



# Christ Presbyterian Church

*knowing Christ and making Him known*

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 10:30 AM

## Worship Theme

A Prowling Enemy, A Pursuing God

### *"Promises"*

God of Abraham  
You're the God of covenant  
Of faithful promises  
Time and time again  
You have proven  
You do just what You say

Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow  
I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn  
when You speak a word  
It will come to pass

*Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun  
to the setting same  
I will praise Your Name  
Great is Your faithfulness to me*

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God from age to age  
Though the earth may pass away  
Your word remains the same  
Your history can prove  
There's nothing You can't do  
You're faithful and true

Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow  
I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn  
when You speak a word  
It will come to pass

*Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun  
to the setting same  
I will praise Your Name  
Great is Your faithfulness to me*

I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down  
(REPEAT)

### *Chorus*

### **Call to Worship**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Invocation**

### *"Yes And Amen"*

Father of kindness  
You have poured out grace  
You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace  
Giver of mercy  
You're my help in time of need  
Lord I can't help but sing

*Faithful You are  
Faithful forever You will be  
Faithful You are  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen*

Beautiful Savior  
You have brought me near  
You pulled me from the ashes  
You have broken ev'ry curse  
Blessed Redeemer  
You have set this captive free  
Lord I can't help but sing

### *Chorus 2X*

I will rest in Your promises  
My confidence  
is Your faithfulness  
I will rest in Your promises  
My confidence  
is Your faithfulness  
(REPEAT)

*Faithful You are  
Faithful forever You will be  
Faithful You are  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
(REPEAT)*

All Your promises are  
Yes and Amen  
All Your promises are  
Yes and Amen

## ***"Gratitude"***

All my words fall short  
I've got nothing new  
How could I express  
All my gratitude

I could sing these songs  
As I often do  
But each song must end  
And You never do

***So I throw up my hands  
And praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah  
And I know it's not much  
But I've nothing else  
fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah***

I've got one response  
I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide  
I will worship You

## ***Chorus***

Come on my soul  
Oh don't you get shy on me  
Lift up your song  
'Cause you've got a lion  
inside of those lungs  
Get up and praise the Lord  
(REPEAT 2X)

## ***Chorus***

## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE: The Believer's Battle with Evil**

1 Peter 5:6-11 | Rich Hawkins, Senior Pastor

## **Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **Parent and Graduate Scripture Verses**

## **Elder's Prayer**

*"Goodness Of God"*

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life  
You have been faithful  
All my life  
You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived  
in the goodness of God

*Chorus*

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
(REPEAT)

*Chorus 2X*

I will sing of the goodness of God

**Benediction**

*Tithes & Offerings collected in Offering Box (located on the table as you enter the tent)*

# 2025 High School Graduate Congratulations, Clif Attis!



**Clif's Scripture Verse:**

*I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me.*  
Philippians 4:13

Clif intends to study Business & Marketing at one of the 40+ universities and colleges that has admitted him as a student, but is still narrowing down his decision. He also plans to play football or soccer at the collegiate level.

**Clerice and Emily Attis – Parents' Scripture Verse:**

*For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

Psalms 84:10

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15

**Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray that God increases Clif's faith and helps him to grow deep roots in Christ so that he will grow in stature and favor with God and man.
- Pray for God's complete peace and direction over Clif's decisions for his future.

# 2025 High School Graduate

## Congratulations, Owen Fowler!



### Owen's Scripture Verse:

*My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of His saints. Then you will understand*

*righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you, delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.*  
Proverbs 2:1-15

Owen is attending Miami University in Oxford, OH, in the fall, where he will swim and study physics.

### Lance and Lori Fowler — Parents' Scripture Verse —

*Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

### Prayer Requests:

- Pray Owen would find Jesus-loving students and adults who will encourage his walk with Christ.
- Pray he would swim and study in the strength and grace of God.

# 2025 High School Graduate

## Congratulations, Sydney Gerkin!



### Sydney's Scripture Verse:

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7

Sydney's future plans are undecided.

### Mac and Sarah Gerkin — Parents' Scripture Verse:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

### Prayer Requests:

- Prayers that she and her future household will walk faithfully in Christ.
- Pray that she will put her trust in Him [the Lord].
- Prayers that He [the Lord] would put people in her life to encourage and come alongside her.



# 2025 High School Graduate

## Congratulations, Lydia Golden!



### Lydia's Scripture Verse:

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

Lydia plans to attend University of Kentucky to pursue a degree in Nursing.

### Roger and Anna Golden — Parents' Scripture Verses:

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*

3 John 1:4

*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He 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.*

Colossians 1:9-14

### Prayer Requests:

- Pray that Lydia will grow in Christ.
- Prayers that she will walk in the way of the Lord.
- Pray that she will seek Christian community and godly friends.

# 2025 High School Graduate

## Congratulations, Emily Hawkins!



### Emily's Scripture Verse:

*It is the Lord Who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*

Deuteronomy 31:8

Emily will attend Taylor University, majoring in Film & Media Production.

### Rich and Amy Hawkins — Parents' Scripture Verse:

*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I Am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

Isaiah 43:1a-3b

### Prayer Requests:

- I'm really nervous about starting college, especially since I don't know anyone going to Taylor who's in my same graduating class. I would like prayer when it comes to me finding friends, becoming comfortable with the environment, and growing in my faith even though I am afraid.

# 2025 High School Graduate

## Congratulations, Avery VanDervort!



### Avery's Scripture Verse:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Avery's future plans are to attend IU Bloomington and major in Biomedical Engineering.

