

The Lord's Service

April 25, 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 150.1-6

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

PEOPLE: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise
Him according to His excellent greatness!

LEADER: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him
with lute and harp!

PEOPLE: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!

LEADER: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him
with loud clashing cymbals!

PEOPLE: Let everything that has breath praise the
Lord! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Adoration

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
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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

Mighty God, your Kingdom truly is forever. Before the mountains were brought forth or you formed the earth and the sea, you reigned supreme over all other powers and reign supreme you will for eternity, even as we look forward to the day when you destroy every rule and authority and power and put all things in subjection

under Christ's feet. We come before you this morning able to approach only because your Son sided with us and gave us the gift of your Spirit, making us not just subjects of your Kingdom, but sons and daughters. In the name of that Son, we ask that you would receive our worship this morning. May it honor and please you. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1.16-17

LEADER: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

PEOPLE: **Remove the evil of your deeds from before
My eyes; cease to do evil,**

LEADER: Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression;

PEOPLE: **Bring justice to the fatherless, plead the
widow's cause.**

Corporate Confession of Sin

Samuel Johnson
(1696-1772)

**O merciful God, full of compassion,
long-suffering and of great pity,
make us earnestly repent,
and truly be sorry for all our misdoings;
make the remembrance of them so burdensome
and painful that we may flee to You
with a troubled spirit and a contrite heart;
and, O merciful Lord,
visit, comfort, and relieve us;
excite in us true repentance;
In this world give us knowledge of Your truth
and confidence in Your mercy,
and, in the world to come, life everlasting.**

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-4

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 50.15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

(2005 Thankyou Music CCLI No. 447727)

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

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.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

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)

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.

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

Beneath the Cross
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Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4.1-16

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." ⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and

teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Eric Mullinax

A GOOD WALK, NOT SPOILED

*Hymn of Response

Take My Life, and Let It Be
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*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.2

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God?

People: God has all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness in and of Himself. He alone is all-sufficient. He alone is the foundation of all being, of Whom, and to Whom are all things. He has absolute sovereignty over all things. His knowledge is infinite, His counsels holy, His works perfect, and His commands right. To Him is due from angels and men, and every creature, whatever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.

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.

*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

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.

*Benediction

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Unison A⁷ Bm D⁷ G D 1 Bm

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav-en, to his feet your
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa-vor to our fa-thers
 3. Fa-ther-like, he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble
 4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour-ish, blows the wind and
 5. An-gels, help us to a-dore him; you be-hold him

F#m C#⁷ F#m⁷ D A⁷ Bm D G D

trib-ute bring; ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en,
 in dis-tress; praise him, still the same for-ev-er,
 • frame he knows; in his hands he gent-ly bears us,
 it is gone; but while mor-tals rise and per-ish,
 face to face; sun and moon, bow down be-fore him,

A Bdim⁷ A E⁷ A Em⁷ F#m

who, like me, his praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia!
 slow to chide and swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia!
 • res-cues us from all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia!
 God en-dures un-chang-ing on. Al-le-lu-ia!
 dwell-ers all in time and space. Al-le-lu-ia!

Em⁷ D D⁷ 1 G Bm Em⁷ A⁷ D 1

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.
 Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious in his faith-ful-ness.
 • Al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly as his mer-cy goes.
 Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the High E-ter-nal One.
 Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



