

The Lord's Service

April 11, 2021

The Staged Return Commission, a commission of our deacons, agrees with health officials that wearing a mask as you stand to sing and read responsibly decreases the chances for the transmission of coronavirus.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

*Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29.10-13

LEADER: Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said “Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.”

PEOPLE: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

LEADER: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all.

PEOPLE: Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all.

LEADER: In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

PEOPLE: And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name.

*Hymn of Adoration

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
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*Invocation

Our Father, you who before all worlds determined to make a kingdom of image-bearers, covering the earth, reflecting the glory of their King, like a billion mirrors. You, who covenanted with your Son not just to make, but to redeem them, to your greater glory. In the name of that Son, the Seed of the Woman, through whom all your promises of old are fulfilled and applied to us, we ask you to receive our worship this morning. By your Spirit, sanctify our songs, purify our prayers, open our ears to hear your Word, and our hearts to receive your blessing and Fatherly favor. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To you be glory forever. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.10-12

LEADER: And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you - with great and good cities that you did not build,

PEOPLE: And houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant - and when you eat and are full,

LEADER: Then take care lest you forget the Lord, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Corporate Confession of Sin

**As we come to you today to confess
our weakness and rebellion against you,
we thank you that you have chosen**

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.

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveals this to us and points our hearts towards confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

to love desperate sinners like ourselves.
Your love and determination to rescue us
from our sin give us the courage
to admit the profound depravity
of our desires, thoughts, and actions.
We are people who want our kingdoms to come
and our will to be done.
Instead of pursuing spiritual wisdom
with all our strength, we are delighted
by our own wisdom and impressed
with our own understanding. We despise your will,
because it is so much stronger than ours and
reminds us that we are not the gods we wish to be.
We want to be worthy of your love instead of
resting in the radiant worthiness of your Son.
Father, forgive us. Give us spiritual wisdom
to behold our risen Lamb, perfect, spotless, and
worthy to receive all our worship, adoration, and
praise. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture
reminds us not only of who
we are as sinners, but also
assures us of who we are as
Christians united to Jesus
in His death and
resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1.3-5

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He
has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
who by God's power are being guarded through
faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the
last time.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* (vs. 1,5)

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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Job 9.1-15

¹ Then Job answered and said: ² “Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be in the right before God? ³ If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times. ⁴ He is wise in heart and mighty in strength - who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded? - ⁵ he who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger, ⁶ who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; ⁷ who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; ⁸ who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea; ⁹ who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; ¹⁰ who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number. ¹¹ Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him. ¹² Behold, he snatches away; who can turn him back? Who will say to him, ‘What are you doing?’ ¹³ “God will not turn back his anger; beneath him bowed the helpers of Rahab. ¹⁴ How then can I answer him, choosing my words with him? ¹⁵ Though I am in the right, I cannot answer him; I must appeal for mercy to my accuser.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

And the Father Will Dance

And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
My soul will make its boast in God,
For He has answered all my cries,
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Sing, O Daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.
And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves!
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
God rejoices over you in song!
(Hayes 1983 Hinshaw Music, Inc.)

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

*Doxology

No. 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tithes and Offerings

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 pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Prayer of the Church

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small
For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty
For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness
For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus
For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially, spiritually)
For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the nations
For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority, healthcare workers
For containment and reversal of COVID -19

For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in
plenty and want
For specific requests for others, ourselves
For God's glory alone in all matters

Hymn

Speak, O Lord
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Scripture Lesson

Mark 6.45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture 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.

Sermon

CLOSE TO ME

John Jones

*Hymn of Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
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*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe of God?

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic[□]and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

No. 734

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 with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

