

# The Lord's Service

## July 26, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

### God Calls Us

#### Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 59.16-17

LEADER: But I will sing of your strength; I will sing  
aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

PEOPLE: **For you have been to me a fortress and a  
refuge in the day of my distress.**

LEADER: O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,

PEOPLE: **For you, O God, are my fortress, the God  
who shows me steadfast love.**

\*Hymn of Assurance      *A Mighty Fortress is Our God, vs. 1-2*  
*see Page 2*

#### Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

#### \*Invocation

Our Father, our Mighty Fortress, our Bulwark who never fails, our Helper, not just from the flood of mortal ills, but amid them, we come, weak as we are apart from you, to worship you through the strength given to us in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, the right Man, the One who is the same from age to age. Accept our worship in Jesus' holy and precious name. Today, help us find our present help in time of trouble as we center our hearts on you. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One. Amen.

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

# God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

As we worship God we  
cannot help but see how we  
have fallen short of His  
glory. His Holy  
Scripture reveal this to  
us and points our  
heart towards confession.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word,  
and deed every week. Our  
prayer includes time  
for silent confession, but  
also confession as  
a family of individuals  
equally in need  
of God's grace.

## Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 5.6-10

**LEADER:** I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**PEOPLE:** **You shall have no other gods before me.**

**LEADER:** You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

## Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Merciful God,  
we humble ourselves in your presence,  
confessing our sinfulness in your sight.**

**We have broken your holy law.**

**We have not sought first your kingdom  
and righteousness.**

**We have been anxious and troubled  
about many things, and have neglected  
the things that belong to our peace.**

**We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,  
or done to others as we would have them do unto us.**

**Gracious God, our heavenly Father,  
Who has given us your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to save your people from their sins;  
forgive us, we pray,**

cleanse us from all unrighteousness,  
and renew a right spirit within us;  
through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 40.11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me; your steadfast love and  
your faithfulness will ever preserve me!”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God, vs. 3*  
*see Page 2*

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 66.18-21

“<sup>18</sup>For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.”

### Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

### Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God, vs. 4  
see Page 2*

Tithes and Offerings

### Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

### Prayer of the Church

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small

For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty

For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness

For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus

For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially, spiritually)

For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the nations

For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority, healthcare workers

For containment and reversal of COVID –19

For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in plenty and want

For specific requests for others, ourselves

For God's glory alone in all matters

### *Doxology*

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

### Doxology

No. 122 vs. 4

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;  
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

## Scripture Lesson

Romans 15.22-33

“<sup>22</sup>This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. <sup>23</sup> But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, <sup>24</sup> I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. <sup>25</sup> At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. <sup>28</sup> When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. <sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ. <sup>30</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, <sup>31</sup> that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, <sup>32</sup> so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. <sup>33</sup> May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.”

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## MORE WORK TO DO

## Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

## Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

\*Hymn of Response

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,  
 2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,  
 3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,  
 4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;  
 5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.  
 so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.  
 • that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.  
 him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.  
 and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

**Confession of Faith**

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)

*Belgic Confession, 24*

**We believe that this true faith  
 being wrought in man  
 by the hearing of the Word of God,  
 and the operation of the Holy Spirit,  
 does regenerate and make him a new man,  
 causing him to live a new life,  
 and freeing him from the bondage of sin.  
 ...It is impossible that this holy faith  
 can be unfruitful in man,  
 for we do not speak of a vain faith,  
 but of such a faith that is called in Scripture,  
 a faith that works by love,  
 which excites man to the practice of those works  
 which God has commended in His Word.**

\*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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.

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Closing Greetings

Postlude

### **Benediction**

Just as God calls us to  
worship at the beginning of  
the service with Holy  
Scripture, He sends us into  
our week with a Holy  
Scripture reminder (*a good  
word*) of the blessing of  
Christ, by God's grace,  
through the indwelling  
Spirit.



