

The Lord's Service

April 18, 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

Psalm 59.16-17

LEADER: But I will sing of Your strength; I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning.

PEOPLE: **For You have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.**

LEADER: O my Strength, I will sing praises to You,

PEOPLE: **For You, O God, are my fortress, the God Who shows me steadfast love.**

*Hymn of Adoration

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
see Page 7*

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

Our Father, our Mighty Fortress, our Bulwark who never fails, our Helper, not just from the flood of mortal ills, but amid them, we come, weak as we are apart from you, to worship you through the strength given to us in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, the right Man, the One who is the same from age to age. Accept our worship in Jesus' holy and precious name. Today, help us find our present help in time of trouble as we center our hearts on you. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 127.1

LEADER: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

PEOPLE: Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy
to all those who call upon You;
hear us as we come to You
humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,
and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess before You our disobedience and
ingratitude, our pride and willfulness;
and our failures and shortcomings
Toward you and toward our fellow men.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
and of your great goodness grant that we may,
hereafter, serve and please you in newness of life;
Through the merit and mediation
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1,6

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ...For while we were still weak, at the
right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

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.

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.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 29.11-17

¹¹ And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹² And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³ And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵ Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶ You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

The Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, I love the very thought of Thee.
Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek!

No voice can sing, no longing heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name,

O Savior of mankind.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be our glory now and through eternity.
Jesus, Jesus, I love the very thought of Thee.

(2007 Beckenhorst Press)

*Doxology

No. 731

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

Tithes and Offerings

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

Doxology

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

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 7.1-13

¹ Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’” ⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’” ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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.

Sermon

John Jones

RULES OR RELATIONSHIP?

*Hymn of Response

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ
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*Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism 41

LEADER: Why was our mediator called Jesus?

PEOPLE: **Our mediator was called Jesus because he
saves his people from their sins.**

*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

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.

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

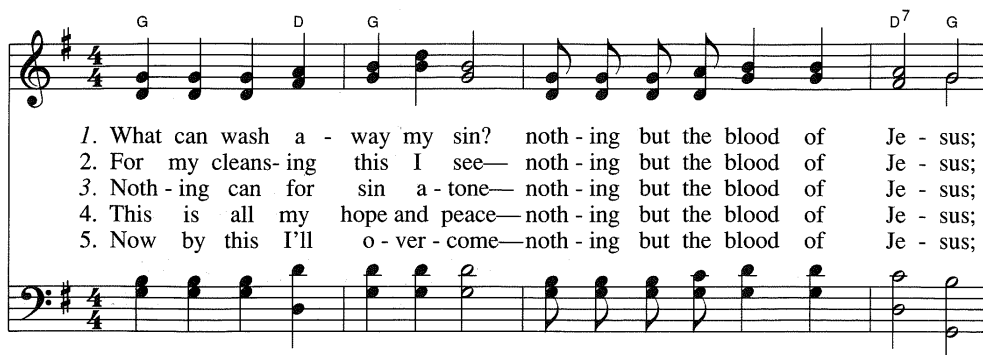
fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

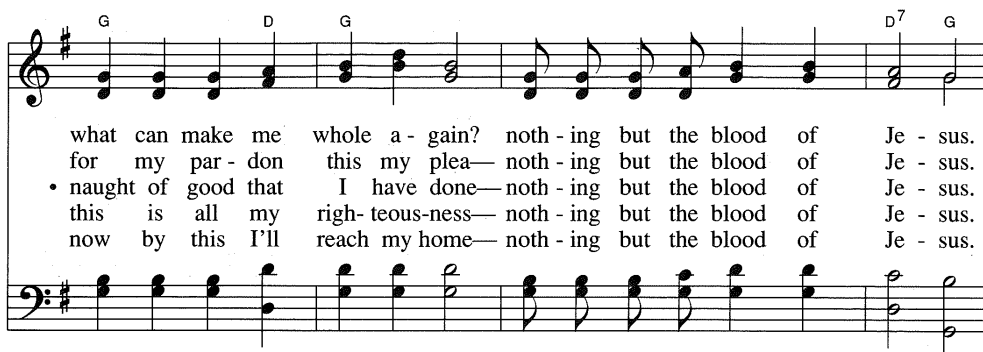
doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

