

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2026

10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

REV. ERIC GEIL

SENIOR PASTOR

REV. MATTHEW CHRISTIAN

EXECUTIVE PASTOR

HALLIE STERRETT

SCRIPTURE READER

NANCY HYATT

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

JOEL GAY

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

JENNIFER GAY

PIANIST

OCTOBER 18TH, 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 "Herzliebster Jesus"

Johannes Brahms

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kelli Irwin

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Fred Swann

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 2 Corinthians 9)

Leader: We gather in the presence of the Living God, who calls us to give freely, to share generously, and to rejoice in the abundance of His grace.

All: **We come to remember that God has blessed us with all we need, and we are invited to pour out the time, talent, and treasure He has entrusted to us.**

Leader: We give not out of compulsion, but out of a joyful heart, trusting that God will meet our every need.

All: **With open hands and joyful hearts, let us worship God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 96 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1)

The Affirmation of Faith is a corporate recitation laying out core Christian beliefs. It connects the contemporary church with the ancient church, it reminds us of the historic beliefs of the church, and it renews our commitment to the core tenants of the Christian faith.

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Based on Romans 3 and The Heidelberg Catechism #21)

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.

O Giver of every good and perfect gift, we confess that we have been poor stewards of Your bounty. You give us time, but we often waste it. You give us talents, but we often use them to glorify ourselves. You give us wealth, but we often cling to it for comfort and security. Forgive us for failing to honor You with what You have entrusted to us. Grant us wisdom, courage, and joy in using Your gifts faithfully. Amen.

Silent Prayer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

All: **By faith I have a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.**

**please stand if able*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM

"Give to the Lord Honor and Praise"

John F. Wilson

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure
that I seek; You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious
jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless
Your name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You
pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Nancy Hyatt

ANTHEM

"Give to the Lord Honor and Praise"

John F. Wilson

Give to the Lord, give to the Lord glory and majesty,
Give to the Lord, give to the Lord honor and praise.

God of eternity, God of Creation, God of the universe, God of all nations.
God of all humankind, God of Salvation: Alleluia!

Glory and majesty, give to the Lord glory, majesty, honor, and praise!

WE WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

***SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 9:7-13

Elder Hallie Sterrett

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Stewardship: Why Give? Why Here?"

Rev. Eric Geil

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

arr. Dale Wood

Jennifer Gay, soloist

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My
gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest
me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my
Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll
sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 66 "To God Be the Glory"**

*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** "Praeludium and Fugue in B-flat Major"

J.S. Bach

SERMON NOTES

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 18th

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM Pictorial Directory Photos
5:00 PM UTO Youth
7:15 PM Young Women's Bible Study

MONDAY, October 19th

10:30 AM CS Committee Meeting
10:30 AM Women's Bible Study
5:15 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, October 20th

6:15 AM Young Adult Bible Study
8:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting
11:45 AM Women's Bible Study
5:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, October 21st

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, October 21st Cont.

10:30 AM Prayer Group (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM Rec Place Committee Meeting
2:00 PM Pastoral Care Meeting
4:15 PM Wednesday Night Kids
5:00 PM Handbells Practice
6:15 PM Officer Training
6:30 PM Choir Practice
6:30 PM UTO Supper Club (Mason House)

THURSDAY, October 22nd

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

SUNDAY, October 25th

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Kirkin Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM Kirkin Reception
5:00 PM UTO Youth
7:15 PM Young Women's Bible Study

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Nolan Wrenn	8 Bob McDonald	15 Ruth Lee Hair	22 Sims Sellers	29 Laura Rogers
2 Tina Scibilia	Helen Sharpe	Gary Linn	23 Larry Swanson	30 Anna Clare Young
3 Ansley Taylor	11 Betty Sponcler	Lexie Oliver	Greg Bonner	Caleb Mason
Judy McDonald	Georgia Grace Brackett	Chris Denson	24 David Daniell	31 Jeff Houston
4 Mitchell Oliver	Anthony Daniell	16 Bridger Chitwood	25 Richard Bolles	Carol Weeks
Alex Baigas	Chris Sain	Marc Weeks	Molly Young	
5 Heath Davis	Erika Mosteller	Quinn Brantley	26 Ronnie Spence	
6 Anna Lee Grafe	12 Tucker Mosteller	Vickie Nations	Suzanne Zampella	
Penelope Hutchins	Doug Squillario	18 Elyssa Ellinger	27 Jane Mahan	
Brenda Anderson	13 Brooks Rizer	19 Lin O'Neill	28 Gertrude Burns	
7 David Renz	Bud Williams	Rhonda Souther	Joy Newby	
Amee Combs	14 Susan Hill	21 Debbie Percy	29 Chuck Harris	
Charlie Edwards	Milo Hutchins	22 Wimberly Meszaros	Sherry Franklin	
Harrison Liner	Manning Miller	Jonathan Sierra	Fred Baigas	

NURSERY

October 18th: Cindy Little & Jasmine Knapp
October 25th: Paid Nursery Staff

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

October 18th: Annalee & Mitchell Snyder
October 25th: Hailey & Isaiah Bosma

THE WEEKLY NEWS

OCTOBER 18TH, 2026

Ordination and Installation of Ryan Cobb

We are delighted to share that Ryan Cobb has successfully passed his final examinations before Presbytery and has been approved for ordination as a Teaching Elder in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Ryan's Ordination and Installation Service will be held on Sunday, November 8. We invite the congregation to join us in celebrating this significant milestone in Ryan's ministry and in the life of our church. Please continue to keep Ryan and his family in your prayers as he prepares for this next chapter of service to Christ and His Church.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Please make plans to join us Sunday, October 25th, and bring your friends and family to join us for this very special time of celebrating our Scottish heritage! The Chattanooga Pipe Band will lead us in worship. If you are interested in carrying a tartan during the procession, please contact Lin O'Neill.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities for all ages: nursery, pre-k through 5th grade, youth, parents of young children, and all other adults at 9:30 every Sunday morning.

- **Children: 3 year olds to 1st grade; 2nd-5th grades**
Location: upstairs on children's hall
- **Youth: 6th-12th grades**
Location: Caleb's Office
- **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



LET US KNOW
YOU'RE HERE

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Week of October 18th

Hospital Visitation/On Call: Hallie Sterrett & Noel Temples
Homebound Visitation/On Call: Shirley Proctor & Sally Cross

PRAYER CONCERNS MEMBERS

Larry Christian
Joe Anderson
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)
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
Grace-Ann Pittman

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

David Snyder Clerk of Session	Bob Chandler Church Treasurer	Heath Davis Diaconate Moderator	Alyn Ford Diaconate Secretary
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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 Loft* (ChristSchool)
Hallie Sterrett

Class of 2028
Heidi Bethel
Gary Fleet
Becky Moore
David Snyder
David Wilkinson

Diaconate

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

TRUSTEES

Bud Williams

Robert E. Shaw

Jim Bethel