♩ B♭
F7 B♭
♩ E♭
B♭ Gm
F7
B♭

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

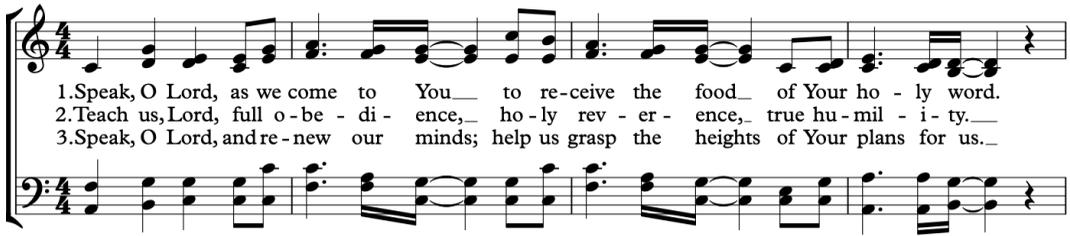
B♭
F7 Gm D
Gm D Gm
F C7
F

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

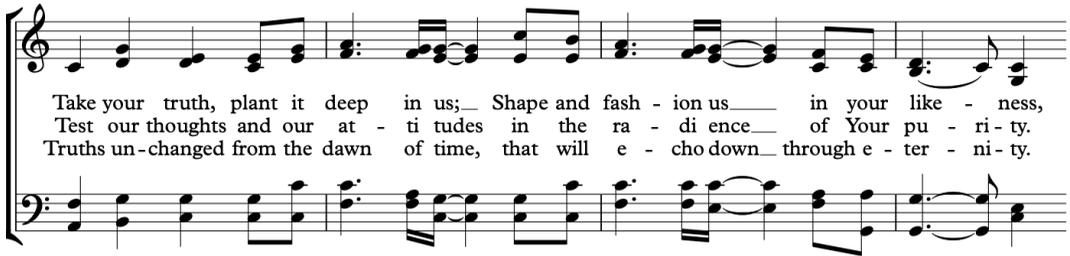
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E♭
♩ Cm Dm Cm Gm
B♭ F7
B♭
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Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

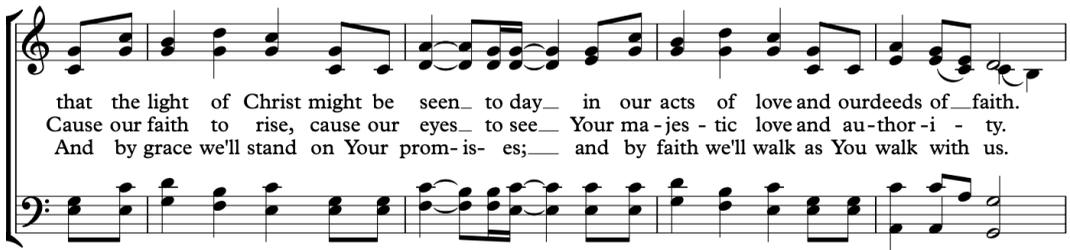
Speak, O Lord



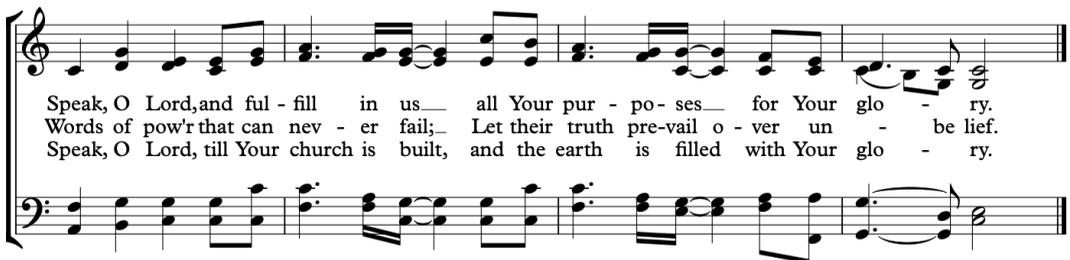
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You_ to re-ceive the food_ of Your ho - ly word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty._
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us._



Take your truth, plant it deep in us;_ Shape and fash - ion us_ in your like - ness,
Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes in the ra - di ence_ of Your pu - ri - ty.
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down_ through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen_ to day_ in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes_ to see_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es;_ and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us_ all Your pur - po - ses_ for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;_ Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

F B^b F C

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - tations? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

F B^b F/C C F

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

C F B^b F C⁷ F C

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

F B^b F/C C F

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

Vision Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WELCOME!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service. If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Jones is preaching on Mark 7.1-12.
- **TODAY - Wedding Shower for Annie Hobbs - 3:00-4:30 p.m. - SHF** - Ladies and Gents, join us for a church wedding shower for Annie Hobbs, the fiancé of Michael Horton, son of Tony and Tracy Horton. It will be in the Lobby at CPC. Annie and Michael are registered at Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, Target, Bed Bath, & Beyond, and Amazon.
- **April 14 - Midweek Meal - 5:30 p.m. - SFH** - We invite you to join us for our Wednesday supper. The menu for this week is: Stromboli with Marinara, Creamed Spinach, Tossed Salad, and Cheesecake. Please sign-up on our website to help us get an approximate count by Monday, April 12. If you forget to sign-up, don't worry, still come and join us - we will have enough.
- **April 14 - Children's Fellowship "Martial Arts" - 7-8 p.m. - Front Lawn** - Make plans to join us for an exciting presentation by the Warriors of Change Defensive Arts (A Karate for Christ Certified School). We will learn about Putting on the Full Armor of God and see demonstrations of different martial art techniques and skill. This will be a fun evening that your kids (and maybe some adults too) will not want to miss!!
- **April 14 - Ladies' Card Ministry - 7-8 p.m. - Parlor** - Ladies, please join us to assemble birthday cards as an encouragement for our church family. These cards will be designed ahead of time and we will meet to assemble them. We are asking for six to eight women to sign up via email to Diane Lazor at dlazor7@gmail.com and Edyne Vatt at brookriverschools@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Let us know if you have any questions.
- **April 16 - Men's Proverbs Study - 8:30 a.m. - FR** - We now have one meeting on Friday mornings (instead of one Zoom, followed by one physical meeting) at 8:30 am in the Frederick Room (with the potential of a few "zooming" in). Men, make plans to join us!
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to Linda Crawford and her family on the loss of her mother, Lucille Moore.
- **Congratulations** - The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Eleanor Faye Schreiner, daughter of Micah and Hannah Schreiner, born March 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Recognition

