected 828 pounds of nonperishable food items, which equates to 994 meals.

Additionally, \$605.70 was donated, which provides 1,817 meals.

That's a total of 2811 meals - the Chattanooga Area Food Bank is truly grateful to all who supported this food drive.

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Be in prayer for Kent & Sherlyn Hobbs on the loss of their son, Ron.

## ADVENT BOOKS

If your family has a child between 3 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade, please stop by the Nursery or Sunday School Hallway to pick up an Advent calendar and accompanying book to use with your family as we look forward to Christmas and celebrating the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

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## 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.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

2025 Budget.....	\$1,947,725.39
Giving as of 11/23/25.....	\$1,320,735.68
Giving as of 11/23/24.....	\$1,340,925.66

If you have questions, please contact:

- Chairman of the Diaconate: Mike Mason  
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  - Mercy Committee Chair: Geff Adams  
[mercy@cpcchatt.org](mailto:mercy@cpcchatt.org)
  - CPC Treasurer: Gary Cosby  
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## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

# COVENANT LIFE

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

**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](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
Sherry Baierl	Ann Kistner Ada Wooten <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Dawn Reynolds Connie Sanders Tim Warren	Sarah McCurry <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Maria England Eric Mullinax

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - Dec 7

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Leanna Cathey	Tammy Knotts Ellie Wright Lisa Wright	Nathan Blackburn Sarah Blackburn Evangeline Cathey	No Sunday School Congregational Mtg	No Sunday School Congregational Mtg



# MISSIONS

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**Jay Fowler**  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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## Ministry Focus:

Jay serves as a multi-area director with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in our Tennessee Valley area. Their mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Locally, FCA serves on over 60 campuses (college, high school, middle school) in a five-county area.

## Prayer:

- For end of the semester and startup in January
- For the hearts of students to be captured and transformed for Christ
- For God to raise up volunteers to serve on the mission field of area schools
- For ministry funding and faithful stewardship



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**Davis & Hannah Mooney**  
UTC RUF

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## Ministry Focus:

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) is a campus ministry that reaches college students from all backgrounds with the hope of Jesus Christ. The Mooneys want RUF to be a place where a student can come with questions, find fellowship with others, worship God, serve others, and grow in their knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His work on their behalf.

## Prayer:

- For students who already know the Lord to grow in their faith
- For unbelievers to hear and believe the Gospel
- For their marriage and family
- For student leaders and small group meetings
- For faithful financial support

More details at [cpcc chatt.org/ministry/outreach](http://cpcc chatt.org/ministry/outreach)