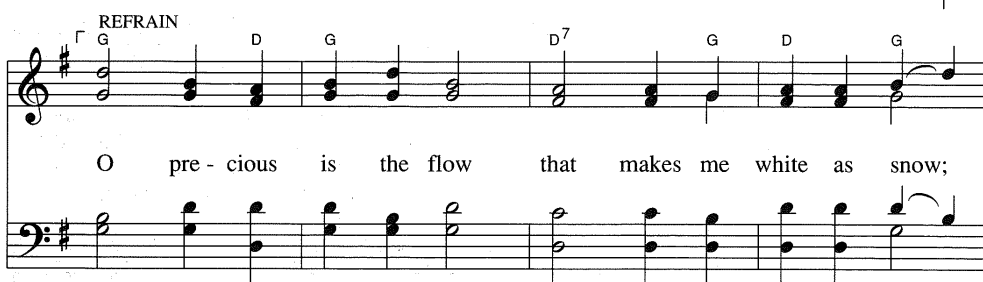
Nothing but the Blood (vs. 1,2)



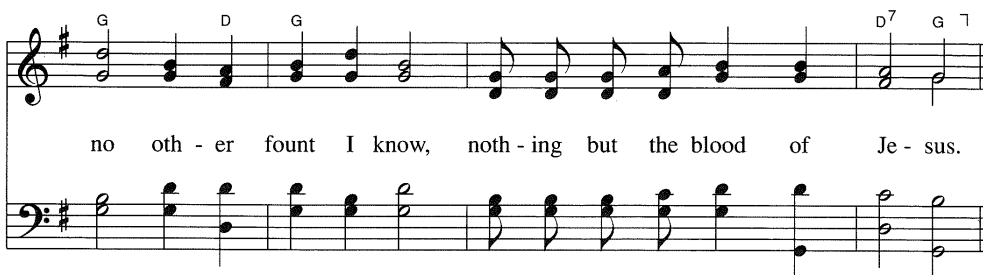
1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;



what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.



REFRAIN
 O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA (8 7. 8 7)
Old Irish hymn melody

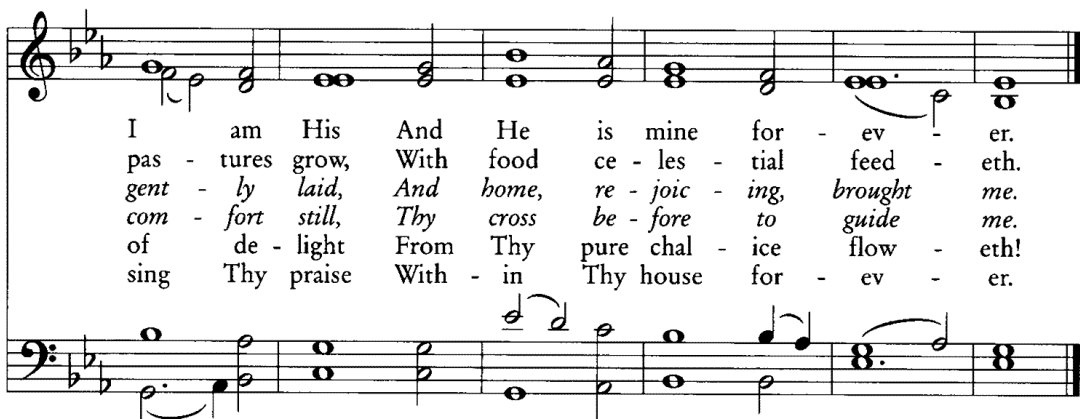
Henry W. Baker, 1868



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine
6. And so through all the length of days Thy



good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart; they
 2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree, have
 3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load of
 4. Thy righ - teous- ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me: no

