

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026

10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

REV. ERIC GEIL

SENIOR PASTOR

HEIDI BETHEL

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ELIZABETH NICKLES

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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REBECCA DEEG

ORGANIST

JENNIFER GAY

PIANIST

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026
WELCOME AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to sign in on the attendance pew pads so we may have a record of your attendance.

WE WORSHIP THROUGH SONG AND PRAYER

PRELUDE "Great Is Our God"

arr. Dale Wood

Please use this time to pray and prepare yourself for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 36:5-9)

Leader: O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.

ALL: **Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.**

Leader: All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.

ALL: **You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 136 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** (Heidelberg Confession of Faith, Question 1)

Q. What (do you know) is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Elizabeth Nickles

Children: The Lord be with you here.

Congregation: **The Lord be with you there.**

Pre-K children (3, 4, and 5 year olds) will now be escorted upstairs for Children's Church. All other age groups will return to the pew to worship with their families for the remainder of the service.

OFFERING

Because money is so powerfully tied to our hearts, this is a valuable expression of worship as we acknowledge that everything we have comes from God and belongs to Him. If you are visiting with us, please do not feel obligated to give. We are just glad you're here!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Do Lord, Remember Me"

arr. Mary McDonald

I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, way beyond the blue.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too, way beyond the blue.
I've got a home on the other side.
Do Lord, oh do Lord, do remember me way beyond the blue.

WE WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

***SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 11:19-26

Elder Heidi Bethel

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

SERMON

"Saul: Please Wait..."

Rev. Eric Geil

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, is the family meal for Christians. We welcome all Christians - those who look to Christ alone for Salvation, who are in good standing with His church, and who seek strength to live more faithfully to their Savior - to join in the sacrament. Please see the back of the bulletin for silent prayers if you are not communing. Gluten free bread is available.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because sin is so pervasive in both our individual and corporate lives, we are called to come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our failures and brokenness and asking for both healing and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We confess corporately to show our unity even in brokenness.

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive me for my transgressions and help me to turn away from sin. Wash me clean with Your grace and renew my spirit. I acknowledge my failures and ask for Your forgiveness, trusting in Your infinite mercy. Help me to forgive myself and others, freeing my heart from bitterness and resentment. Let Your forgiveness transform me, filling me with Your peace and leading me to live a life that glorifies You. Strengthen my resolve to follow Your commandments and to walk in Your ways all the days of my life. Amen.

Silent Prayer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death." In Christ, we are forgiven!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 504 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*BENEDICTION

Just as we begin with God's gracious invitation to worship, so we end with God's promise to always be with us. The benediction is so important because it sends us on our way with a parting word of God's grace and blessing.

*POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord With Mighty Sounds"

Colin Mawby

**please stand if able*

SERMON NOTES

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 6th

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM UTO Youth

MONDAY, September 8th

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 8th

6:15 AM Young Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Blood Drive
5:30 PM Greater Works

WEDNESDAY, September 9th

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM Elizabeth's Bible Study
10:30 AM Prayer Group (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, September 9th Cont.

4:15 PM Wednesday Night Kids
5:00 PM Handbells Practice
5:30 PM E&O Meeting
6:30 PM Choir Practice
6:30 PM UTO Supper Club (Mason House)

THURSDAY, September 10th

5:30 AM UTO Breakfast Club
6:30 PM The Table Service

SUNDAY, September 13th

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM UTO Youth
7:15 PM Young Adult Bible Study

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Doris Wages	10 Stephanie Reynolds	18 Jean Adhya	24 Ryann Ellis
Wyatt Brackett	Zack Adamson	19 Lee Ann Brown	Connor Chitwood
Don Cope	Emmeline Sierra	Jim Lidderdale	Jeff Davis
2 Philip Shealy	11 Wirk Bethel	Collins Mosteller	25 Franklin Davis
4 Chelsea Forrester	Cammi Kirk	20 Jeff Harris	26 Justine Shaheen
6 Liam Adamson	12 Clay Dykes	21 Susan Relaford	Joe Anderson
David Newby	Tiffany Petty	Hutton Sellers	27 Jean Dantzler
7 Sharon Whitehead	Tom Humble	22 Steven Cady	28 Ben Temples
Connor Willocks	Will Hooper	George Cavanaugh	Peter Pridgen
8 Garren Creswell	16 Virgelia Meek	23 Gracy Snyder	29 Jane Davis
9 Nancy Hyatt	Beth Gabrini	William Young	Susan Young
Judy Elliott	Price Puryear	Joe Young	30 Hannah Cobb
Gina Christiansen	17 Bobbie Carmical		
	Cassidy Mason		

NURSERY

September 6th: Molly Chitwood
September 13th: Rachel & Lily Cobb

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

September 6th: NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
September 13th: Hailey & Isaiah Bosma

THE WEEKLY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session of ChristChurch has called a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 13th, immediately following the worship service to elect the officers of the class of 2029. After much prayer and discernment, the nominating committee would like to put forth the following names for consideration as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for the Class of 2029.

Elder: Isaiah Bosma, Seth Cole, Danny Freeman, Tucker Mosteller, Mitchell Snyder

Deacon: Beth Gabrini, Alan Little, Blair Miller, David Obenauer, Greg Wrenn

Trustees: Nancy Hyatt (class of 2029), Jim Rogers to fulfill the unexpired term of Jim Bethel (class of 2028)

LABOR DAY CLOSURES

ChristChurch Offices, ChristSchool, Rec Place, and Common Ground will all be closed for Labor Day.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us beginning September 8 for Coffee, Community & Ephesians, a morning Bible study designed to help you start your day with Scripture, fellowship, and encouragement. Coffee and biscuits begin at 6:15 AM, followed by a study of Ephesians at 6:30 AM featuring a short video from JD Greear and group discussion. While geared toward young adults, this study is open to anyone in the community who would like to grow in God's Word and connect with others.

