



## THE LORD'S SERVICE

May 3, 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***

Psalm 106.47-48 (ESV)

*Save us, O Lord our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,*

**that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.**

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say,*

**“Amen!” Praise the Lord!**

**\*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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Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 54.1-10 (ESV)

“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;  
break forth into singing and cry aloud,  
you who have not been in labor!  
For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than the children of her who is married,” says the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup> “Enlarge the place of your tent,  
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;  
do not hold back; lengthen your cords  
and strengthen your stakes.

<sup>3</sup> For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,  
and your offspring will possess the nations  
and will people the desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup> “Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;  
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;  
for you will forget the shame of your youth,  
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

<sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband,  
the Lord of hosts is his name;  
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord has called you  
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,  
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,  
says your God.

<sup>7</sup> For a brief moment I deserted you,  
but with great compassion I will gather you.

<sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment  
I hid my face from you,  
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,”  
says the Lord, your Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup> “This is like the days of Noah to me:  
as I swore that the waters of Noah  
should no more go over the earth,  
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,  
and will not rebuke you.

<sup>10</sup> For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”  
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

## “Only A Holy God”

Farren, Robinson, Smith, Thompson (2016)

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

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What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God!

*Chorus*



## **THE LORD CLEANSSES US**

### **† Confession of Sin**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so  
that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.  
Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Selections from Psalm 51).

### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalm 116.5-7 (ESV)

*Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserves the simple;*

**When I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

### **Baptisms**

Benjamin Wesley Cash  
son of Troy & Samantha

Lucy Abigail Harding  
daughter of Dan & Abby

## “The Church’s One Foundation”

Written & Arr by: S..J. Stone, 1866

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven 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 every 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 every grace endued.

### **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**

Galatians 4.21-31

Pastor: This is the word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

Jim Powell

**“Promise (alone) Matters.”**



## **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.

### **“Christ The True And Better”**

Boswell, Papa, Getty (2021)

Christ, the true and better Adam; Son of God and Son of man  
Who, when tempted in the garden never yielded, never sinned  
He, who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again  
Dying, He reversed the curse, then rising, crushed the serpent's head

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Christ, the true and better Isaac humble son of sacrifice  
Who would climb the fearful mountain there to offer up his life  
Laid with faith upon the altar Father's joy and only son  
There salvation was provided, oh, what full and boundless love

*Amen! Amen!  
From beginning to end  
Christ the story, His the glory  
Alleluia! Amen!*

Christ, the true and better Moses called to lead a people home  
Standing bold to earthly powers God's great glory to be known  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven see the waters part in two  
See the veil is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through

*Chorus*

Christ, the true and better David lowly shepherd, mighty king  
He the champion in the battle; where, o death, is now thy sting?  
In our place He bled and conquered, crown Him Lord of majesty  
His shall be the throne forever, we shall e'er His people be

*Chorus x2*

*Christ the story, His the glory  
Alleluia! Amen!*

### **\*We Confess Our Faith**

From Colossians 1.13-20

*Christian, what do you believe?*

**God, the Father, has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## 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

#### “Grace Greater Than All Our Sin”

Julia Harriette Johnston (1910)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide; what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today

*Chorus*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe,  
All who are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?

*Chorus*



## THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

### \*Benediction

*\* all who are able, please stand*

*† all who are able, please kneel*

Let's celebrate our graduates as we pray for their future endeavors!

Aedan McGann- Science Hill High School

Alice DeVusser- Tri Cities Home Ed. Learning Program

Jana Higgins- Science Hill High School

Landon Gibson- Home Life Academy

Megan Fletcher- Tennessee Tech University *Ed.S. in Instructional Leadership*

Meggie Powell- Anderson University *B.A. Human Development & Family Studies*

Traci Sharp- ETSU *M.S. Nursing (Psychiatric Specialty)*

Tristan Bauer- ETSU *B.A. Contemporary Music Performance*

Pastor Jim Powell, Preaching and Leadership | Pastor Bill Leuzinger, Counseling and Care  
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# UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- TODAY, 10:15AM | INTERESTED IN LEARNING BIBLICAL GREEK? If you are interested in learning some basic biblical Greek this summer, come chat with Matt Russell on the third floor between the services (or email him to let him know: mattr29@hotmail.com).
- 5/17: Sharing the Gospel & Your Testimony, Kike Astorga

**TODAY, AFTER 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE | COLLEGE & CAREER GATHERING:** Come to a gathering for post-high school, college, & post-grad young adults! Join us for a meal, friendship and real talk about faith. Meeting at Rick & Dawn Hess' home (705 Hiwassee Hill Dr, Johnson City, TN 37601). Text Rick for questions & to RSVP (423-262-9609).

**FRI, MAY 15, 7PM | GIRLS' HANG OUT:** Ladies, this Summer we have monthly opportunities to gather for fellowship and getting to know one another! This month we are gathering at Jessica Crosmun's House- 130 Kiser Circle, Jonesborough @ 7pm. Bring a snack or sweet to share if desired!



**SAT, MAY 16, 10AM | BABY SHOWER FOR KELLY RUSSELL:** Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Russell! Please RSVP to 423-276-4741 & use the QR code to see the registry.



**SUN, MAY 17, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR ANNA LITTLE:** Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Little! Please RSVP to Charlotte Julian at 423-972-5984 & use the QR code to see the registry.



**FRI MAY 29, 6PM | MEN'S HANG OUT:** Meeting at the Southside Elementary Pavilion. More details to come!

**FRI, JUNE 5, 6PM | CHURCH PICNIC @ ROTARY PARK:** Join us for this sweet and informal time of fellowship @ the Harris Pavilion at Rotary Park! Hot dogs and waters provided, and please bring a side to share! RSVP and specify side with QR code so we can plan accordingly.



**JUNE 15-19 | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Join us for a week of VBS! Registration will go live on May 10<sup>th</sup>. VBS is for children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**MISSIONS PARTNER: KIKE AND BRITTANY ASTORGA.** The Astorga family is here for the summer as they raise support so they can continue their work with Campus Outreach in Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to support their ministry please scan the QR & consider connecting them with other Christians in your circles! Kike's email is [elifelet.astorga@campusoutreach.org](mailto:elifelet.astorga@campusoutreach.org).



# SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

- 8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
- 10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
- 11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

## Adult Classes

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

## Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

- K-1<sup>st</sup>: Elaine DeVusser 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Youth Classes

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 6-8PM



## 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 & 2<sup>ND</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?  
<sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup> But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup> Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;  
 break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!  
 For the children of the desolate one will be more  
 than those of the one who has a husband.”

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. <sup>30</sup> But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” <sup>31</sup> So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

**The Gospel (of sonship) lived out in Relationship**

**Safety matters. 4.21**

From evil, sin and guilt (Law) ... but NOT from discomfort or admonition.

**Theology matters. 4.22-27**

Redemptive history must be interpreted Christologically... if it is to be for our good.

Covt at Sinai	Slavery	Flesh	Hagar	Present Jerusalem
Covt w Abraham	Freedom	Promise	Sarah	Jerusalem above

**Genealogy matters (spiritually speaking). 4.28-31**

Your family tree matters. ONLY children of promise are free (from slavery to sin and to the Law, through Jesus).