REFRAIN

tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.
 paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me. To whom, save
 sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God. To whom, save
 righ - teous- ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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 Mullinax is preaching on Ephesians 4.1-16.**
- **TODAY - Evensong Service - 5:00 p.m. and meal to follow** - Evensong is a time to gather together as a body to be re-centered around the reign of Christ and prepared to go into the new week. In a setting of fellowship and devotion, evensong always includes Scripture, music, prayer, and instruction. Our expectation is to be sent into the new week strengthened to make Jesus known through our lives. You are invited to join us for a simple, informal meal in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m. immediately following the evensong service.
- **April 21 - Midweek Meal - 5:30 p.m. - SFH** - We invite you to join us for our Wednesday supper. The menu for this week is: Fettucine Alfredo with Grilled Chicken, Roasted Asparagus, and Chocolate Mousse. Please sign-up on our website to help us get an approximate count by Monday, April 19. If you forget to sign-up, don't worry, still come and join us - we will have enough.
- **April 21 - Children's Fellowship "OCC Night" - SFH - 7:00 p.m.** - Make plans to join us this Wednesday for Operation Christmas Child - Sharing Good News, Great Joy Around the World! Kids, plan to bring a few items to place in shoeboxes (e.g. toothbrushes, crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, small notebooks, small bowls, washcloths, flashlights with batteries, soccer balls with pumps, small stuffed animals, small dolls, harmonicas, small toys, cars, trucks, combs, ribbons, barrettes, etc.). We will pack at least two OCC shoeboxes per table, along with fun coloring activities, playing games, watching videos, and more! We look forward to seeing you!
- **April 25 - Vasquez/Fowler Wedding Shower - SFH - 2:00-4:00 p.m.** - Join us in Schum Fellowship Hall to honor Jonathan Fowler and Valeria Vasquez. Jonathan is the son of Jay and Bev Fowler. The couple is registered at Target and Ikea. Men and women are both invited to attend the shower to celebrate this couple.
- **May 1 - Jaime Jones Baby Shower (in-person or Zoom) - Courtyard, weather permitting-- 1:00-5:00 p.m.** - Join us to celebrate John and Jaime Jones' first baby who is soon to arrive. The shower is organized for small groups to come visit during half hour windows. Please RSVP to Hope Martof (hopedmeredith99@gmail.com) to select a time slot for the in-person shower or receive a link for a Zoom option. They are registered at babylist.com/eeceynixx.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **May 2 - Missionary Heidi Meiners Presentation - SFH - 11:00 a.m.** - Heidi teaches at International Christian School in Budapest, Hungary and has a vital ministry to expat families and their children. Join us for a mission's get-together after our morning worship where Heidi will make a brief presentation of her work and be available to answer questions.
- **SAVE THE DATE - Sept. 10-12 - CPC Marriage Retreat in the Smokies** - Cost: \$215. Look for registration to open May 1. More details to come soon.
- **Thank You** - "Dear Church Family, we are so grateful to all our brothers and sisters who have expressed their love and support through prayers and cards to our family. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful, caring body of believers who have poured their hearts into our lives." ~ Beholden to Christ, Tom and Linda Crawford.

TVP Women's Ministry Retreat

May 15 - Together...Raised, Hinged, Growing & Walking Retreat - Camp Vesper Point - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - All women in the Tennessee

Valley Presbytery are invited to a half day retreat . During the time together at Lake Chickamauga, we will learn how we are raised and hinged together and are growing and walking together as women of the Covenant. Please visit this link to learn more and to RSVP by May 10: <http://bit.ly/may15retreat>.

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.

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, April 19

Perseverers Class Zoom Mtg. - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 20

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

WEDNESDAY, April 21

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

Children's Activity "OCC Night" - SFH - 7 p.m.

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

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

Mother's Encouragement Grp - Parlor - 7 p.m.

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

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

THURSDAY, April 22

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

Women's Closer Than a Sister - Zoom - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 23

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

SUNDAY, April 25

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

Vasquez/Fowler Wedding Shower - SFH - 2 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

Evensong Services

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Evensong Service dates for 2021. These services will begin at 5:00 p.m.

- April 18
- May 16
- June 13 - Music Camp Performance
- July 18
- August 15
- September 19
- October 31 - Reformation Service
- November 21
- December 19 - Choir Concert

Coffee on Sunday Mornings

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.

Nursery Schedule - Today

Worship Service (9:15 a.m.-10:45 p.m.)

Front Desk

Toddler Room

Stacy Collins

Karen Jones

Nursery Schedule - April 25

Worship Service (9:15 a.m.-10:45 p.m.)

Front Desk

Toddler Room

Becky Pearce

Madeline Hill

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

