



THE LORD'S SERVICE

October 11, 2026

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

from Isaiah 52.1-10 (ESV)

*Awake, awake,
put on your strength!
Put on your beautiful garments...
Shake yourself from the dust and arise!*

**How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news!
who declares peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."**

*Break forth together into singing...
for the Lord has comforted his people...
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.*

[ALL] We praise you, our God who reigns!

***Songs of Praise**
"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Fanny Crosby (1869)

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
In His arms He carries them all day long.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness!
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified!
Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows!
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness!
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong!
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness!
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

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Prayer

Scripture Reading

James 4.4-10 (ESV)

⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

“Sovereign Ruler Of The Skies”

Ryland/Foto/Monk/Berry (1777/2020)

Sovereign Ruler of the skies, ever gracious, ever wise,
All my times are in your hand, all events at your command.

His decree, who formed the earth, fixed my first and second birth
Now my life to Him I owe, where He leads me I will go

*Ever faithful, ever true
Keep my heart to only You
Since I cannot part from Thee
Sovereign Ruler ever be*

Plagues and deaths around me fly, 'til He bids, I cannot die
Not a single shaft can hit 'til the God of love thinks fit

Times the tempter's power to prove, times to taste a Savior's love
All must come and last and end as shall please my heavenly Friend

Chorus

He that formed me in the womb He shall guide me to Thy tomb
And all my times shall ever be ordered by His wise decree

Chorus x 2

Thee, at all times, will I bless, having Thee, I all possess
Since I cannot part from Thee, Sovereign Ruler ever be



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.

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But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to your promises declared
unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father;
For his sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;
To the glory of your holy name.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Corinthians 15:22, 56-57 (ESV)

In Adam all die, but in Christ all shall be made alive. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Nolan John Gabler
son of Chris & Mackenzie Gabler

***Prayer of Petition**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Children's Homily

Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)



THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**Scripture Reading*

Ecclesiastes 9.13-18

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“Wisdom's SIGNIFICANCE, Sin's SABOTAGE.”



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

“Behold The Lamb”

Getty/Getty/Townend (2007)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you. Eat and remember.
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one so we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you. Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond. And to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth
As we share in his suffering we proclaim, Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King

****We Confess Our Faith***

The Apostles' Creed

2nd Century

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662-adapted with modern English

*catholic = universal

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy catholic* church;
The communion of Saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Collection of Offerings

Leader: *What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

"Romans 11"

Andrew Peterson (2014)

Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments, how untraceable His paths
Who knows the mind of our God? Who could bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God that God should repay?
For from Him through Him to Him is everything

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever a men*

***Hymn of Response**
"Arise My Soul Arise"

Wesley/Twit (1996)

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

Chorus

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Chorus



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*
† all who are able, please kneel

Proverbs 25.26

Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain
is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.

Isaiah 50.2-3, 10

²Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem?
Or have I no power to deliver?
Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea,
I make the rivers a desert;
their fish stink for lack of water
and die of thirst.

³ I clothe the heavens with blackness
and make sackcloth their covering.

¹⁰ Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the Lord
and rely on his God.

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SUNDAYS, 10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY: Evangelism Training: Does evangelism seem like a terrifying task? Join us between services today in the sanctuary to gain confidence in sharing your faith!

SUNDAYS 9:30-10AM, 11-11:30AM, WEEKLY PRAYER | PASTOR JIM'S OFFICE: Join one another weekly for intentional and strategic prayer during each worship service- praying for the work of God's church, the effectiveness of his Word, trials and needs among us, and the mission of God in our assigned spheres of influence. This is lay-led, and a guide is provided. Please reach out to Pastor Jim if interested in facilitating.

TONIGHT, OCT 11, 6-7:30PM | STUDENT SOCIAL: Middle and high school students, come carve pumpkins with us beside a cozy bonfire at the Smith's house (3755 Highway 81 South)! Text JT @ 443-902-4322 for details.

FRI, OCT 16, 1 PM | ETSU Evangelism: Eager to be a part of students coming to know Christ? Join us at ETSU as we share our faith with students! Text JT @ 443-902-4322 for details.



OCT 16-17 | LADIES FALL GATHERING @ the Church! Paula Miles will join us to teach and enter into a weekend of "Resting Together" with us. Please check out the details with this QR code and plan to join us!

SUN, OCT 18, 10-10:15AM, 3RD FL | VISITORS' MINGLE: Visitors & new attendees, this is an opportunity to learn more about community groups, kids & youth programs, & how to get involved at CCC. Light refreshments will be served.

SUN, OCT 25, 3-5PM | BABY SHOWER FOR KAITLYN HESS: Join us as we celebrate Kaitlyn Hess and her precious baby at a drop-in shower at Keywood Meadows Farm (400 Walling Rd, Piney Flats, TN)! RSVP to Jennifer Burkey (423-797-0395) by 10/21



SUN, OCT 25, 5:30PM | FALL HYMN-SING! Join us at the property of Peter and Dixie Gaultney (219 County Farm Rd, Jonesborough, TN) for a sweet time of fellowship and to sing hymns together out by the campfire. Bring jackets, blankets, and chairs. Warm refreshments will be provided. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. - leave when they kick you out.



8:30-9:50, 1st Worship Service
10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10-10:50
Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10-10:50

K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor
2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Peter Gaultney, 2nd Floor
4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes, 10-10:50

Middle School (6th-8th): Bill & Susan Kowalski, 3rd Floor, Youth Room
High School (9th-12th): JT & Mackenzie Reagar, Rex & Lina Hardy, 3rd Floor, Pastor Bill's Office



FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

FRONT ROOM & 2ND FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

NURSERY: On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK): On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP: If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Scriptural study for the upcoming sermon on the CCC 2nd floor. Bring your Bible and coffee, and contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782) if planning to attend for the first time, as the location can change.

WOMEN

WEDNESDAYS, 9:30-11:30AM | PSALMS: REAL PRAYERS FOR REAL LIFE: Led by Leslie Owens (601.540.7213). Meeting at the Church. Childcare Provided.

FRIDAYS, 9-10:30AM | SIDE BY SIDE: WALKING WITH OTHERS IN WISDOM & LOVE: Facilitated by Shannon Thomsen (423.557.4669) & Lori Wilkerson (423.963.9431). Meeting at Shannon's house (2406 Larkspur Drive, JC).

SUNDAYS, 6-7:30PM | PSALMS: REAL PRAYERS FOR REAL LIFE: Led by Leslie Owens (601.540.7213). Meeting at the Church. Childcare Provided (combined with Sunday evening community group children).

¹³ I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. ¹⁴ There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. ¹⁵ But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. ¹⁶ But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.

¹⁷ The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. ¹⁸ Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good. (ESV)

The POINT.

Wisdom's significance. | 9.13-18a

THE PROBLEM.

Sin's Sabotage | 9.18b

The ANALOGY.

Jesus | Our Wisdom and Salvation.