

**We're glad you are here!**

**Guests, please use the QR code to let us know you were here.**



**Members, please check-in on your Church Center App.**

*A call to worship, typically drawn from sentences of Scripture, expresses God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place.*

*A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.*

*Passing the peace of Christ is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace for the good of neighbor and the glory of God.*

## SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2026 | 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

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### GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

8:45 Mollie Blackwell | 11:00 Cameron White

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*HYMN

*The Solid Rock*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. REFRAIN.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. REFRAIN.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found: dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. REFRAIN.**

### GRACE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

8:45 Emma Doiron | 11:00 Harper Morris

**God of the Mending, we confess that we are quick to trust You when life is good, but we pull away when things get hard. We confess that when we mess up, we hide in shame instead of believing You can redeem our mistakes. We confess that when others hurt us, we hold onto bitterness, forgetting that You can turn even our deepest pain into a new purpose. We confess that we often try to be the "directors" of our own lives, getting angry when things don't go our way, rather than trusting that You are the Author of a better story. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Remind us that no mistake is too big for Your grace, and no season is too dark for Your light. Renew our hearts and help us trust that You are working all things together for our good. Let us come to you as we now silently pray.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Emory Carter

\*ACT OF PRAISE

*Glory Be to the Father*

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 THE PEACE

8:45 Jacob King | 11:00 Davis Blackwell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

**Response offering:** These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God. **Online giving** is available via this QR code and our Church Center App.



**The Scriptures** bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ. Our worship centers upon how God is revealed by the Word through teaching, reading, singing, and preaching. Where the Word is read and proclaimed, we believe Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is present by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** offers an abundant feast of theological meaning, including: thanksgiving to God the Father; remembrance of Jesus Christ; invocation of the Holy Spirit; communion in the body of Christ; and a meal of the realm of God. The Reformed tradition understands the Lord's Supper to be a sign of God's covenant.

OFFERING

8:45 Owen Dale | 11:00 Weston Daniel

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Madi Howell | Colton Rodgers

\*DOXOLOGY (Congregation sings.)

OLD 100TH

**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.**

**GROW**

\*PRAYER FOR DEVOTION

8:45 Anna Doiron | 11:00 Emma Doiron

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

Madeleine Martin

*(No Children & Worship today. Children will return to sit with their families, 11:00.)*

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 50:19-20

8:45 Owen Hunter | 11:00 Baker Daniel

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

*Dusty Bibles*

*by Josiah Queen*

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8:28-29

8:45 Anna Benko | 11:00 Lila Bishop

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

LEADER TESTIMONY

Mark Benko

MESSAGE

Jack Carter, Liam Doiron, Evan Fields, Kirby Osborne, & Caroline Dye (8:45 only)

HYMN (seated)

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**GO**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Thanksgiving

8:45 Lila Bishop | 11:00 Anna Doiron

The Lord's Prayer

8:45 Harper Morris | 11:00 Anna Benko

**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.**

The Lord's Table

Dr. Jay Howell | Rev. Mark Lampley  
Laura Harris, violin

*Go: Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.*

*We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. **The charge calls the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world. The Service for the Lord's Day concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God, such as **the priestly blessing or apostolic benediction.*****

\*HYMN

*Reckless Love*

*by Cory Asbury*

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.**

**CHORUS: Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away. Oh the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. CHORUS.**

**There's no shadow You won't light up, Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me. There's no wall You won't kick down, Lie You won't tear down, coming after me. CHORUS.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Class of '26

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## CALENDAR

### Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. - Nursery for 8:45 Service (Room 204)
- 8:45 A.M. - Worship Service (Barron Hall)
- 9:45 A.M. - **Congregational Breakfast (Barron Hall)**
  - Adult Faith Practices (Room 322)
  - Adult Fellowship Class (Room 320)
- 10:30 A.M. - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary / Livestream)
- 5:00 P.M. - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Room 322)

### Monday

### Tuesday

- 7:15 A.M. - Youth Small Groups (off-site)
- 9:30 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Upper Room)

### Wednesday

- 10:30 A.M. - Dotterweich Bible Study (Room 302)
- 5:00 P.M. - LIFE Group-Gale/Kimmey (Room 319)
- 6:30 P.M. - Youth Small Groups (Loft and Barron hall)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)
- 10:30 A.M. - Knitters & Stitchers (Room 320)

### Friday

- 7:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP SERVICES** next Sunday morning are at 8:45 A.M. (Acoustic) in Barron Hall and 11:00 A.M. (Traditional) in the Sanctuary and by Livestream at [sequoyahchurch.org](http://sequoyahchurch.org).