It is almost that time of year again! We are preparing to honor our graduates at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctorate programs. Please email the Church Office with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of April, we are collecting decks of cards, flashlights with batteries, sewing kits, fish hooks and fishing lines, games, crafts, and pocket knives. For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office. Let's work together to make 2021 another successful year of supporting this great organization.

Nursery Schedule - Today

Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)

Front Desk	Toddler Room
John Pearce	Carla Stevenson

Nursery Schedule - April 18

Worship Service (9:30 a.m.-10:45 p.m.)

Front Desk	Toddler Room
Stacy Collins	Karen Jones

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, April 12

Perseverers Class Zoom Mtg. - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 13

Hamilton County Election

Women's 2 Samuel Study - Zoom - 9:30 a.m.

Women's Finding God's Faithfulness - Zoom - 7 p.m.

Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 14

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 p.m.

Children's Activity "Martial Arts" - SFH - 7 p.m.

Choir (Sanctuary) - Choir Rm - 7 p.m.

Ladies' Card Ministry - Parlor - 7 p.m.

Middle & High School Mtg. - Yth Rm - 7 p.m.

Parables Co-ed Class - FR - 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - In-Person & Zoom - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 15

Women's 2 Samuel Study - FR - 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, April 16

Men's Proverbs Study - FR - 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, April 17

Ladies' Tea - SFH - 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, April 18

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.

Evensong Service - Sanctuary - 5 p.m.

Coffee Between Services

We invite you to fellowship with each other. Be aware that there is higher risk involved in eating and drinking together. If you already are at greater risk, please exercise abundant caution and good judgment.

ELDERS AND DEACONS

Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither,
 Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor,
 Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Tom Schreiner, Todd Smith, Jay Spalding,
 Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

Active Diaconate

Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins,
 Rich Denkinger, Mark Donaldson, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall (*Clerk of Diaconate*),
 Vanna Ker, Steve Leach, Mike Mason (*Chairman of Diaconate*), Richard Mauroner,
 Doug McEachern, John Morrison, John Pearce, Caleb Ray, Chris Rimondi,
 Tim Sotelo, Mark Stevenson, Phil Wade

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

African Bible University	Uganda	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Agape Puppets	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	RUF1 - UTK
Amani Ya Juu	Global	John & Kathy Lesondak	MTW - Slovak Republic
Paul Billy Arnold.....	PMI - India	Luke & Amanda McAuley	SIM - Kenya
James & Karen Ashley	Wycliffe - Global	Heidi Meiners	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
Marc & Denise Atchley.....	TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth Mitchell	MTW - France
Tom & Ann Austin	MTW - Global	Randy & Joan Nabors	MNA - Mercy
NoNo & Kate Beale	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	Andy & Kathy Napier	TWR - North Carolina
Mark Casson	MNA - Prison Ministry	PCA Agencies	Atlanta, Georgia
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Chattanooga	John Mark & Caroline Scruggs.....	RUF - UTC
Compassion International	Global	Jamie & Bethany Sexton	IDEAS - China
Chattanooga Sports Ministries.....	Chattanooga	Brian & Connie Shepson	MAF - USA
Chernobyl Children's Program.....	Belarus	Frank & Cindy Sindler	MTW - Enterprise
Choices	Chattanooga	Teresa Snow	CRU - City - Austin, Texas
Matt & Annette Cummings	WEC - Japan	Stepan & Alla Solodukha	Belarus
East Ridge Wyldlife	East Ridge, Tennessee	Dan & Susan Steere.....	ELI - Global
Jay & Beverly Fowler	FCA - East Tennessee	David & Eowyn Stoddard.....	MTW - Germany
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz	CRU - Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha	Nireekshana - India
Dan & Mako Gilchrist	ELI - Global	Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague	Harvestime - France	Third Millennium Ministries.....	Global
Haitian American Friendship Found.....	Haiti	Jeff & Heather Vaughn	MTW - Global
Harvest USA	USA	Pete Vaughn	Amani - Chattanooga
Andrew & Julie Halbert	UWM - Costa Rica	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.....	Chattanooga
Christine Harrison.....	Wycliffe - East Africa	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker	Third Mill - Global
Russ & Amanda Hightower	LA Church Plant	Josiah & Miriam Walters.....	MTW - Chad
Hope for the Inner City	Chattanooga	Bruce & Barb Wannemacher	MTW - South Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	UWM - Costa Rica	Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico