



THE LORD'S SERVICE

October 25, 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 1 Corinthians 3.11,
Philippians 2.6-11, Psalm 95.6 (ESV)

No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Though in the form of God, He emptied himself! Born in the likeness of men.

He humbled himself! Obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name!

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[ALL] Come, let us worship and bow down!

****Songs of Praise***
“The Church’s One Foundation”

Stone/Wesley (1866)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consumation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three-in-One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2.9-14 (ESV)

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to see that though I fail you every day
Your steadfast love will not fail me but gladly bears my sin away.
And there I see your holy fire, consuming sin in mercy's blood:
What righteousness and love require to ransom sinners to their God.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to weep for there my sin led you away
And e'en the sun did bow in grief as darkness crowned our darkest day.
And oh, to think that I once stood indifferent to your suffering!
And oh, to see your sweat like blood: such depths of sorrow borne for me!

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to love for there I've tasted love divine,
It fills my heart with power enough to make your costly service mine.
No sin too great to meet with grace, no enemy too foul to bless.
Your love in wounds of sacrifice; teach me, O Lord, to love like this.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to sing for now my captive soul is free!
No guilt, no fear, no suffering can tear away your love from me!
No song can reach such heights of joy! No tongue can tell such depths of peace!
No power, no time, can e'er destroy the eternal praise for Calvary!



THE LORD CLEANSES US

† 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 imploring your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words;
And by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude,
Our pride and willfulness;
And all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward fellow men.
Have mercy upon 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.

***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.

****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 10.12-20

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

"Can we talk about something different?"



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.

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

Nockels/Getty/Getty/Myrin (2016)

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation (x2)

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***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 amen*

****Hymn of Response***
"Be Thou My Vision"

Hull/Byrne (1919)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

****Benediction***

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom
is the knowledge of our own ignorance.

Charles Spurgeon

[On verse Ecclesiastes 10.18]

Sloth is a deadly sin. It will destroy the soul that is too lazy to seek its own spiritual progress. But that is not the only thing that sloth will destroy. It will destroy a relationship when people turn to their own interest rather than working hard at intimacy. It will destroy a church that rests on what it has already accomplished rather than doing everything it still has an opportunity to do for Christ. Sloth can even destroy a kingdom, especially when people have more of a sense of entitlement than a sense of responsibility. Only a fool would neglect something as important as personal sanctification or family unity or effective service...

Philip Graham Ryken | *Ecclesiastes - Why Everything Matters*

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

- 11/1: Westminster Confession of Faith Ch. 21: Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day
- 11/7: Westminster Confession of Faith (continued)
- 11/15 & 22, 12/13 & 20: Spheres of Influence (Pastor Jim)

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.

TODAY, 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



TODAY, OCT 25, 3:30PM | ARTIST COLLABORATIVE MEETING: For all artists, (new or returning) come to enjoy some company with other artists and share about the things you're working on! Meeting will be in the front room here at the church.

TONIGHT, 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.

SUN, NOV 1, 4:30-6PM | REFORMATION CELEBRATION: Some leaders from our Covenant Children Team are putting together a Reformation Celebration here at the church! We hope that it will be an evening to be enjoyed by all ages as we gather for games, activities, and fellowship to remember the people and events used by God in bringing about the Protestant Reformation. We look forward to seeing you there!

FRI, NOV 13 - MEN'S NIGHT | BOWLING: Men and boys of all ages- join us at Holiday Lanes for bowling! Details and RSVP coming.

EARLY 2027 | VISION DINNER: Our annual Christmas Dinner and evening of Stories & Vision has become a shared special event for CCC. For scheduling and shepherding reasons, we are bumping this Vision Dinner into 2027- which we believe will be beneficial and wonderful! We wanted you to be informed. Anticipating a special Vision gathering in early 2027!



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).

¹² The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,
but the lips of a fool consume him.

¹³ The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness,
and the end of his talk is evil madness.

¹⁴ A fool multiplies words,
though no man knows what is to be,
and who can tell him what will be after him?

¹⁵ The toil of a fool wearies him,
for he does not know the way to the city.

¹⁶ Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,
and your princes feast in the morning!

¹⁷ Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility,
and your princes feast at the proper time,
for strength, and not for drunkenness!

¹⁸ Through sloth the roof sinks in,
and through indolence the house leaks.

¹⁹ Bread is made for laughter,
and wine gladdens life,
and money answers everything.

²⁰ Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king,
nor in your bedroom curse the rich,
for a bird of the air will carry your voice,
or some winged creature tell the matter. (ESV)

10.12-14, 20 | The words of a fool, OR...

10.15 | The toil of a fool, OR...

10.16-19 | The kingdom of fools, OR...