**WELCOME** to our guests today! Please use the QR code to learn more about our church. Contact Stephanie Daniel, [tefdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:tefdaniel@gmail.com), with questions.



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Thank you for your patience as work continues to improve accessibility throughout our building. For regular weekly updates visit your *Church Center App* or reach [sequoyahchurch.org](http://sequoyahchurch.org).

## WORSHIP

**TODAY'S SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are from Bo Croley in loving memory of his wife, Pat Croley.

**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY AT SHPC.** It's a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of the youth in our congregation, as they take on the leadership of both Worship Services.

**WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.** The following children completed their First Communion training April 22 and met with Elders this morning: Hannah Brownlow, Hugh Livingston, Barrett Frazier, Will Galyon, Ford Fritts, John Parker Fritts, Will Bryant, Walker Bryant, William Lankford, and Bennett Lankford.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CAREGIVERS** are devoted listeners to those experiencing difficult transitions in life. They are trained, attentive, and faith-filled volunteer members who can be relied upon to show Christ's love and confidentiality. For more information, contact Rev. Janna Preston, [jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org).

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (MAY 7)** encourages unified prayer and meditation specifically for America. Our Prayer Committee is honoring the day by providing a prayer time in Barron Hall, noon - 4:30pm. Drop in at your convenience to lift up our country in much-needed prayer. Prayer resources will be available.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**CONGREGATION-WIDE BREAKFAST:** Join us at 9:45 in Barron Hall today for a delicious meal, fellowship, and a chance to connect across generations.

**JOY FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY LUNCHEON** is May 14 at noon in Barron Hall with George Kershaw presenting "Things You Might Not Know About the Holocaust." RSVP to reserve your boxed lunch from McAlister's Deli (\$15) via your Church Center App or to Janna at 522-9804 or [jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org).

## OUTREACH and MISSIONS

**TAKE A MOMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** during final exam week by praying with UT students at the Knox Campus House of Prayer (KNOX CHOP) prayer tents. Sign up today to offer encouragement, hope, and a listening presence to students in a stressful season. Email Sheila White for more information at [swhi100@gmail.com](mailto:swhi100@gmail.com).

**OUR MISSION PLANNING TEAM** is excited to announce a new mission trip opportunity to Kentucky, October 4–11, in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance—and no passport is needed! Save the date now, and stay tuned for registration details coming soon.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE:** 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. Nursery/Childcare (Room 204); Extended Session (Room 220).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** 9:45-10:45 **Bible Discovery** (*Names of God*), **Faith Gathering** (*Christian radio hits*), **Faith Practices** (*guest speakers*), **Adult Fellowship** (*Wrestling with Doubt*), **Sojourners** (*Sunday Scripture*).

**YOUTH SMALL GROUPS:** Tuesdays 7:15am **Girls of Faith** (Chick-fil-A-West Hills); **Bros & Breakfast** (K Brew-Kingston Pk); Wednesdays 6:30pm **Girls Gathered in Grace** (Room 302), **Bible Besties** (Room 320), **Middle School Men** (Barron Hall); Sundays 5:00pm **Living Letters** (Loft). Contact Madi, [mhowell@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:mhowell@sequoyahchurch.org), for details.



**VBS 2026 IS JUNE 1-4, 9AM-NOON:** Register now to attend or to volunteer by using the QR code. Email [memorris@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:memorris@sequoyahchurch.org) for information.

**EXTREME VBS 2026 FOR YOUTH:** Fun events for VBS Youth Volunteers immediately following VBS each day. Use the QR code to register.



**YOUTH EVENT MAY 17:** Save the date for the end of semester pool party for all Youth! More information coming soon.

**A CHRISTIAN FORMATION SURVEY** will soon be emailed to adult members in an effort to expand our discipleship opportunities next academic year. Please take a few minutes to complete and submit. If you don't receive it or prefer a paper copy, contact Pastor Mark, [mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org) or 522-9804.