### Nicole VanDervort – Parent's Scripture Verse:

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*

Colossians 3:23-24

### Prayer Requests:

- Pray that Avery finds a supportive Christian community.
- Prayers that she continues to grow in her independence, but learns to lean on others for wise counsel.

### SAVE THE DATES for GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES AND PARTIES:

**05 18 (Sunday): Open House for Lydia Golden**

**When:** Sunday, May 18; 4-6 PM

**Where:**

Contact Church Office for more information: 765.966.4017 | [office@cpchurch.org](mailto:office@cpchurch.org)

**05 31 (Saturday): Graduation Celebration for Avery Noelle VanDervort**

**RSVP Requested!**

**When:** Saturday, May 31; 2-4 PM

**Where:**

Contact Church Office for more information: 765.966.4017 | [office@cpchurch.org](mailto:office@cpchurch.org)

**05 31 (Saturday): Graduation Party for Owen Fowler**

**When:** Saturday, May 31; 2-6 PM

**Where:**

Contact Church Office for more information: 765.966.4017 | [office@cpchurch.org](mailto:office@cpchurch.org)

**06 01 (Sunday): Open House for Emily Hawkins**

**When:** Sunday, June 1; 5-7 PM

**Where:**

Contact Church Office for more information: 765.966.4017 | [office@cpchurch.org](mailto:office@cpchurch.org)

**06 07 (Saturday): Graduation Party for Sydney Gerkin**

**When:** Saturday, June 7; 1-4 PM

**Where:**

Contact Church Office for more information: 765.966.4017 | [office@cpchurch.org](mailto:office@cpchurch.org)

**06 21 (Saturday): Open House for Clif Attis**

**When:** Saturday, June 21; 11 AM-3 PM

**Where:**

Contact Church Office for more information: 765.966.4017 | [office@cpchurch.org](mailto:office@cpchurch.org)

## Announcements

**Building Fund** — As God continues to bring new families to CPC, He has led our Elders and Congregation to the conclusion that we need to expand our facility with a new Sanctuary. Construction should be completed in spring 2026. To support this project, please offer donations and fulfill pledges using the QR Code!



**Summer Kick-Off** — Following the Senior Sunday Service for High School Graduates **TODAY**, we will have a church-wide potluck! Main Dish, Drinks, Plates & Utensils provided by CPC. There will be a bounce house, activities, fellowship, and a chance to celebrate together the beginning of summer. *\*Nursery is not included.*

**Children & Youth Sunday School, and Youth Group** are on *Summer Break* until Sunday, September 7, 2025. *Summer information to come!*

**Kids Connect** is on *May Break* and will resume on Sunday, June 1.

**Bridal Shower for Hudson Stults and Annalia Brehany** will be hosted at the Goldens' Home on Friday, May 23, at 7 PM with drinks and desserts served. **Please RSVP to Anna Golden by TOMORROW, Monday, May 19, 2025.**

**Church Office Closed for Memorial Day** on **Monday, May 26**. We will resume our regular business hours the next day, Tuesday, May 27.

**Women's Book Study** for Elisabeth Elliot's *"Suffering Is Never for Nothing"* will be on Tuesday evenings (June 3 — August 12) at 6:30 PM at Kari Harrington's Home. Books are \$10; and Study Guides are \$2 each. Call/text Kari Harrington to sign up.

**CPC Men's Ministry Event: Men's Mint & Cornhole Tournament** will be on Saturday, June 7. *More information to come!*

**Embrace Grace Market** is on Saturday, June 14, from 9 AM — 12 PM (Noon) and will feature: Soaps, Crafts, Jewelry, Baked Goods, Bouncy House, Pottery, Macrame and More!

**Questions?** Contact Evan Cunningham

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Bridges for Life "Dinner at the Lamp"** will be Friday, June 20, 2025, from 3:30 — 7:30 PM. Needed are 10 volunteers: assistant chef, prep staff, servers (wait staff), a team to help clean, and prayer warriors.

This is an opportunity to serve those who are in a spiritual need, while also serving their immediate need with a healthy meal. Come and let's serve our community together.

**Please bring an apron and be ready to give smiles and pray.**

Web: [mybridgesforlife.org](http://mybridgesforlife.org)

Contact Maria Alexander for more information and to volunteer!

**CPC's 2025 VBS "Made to Magnify God"** will be **July 14 — 18, 2025 (Monday — Friday)**, from **9 — 11:30 AM** for ages **Pre-K — 5th Grade**. Your child will attend the grade they just completed for the school year. Example: Kids who just finished 5th Grade will attend the 5th Grade VBS class this summer. Discover the **BIGNESS** of God in the **SMALLEST** of things! Join us for a week filled with **FUN, LEARNING, and EXPLORATION!**



### Questions?

Contact Kristin Williamson, Directory of Children's Ministries:

[kristin@cpccrichmond.org](mailto:kristin@cpccrichmond.org) | 765.966.4017.

**Prayer Team** — If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Team, please email: [office@cpccrichmond.org](mailto:office@cpccrichmond.org).

### Clear Counseling is a Ministry of Christ Presbyterian Church:



If you are in need of counseling, or are referring someone, for more information please reach out to Rev. David Young (LMHCA, MMCHC, MDiv) by phone (765.966.4017, Church Office) or email ([clearcounseling.david@gmail.com](mailto:clearcounseling.david@gmail.com)).

**Website:** Hover over the QR Code (upper left) or Visit: [cpccrichmond.org/clear-counseling/](http://cpccrichmond.org/clear-counseling/)



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### 2025 FINANCIAL STATISTICS: Jan. — May 11, 2025 YTD

**Budgeted Giving:** \$236,441.94      **Actual Giving:** \$240,858.77

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