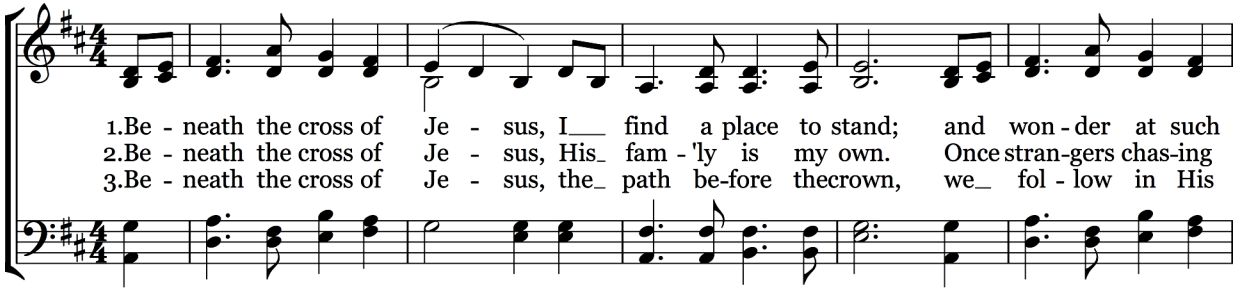
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:



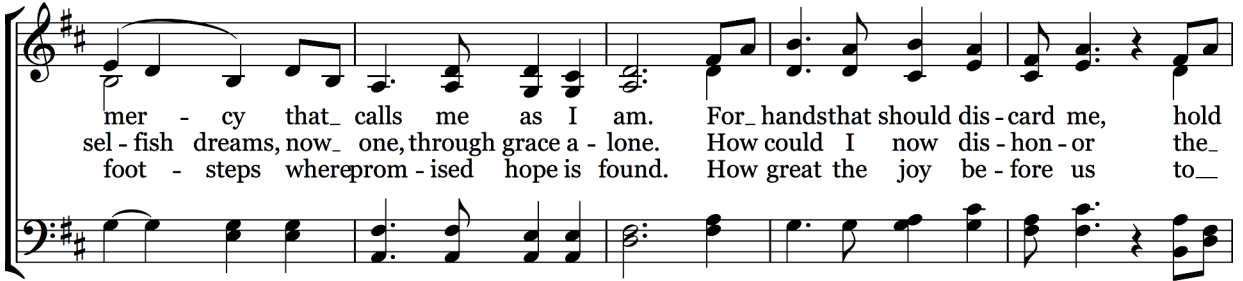
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.



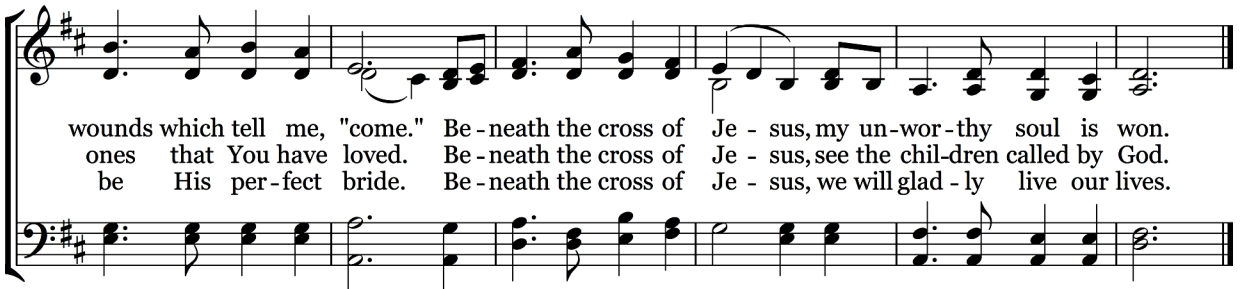
Beneath the Cross



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I find a place to stand; and won - der at such
 2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - 'ly is my own. Once stran - gers chas - ing
 3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown, we fol - low in His



mer - cy that calls me as I am. For hands that should dis - card me, hold
 sel - fish dreams, now one, through grace a - lone. How could I now dis - hon - or the
 foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be - fore us to



wounds which tell me, "come." Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, my un - wor - thy soul is won.
 ones that You have loved. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
 be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Chords: F, F, C7, F, Dm, Bb, Gm

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Chords: F, C7, F, C, C7, F

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

Chords: Bb, F, C, F, C, F, Dm, C, F, Bb, F, C, F

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure-store.
 Take my self, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