BLOOD DRIVE

Join Elizabeth on Tuesday in the parking lot of CCP for a blood drive in memory of her dad, Charles Nickles, that passed away from renal cancer this time last year. Sign up for a time to give using the QR Code below!

SERVE AT GREATER WORKS

Join us this Tuesday, September 8th, as we serve the evening meal at Greater Works at 5:30 pm.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Fall Sunday School begins on September 13! There are opportunities for all ages: nursery, pre-k through 5th grade, youth, parents of young children, and all other adults!

Children: 3 year olds to 1st grade; 2nd-5th grades

Location: upstairs on children's hall

Youth: 6th-12th grades

Location: youth room

Young parent class led by Elizabeth Nickles using Sissy Goff's book, Are My Kids on Track

Location: Youth Room

Adult class: Led by our pastors and members of the Christian Education Committee. You are a Theologian, Jen Wilkin and JT English

Location: Adult Commons

MEN'S MINISTRY - LOOKOUTS BASEBALL GAME

Please join us after church for an afternoon at the ballpark on Sunday, September 13th @ 1:00 pm. We'll meet in the scout hut parking lot at 12:15 for anyone who wants to carpool as we head to Chattanooga to watch the Lookouts play at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 and include your seat plus a \$15 meal voucher in the park. This is for any age, so bring your son, grandsons, or just invite some friends.

Come by the church to pay, or pay online by following this link. We're trying to have all RSVPs in by Wednesday, September 9th. Contact Ryan Cobb at 706-847-3696 with any questions.

MIDDLE MEN BIBLE STUDY

Men of ChristChurch join us this Sunday, at 6:30 AM in the Upper Room. This fall, we will study 2 Peter, 2 and 3 John, and Jude using Warren Wiersbe's Be Alert. Together, we will explore how Christians can grow in their faith, recognize false teaching, remain grounded in the truth, and faithfully contend for the gospel. Our lesson schedule is:

September 9 - Wake Up and Remember! (2 Peter 1:12-21)

September 16 - Beware of Counterfeits (2 Peter 2:1-9)

September 23 - Marked Men (2 Peter 2:10-16)

September 30 - False Freedom (2 Peter 2:17-22)



LET US KNOW
YOU'RE HERE



BLOOD
DRIVE



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LOOKOUTS
GAME

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Week of September 6th

Hospital Visitation/On Call: Kyle Irwin & Betty Sponcler

Homebound Visitation/On Call: Pauline Buchanan & Susan Chandler

PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

Debra Dunn
Bill Russell
Linda Hornbuckle
Richard Bolles
John O'Neal
Frances McDonald
Terry Evans
Carolyn McLeod
Myra & Ken White
Virginia Garmany

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Rev. Buddy Sexton
Austin Snipes
Erick Ramirez (friend of the Daniell family)
Susan Reams
Greg Tanner (friend of Sherri and Ralph Stafford)
Dana Easley
Keith Stoner (father of Vicki Stoner)
Ruth Lankford (sister of Becky Deeg)
Glenda Moore (mother of Becky Moore)
Walter Jones
Amy Moss Knowles
Tristan Thompson (friend of Geri Geren)
Donald Gabrini (father of Carl Gabrini)
Janet Ellis (daughter of Sally Cross)
Jamie McClure (son of Vickie & Randy Nations)
Mandy Griffin Davis (friend of Naomi and Larry Swanson)
Anne Morris

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & FAMILY

Orchard Ridge

Sally Gilliland
Anne Lumpkin

Dalton Square

Sherry Franklin
Wesley Henderson

Royal Oaks

Karen Johnson
Virgelia Meek
Betty Wright

The Gardens

Jim Crane

Home

Virginia & Doug Garmany
Jean Hogshead
Gene & Sharon Gilreath

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Lauren Sain
Hayley Poillucci
Ollie Reynolds
Chelsea Forrester
Joanna Raughton

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

	David Snyder Clerk of Session	Bob Chandler Church Treasurer	Heath Davis Diaconate Moderator	Alyn Ford Diaconate Secretary
The Session	Class of 2026 Lee Ann Brown* (Worship) Sean Coleman* (Nominating) Anthony Daniell* (Christian Ed) Jess Hansen* (Bldg & Grounds) Will Pridgen* (Finance)	Class of 2027 Doug Enck* (Staff) Kyle Irwin Mary Kiker* (Rec Place) Lindsay Lofty* (ChristSchool) Hallie Sterrett	Class of 2028 Heidi Bethel Gary Fleet Becky Moore David Snyder David Wilkinson	
	Lillian Barnwell* (Evang & Outreach) Heath Davis* (Welcome) Debra Hathcock* (Pastoral Care) Carol Satterfield* (Fellowship) Justine Shaheen* (Fellowship)	Pauline Buchanan Alyn Ford Geri Geren Debra Harris Randy Nations	George Cavanaugh Wendy Houston* (Evang & Outreach) Beau Patton Mary Ellen Pierce Shelley Proctor	
Diaconate	Bud Williams	TRUSTEES Robert E. Shaw		Jim Bethel

*committee chair