



THE LORD'S SERVICE

August 23, 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 Jn 3:16, 1 Pt 1:18-19, and Ps 126:3 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

***Songs of Praise**
“To God Be The Glory”

Fanny Crosby (1875)

To God be the Glory, great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
Will surely from Jesus a pardon receive!

Chorus

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done
And Great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see

Chorus

Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (ESV)

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you

made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own”

Getty, Getty, Kendrick (2014)

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers, we fade and die, fame, youth, and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

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Two wonders here that I confess, my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross

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THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

O Lord, when you would guide me, I control myself.
When you would be sovereign, I rule myself.
When you would take care of me, I suffice myself.
When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself;
I fault and adjust your laws to suit myself.
Instead of you I look to others for approval and am by nature an idolater.
Lord, it is my chief desire to bring my heart back to you.
Convince me that I cannot be my own god to make myself happy,
Nor my own Christ to restore my joy,
Nor my own Spirit to teach, guide, rule me.
Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite, lustful heart;
Then take me to the cross and leave me there.

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

Micah 7:18-19 (ESV)

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.*

**He has had compassion on us;
he has tread our iniquities underfoot.
You have cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.**

Baptisms

Carolina, Calloway, Annie Ferguson
children of Kade and Cassie

“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***

Ecclesiastes 5.8–20

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“What IS. What HAS TO BE.”



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 Is Mine Forevermore”

Robinson & Thompson (2016)

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me

*Come rejoice now, O my soul for his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore*

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Chorus (x2)

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***We Confess Our Faith**

from Romans 8:31-39, except v. 36

Leader: What then shall we say to any and every enemy of our salvation?

All: If God be for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

All: It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword.

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD.

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

"How Rich A Treasure We Possess"

Papa & Boswell (2010)

How rich a treasure we possess in Jesus Christ our Lord
His blood our ransom and defense, His glory our reward
The sum of all created things is worthless in compare
For our inheritance is Him whose praise angels declare

How free and costly was the love displayed upon the cross
While we were dead in untold sin the Sov'reign purchased us
The will of God the Father demonstrated through the Son
The Spirit seals the greatest work, the work which Christ has done

*For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, Amen!*

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained
The penalty was paid in full, the spotless Lamb was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift, received by grace through faith
We stand in robes of righteousness, we stand in Jesus' Name

Chorus



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

*Benediction

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

Satisfaction sold separately.

Philip Ryken

As one's means goes up, so does his bills.

Tremper Longman

Do you have a favorite Scripture verse?

"Yes. Ephesians 2.8-9."

You mean 2.8-10?

"No. Just 8 and 9."

Why are they your favorite verses?

"Because it says it all."

- Margaret Powell

[Age 96, talking about her funeral service 5 years later, age 101.]

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WELCOME RUF & OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS: We are glad you are back in Johnson City and are here to worship with us! All college students are invited by RUF to lunch today from 12-2:30 at Will Barbour's house for a meal to get connected with Reformed University Fellowship. Text Emma Cade @ 828-691-5037 for details.



THUR, AUG 27, 5:30PM | CAMPUS HOUSE: Campus House is a ministry to ETSU students. We provide dinner for their gathering, 'Thursday Night Live'. We need volunteers to bring food and/or hang out with students. Please contact John or Emily Barrett (barrettemily25@gmail.com, 423-741-9698) if you have any questions.

FRI, AUG 28, 6-9PM | MEN'S HANGOUT @ CHRIS GABLER'S: Men, young men, and boys- join us for burgers, hot dogs, and outdoor games! RSVP so we know how much meat to buy, and bring a side to share and a camp chair. **RSVP by TOMORROW!**



SAT, AUG 29, 6PM | DINNER WITH THE DAVILAS: On behalf of the Mission Team, we would like to invite the congregation to a dinner at the VanEatons for those who would like to get to know the Davilas and to hear more about the work in El Salvador. **Please RSVP!**

SUN, AUG 30, BETWEEN SERVICES, 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, AUG 30, 1 PM | YOUNG ADULT AND COLLEGE LUNCH: College and young adults, join us for fellowship and a great meal at the Farmer's home @ 2308 David Miller Rd. Contact JT Reagor at 443-902-4322 or Ken Farmer at 423-612-9835 to let us know you are coming!

SUN, AUG 30, 6PM ARTIST'S COLLECTIVE: Artists (musicians, painters, photographers, poets, writers), join us as we recast a vision for this ministry at CCC! We will discuss a "commissioning" for you to create & share art that is connected to Ecclesiastes & discuss a ministry that will support one another as artists- for the glory of God, the good of his Church, & the redemption of all things!

SAT, SEPT 19, 7 P.M. | DAVID NEVUE IN CONCERT @ CCC: We are thrilled to host a concert featuring the piano performance and storytelling abilities of our very own CCC member (and Billboard charting artist), David Nevue! Use QR to access tickets. Childcare (10 & under) will be provided for children of CCC members only at no cost.



GOSPEL HOPE WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE | DINNER & DISCUSSION ON SUFFERING:



Beginning Sept 29, Hal and Kristal Bohlman are hosting a (mostly) biweekly small group at their home. This group is for anyone whose life has been invaded by the unwanted stranger called suffering, in whatever way you have suffered. Our hope is to help one another look to the One who is there for us in our pain and suffering. Space is limited to 8 participants. Register today!

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

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

Adult Classes

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 Reagor, 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

Ladies, we look forward to finalizing details and sharing our Fall Bible Study options in the coming weeks! As we close out Summer and the school year begins, we hope you can make use of these opportunities to gather and connect with one another!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Join us for our Women's Bible Studies this Fall, beginning after Labor Day! Use the QR to register & for details on the studies, childcare, & location. Options include Psalms and *Side by Side* (by Ed Welch).

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!



⁸ If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. ⁹ But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

5.8-9 | Unsurprising Oppression (of the poor).

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

5.10-12 | Pathetic Dissatisfaction.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

5.13-17 | Grievous Darkness.

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart. (*ESV*)

5.18-20 | What HAS TO BE?

COMMUNITY GROUPS



Intergenerational small groups maturing in Christ together

Groups meet weekly and are open to all ages.

Find one that works for you! Groups which provide
childcare are marked by an *.

**Please let the group contact or Pastor AJ know
ahead of time which group you plan to attend.**

SUNDAYS

Church Building 10am-10:50 on 2nd floor, studying
Malachi. Led by Curtis Fullbright (423-426-1835), begins
Sept 13.

Church Building* 6pm, studying 1-3 *John*. Led by Tim
Carr (423-384-5476), begins Sept 13.

Jonesborough 12:45pm @ Chris and Mackenzie Gabler's
(568 Old Embreeville Rd), discussing the sermon and its
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