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 7.14-23.
- **TODAY - Vasquez/Fowler Wedding Shower - SFH - 2:00-4:00 p.m.** - Join us in honoring 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.
- **April 28 - Midweek Meal - 5:30 p.m. - SFH** - We invite you to join us for our Wednesday supper. The menu for this week is: Pork Carnitas, Mexican Tossed Salad, Rice, and Sopapillas . Please sign-up on our website to help us get an approximate count by Monday, April 26.
- **April 28 - Children's Fellowship "Carnival - Celebrating the Gospel" - SFH/Lawn - 6-8 p.m.** - Join us this Wednesday for our Carnival. The Agape Puppets will be joining us, so invite your friends to hear the Gospel. The booths and inflatable obstacle course will begin at 6 p.m. The puppet show will follow at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!!
- **Postponed: May 1 - Jones Baby Shower (in-person or Zoom)** - Be certain to watch for updates about this shower. John and Jamie Jones' daughter Blythe is a preemie, and she and mom will need to remain in the hospital for a time. Please pray for them.
- **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. Join us for a mission's get-together after worship where Heidi will make a brief presentation of her work and answer questions.
- **June 7-11 - Music Camp** - Hey Kids, mark your calendar for Music Camp. This year's musical is *Esther-ordinary Faith*. Camp is \$30 per child and open to children entering Kindergarten through those entering Grade Six. Registration begins today. Registration forms are found online at cpcchatt.org and in the Lobby. Family discounts and scholarships are available, but you must apply in the Lobby. Volunteers may also register by completing a form in the Lobby.
- **Sept. 10-12 - CPC Marriage Retreat in the Smokies** - Cost: \$215 (Includes 2 nights and 4 meals). Join us for the Marriage Retreat at Oak Haven Resort. Our speakers will be Ed and Margaret Killeen, marriage counselors in private practice in St. Louis. Ed is a PCA teaching elder. This year's theme is "The Power of Presence." Registration opens May 2. A \$50 deposit is due with your reservation. Questions: contact Jon or Heather at 423.503.8651 or jeh1224@aol.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to Eric Reynolds and his family on the loss of his father, Arthur Reynolds.
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to Jeremiah Hill and his family on the loss of his grandmother, Ilse Hill.
- **Congratulations** - John and Jamie Jones gave birth to their new daughter Annaliese Blythe Jones on April 17, 2021. Jamie is the daughter of Jim and Edie Martof.

TVP Women's Ministry Retreat

**May 15 - Camp Vesper Point - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Together...Raised, Hinged, Growing &
Walking Retreat**

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>.

Helpers Needed for Shine Camp!!

This summer SHINE: A Creative Arts Camp for Girls will take place July 19-23. The camp is open to girls who have completed 3rd through 8th Grade. If you are a high schooler who would like to be a small group leader for the week, or you are a women who would like to share your enthusiasm and talents in cooking, sewing, crafting, or art, we would love to have your help. Please email Rebekah Bennett at Rebekahjbennett@gmail.com.

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, April 26

Perseverers Class Zoom Mtg. - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 27

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

WEDNESDAY, April 28

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

Children's Activity "Carnival" - SFH/Lawn - 6-8 p.m.

Choir (Sanctuary) - Choir Rm - 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 29

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

FRIDAY, April 30

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

SATURDAY, May 1

Jamie Jones Baby Shower - Courtyard - 1-4 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 2

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

Heidi Meiners' Presentation - SFH - 11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Christmas Child

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

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

Front Desk

Toddler Room

Becky Pearce

Madeline Hill

Nursery Schedule - May 2

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

Front Desk

Toddler Room

Bekah Gernhard

Shirley Jones

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.



Welcome

Heidi Meiner

**International Christian School
in Budapest, Hungary**

May 2 - 11 a.m. - SFH

Heidi will share a brief presentation of her work in Budapest and will be available for questions.

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.

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	RUF - 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