

Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church

Where Faith Unites

Service for the Lord's Day Gathering of the People

September 14, 2025, 11 AM

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Steve Goodwin

Prelude

Jesus, Guide Me
from the Cantata, no.70

J. S. Bach

✠ Call to Worship¹

One: We are here to worship a remarkable God.

Many: The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

One: Don't come as slaves, come as the truly free. Don't come as petitioners, come as those who are already heard. Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests. Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.

Many: The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us

One: Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

Many: The love of God overflows our hearts, The grace of Christ liberates our spirits, The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

✠ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

✠ Please stand as the Spirit allows.

✠ Unison Prayer of Invocation

deNay Kirkpatrick

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.

Children's Message

The children may go to *Godly Play*

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

deNay Kirkpatrick

Unison Prayer of Confession²

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception, we have worked to separate ourselves from your love. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

deNay Kirkpatrick

✠ Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

✠ Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also, with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Steve Goodwin

Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Open My Eyes, Let Me See

Hugh Livingston, Jr.
arr. Larry Pugh

Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

Place in my hands the key to set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see;

Open my eyes, illumine me, Holy Spirit!

Open my eyes that may hear lessons of truth thou sendest clear;

and as I wait all else shall disappear. Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see; open my eyes illumine me!

Let me see Jesus every day, every hour; let me hear his voice,

let me feel his mighty power. Let me know his presence

in everything I do; give me faith, give me hope, with his love my heart renew.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Holy Spirit! Open my eyes, Holy Spirit, let me see.

Gospel Reading

deNay Kirkpatrick

Luke 15:1-10

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Sermon

deNay Kirkpatrick

✠ Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Responding to God's Grace

✠ Unison Affirmation of Faith³

We believe in God above us, creator of all things, sustainer of all life. We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. We believe in Spirit deep within us, advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally. We believe in God's resurrection created world, where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies. We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, we believe in God.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Frederick Atkinson
arr. Crystal Davis Clay

✠ The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending of God's People

✠ Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

✠ Charge and Blessing

And all God's children say: **Alleluia! Amen!**

✠ Choral Benediction
Berry

Go in His Name

Cindy

✠ Postlude
Handel

March from the Occasional Oratorio

G. F.

¹written by Bruce Prewer

²written by Walter Canter

³from the Lenten series *Journey into Wholeness* written by Christine Sine.

Leading in Worship Today

deNay Kirkpatrick, Pastor
Joe Carter, Director of Music / Organist

Steve Goodwin, Liturgist
Kay Carter, Pianist

September 2025 Happenings at CSPC

- **KnitWits September 20 @ 10** meets every 1st and 3rd Saturdays in the Lady's Room
- **Thursdays Together on Thursdays @ 10** in the conference room. We are reading **Pastor John Ortberg's** *"Steps, a guide to transforming your life when willpower isn't enough"*. For more information, contact George Fritsma.
- **Chordmakers on Fridays at 5:30 PM** Join us for a night of singing, fellowship, and a potluck dinner. Contact Lynda McLean for more information.
- **Sunday School for Everyone, Sundays at 9:30**
 - **Toddler through Kindergarten: Meets in the first classroom in the Education hallway to the left of the Sanctuary. They are using the Growing in Grace, Growing in Gratitude curriculum.**
 - **Elementary (Grades 1-5): Meets in the second classroom in the Education hallway - led by Mrs. Christy Little.**
 - **Ya-Yas (6th grade through young adult) and Adults:**
 - **Discussion Class - led by Mr. Steve Goodwin, meets in the conference room. We will be discussing: *Do It! Let's Get Off Our Buts: A Guide to Living Your Dreams.***
 - **Fun with the Lectionary - led by deNay Kirkpatrick, meets in the third classroom in the Education hallway. We will be discussing the lectionary readings for the day.**
- **Presbyterian Women Lunch & Study Today following worship** All women of the church are invited for a potluck lunch (salads and dessert) and bible study. Please let the church office know if you need childcare to be provided.
- **Pastor deNay will be out of the office** starting today, after worship, through Friday, September 19. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns. For emergencies, you may contact her via text or phone.
- **XYZs September 16 @ 11:30** in Harmony Hall. We will share a covered dish lunch. Please bring your favorite main dish, veggies, salad, or dessert. We will play several games of Bingo. If possible, please bring a toy for the Mistletoe Market. Contact Linda Inzer for more information.
- **Steward Ministry Team Meeting September 16 @ 5:30**
- **Session Meeting September 21 @ 12:15** – Ministry Team Reports are due to the Clerk of Session, the church office, and Session members by the week preceding the session meeting.

- **Book Club September 23 at 5:30** We are reading *Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man* by Fannie Flagg. Contact Karen O'Brien for more information.
- **Communion of Empty Hands September 28** Bring non-perishable food items for our local foodbanks.

To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, & service opportunities, pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at cspchurch.org. We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often. For more information regarding joining our community of faith, speak with Pastor deNay after worship.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available, staffed by experienced workers. During the service, children are invited forward for the Children's Message, afterward they may continue to worship with their family or go to *Godly Play*. Worship bags are available in the Narthex.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, we will gladly bring the elements to you.

Prayer Concerns: Fill out a pew card to share prayer concerns with our pastoral staff. You can pick up a copy of prayer concerns on the table in the Narthex each week.

Events @ CSPC: Pick up a listing of upcoming events on the table in the Narthex each week and don't forget to check our app on The Church App for more information.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering plates or may be given securely online using the QR code.



Wish List: We have a CSPC “Wish List” of office & cleaning supplies that are needed. These items can be ordered from Amazon by clicking on the QR code located below. Since the church may not be open when items are delivered, please have all orders shipped to your address. Turn in your receipt to the office to receive credit towards your yearly contributions. Thank you for your generosity!



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