## **SERMON NOTES**

### **Mission Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors  
by making Christ known in all of life.*

### **Vision Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors  
by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ,  
the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 🔊 **WELCOME!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- 🔊 **We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service.** If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- 🔊 **We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Caines preaches in the morning and Pastor Mullinax preaches in the evening.**
- 🔊 **Congratulations** - The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Tyson Liam Gish, son of Valentina Zhogan, born July 22.
- 🔊 **Character Coaches Needed!** - Chattanooga FCA is looking for Character Coaches for area sports teams. This opportunity would be similar to what some have taken up with CEF, but would be with middle and high school sports teams in our neighborhood (East Hamilton) or other significant places (CCS). If interested, a training is being held today at Ridgedale Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. Registration information can be found at [www.chattanoogaafca.org](http://www.chattanoogaafca.org). For more information, contact Jay Fowler at [jfowler@fca.org](mailto:jfowler@fca.org).
- 🔊 **Happy Anniversary!** - This month, we have the privilege to honor a godly shepherd who would be perfectly content not being honored, at all. This is the kind of humble Congregational Care Pastor that God has given us! July 15 marked the 20 Year Anniversary of Pastor Mullinax's faithful care for the CPC family. He has carried the Gospel to us through our trials and transitions, walked with us through great and small moments of life, and joined with us in our joys and sorrows. This past week, your church staff and elders celebrated Eric's many years of service with food and fellowship. Digitally or otherwise, please take a moment to say, "Congratulations" and "Thank You" to both Eric and Boo.
- 🔊 **Virtual Prayer Meeting** - Our Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting has now resumed, only virtually. Join others, via Zoom, as we pray together for our church family, friends, and needs in our community. The meeting address is <https://cpcchatt.zoom.us/j/4175631827?pwd=TTJldHhXWjJrcU9XeXZRNHhqdUNYZz09>, the Meeting ID is 417 5631 827, and the Passcode is 245391. We'll start around 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Mullinax at [emullinax@cpcchatt.org](mailto:emullinax@cpcchatt.org).
- 🔊 **Reminder to Check-In for Worship** - Be sure to visit [www.cpcchatt.org](http://www.cpcchatt.org) to check-in your planned attendance for either of the two services offered next Sunday, August 2. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, July 31. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- 🔊 **OCC July Collections** - CPC is continuing to collect year-round for Operation Christmas Child. Many churches have found this a very effective way to increase the number of boxes they send. For the month of July, we are collecting school supplies, such as, pencils, crayons, glue, scissors, etc. For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office. Let's work together to make 2020 another successful year of supporting this great organization.
- 🔊 **Birthday/Anniversary Calendar** - If you would like to have a copy of the August Birthday and Anniversary calendar, please contact the Church Office, and we'll be more than happy to email a digital copy to you.

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## ELDERS AND DEACONS

### Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Kent Brown, Jason Coffey,  
Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, Mark Griggs,  
Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor,  
Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Tom Schreiner, Todd Smith, Jay Spalding,  
Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

### Active Diaconate

Geff Adams, Jeremy Armao, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Adam Cathey,  
David Close, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mark Donaldson,  
David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall (*Clerk of Diaconate*), Vanna Ker,  
Steve Leach, Mike Mason (*Chairman of Diaconate*), Richard Mauroner,  
Doug McEachern, John Morrison, John Pearce, Caleb Ray,  
Charlie Ray, Chris Rimondi, Tim Sotelo, Mark Stevenson, Phil Wade

## MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

African Bible University.....Uganda  
Agape Puppets .....Global  
Amani Ya Juu .....Global  
Paul Billy Arnold .....PMI - India  
James & Karen Ashley .....Wycliffe - Global  
Marc & Denise Atchley .....TEAM - Greece  
Tom & Ann Austin .....MTW - Global  
NoNo & Kate Beale.....Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico  
Mark Casson .....MNA - Prison Ministry  
Compassion International .....Global  
Chattanooga Sports Ministries .....Chattanooga  
Chernobyl Children's Program .....Belarus  
Choices .....Chattanooga  
Matt & Annette Cummings.....WEC - Japan  
East Ridge Wyldlife .....East Ridge, Tennessee  
Jay & Beverly Fowler.....FCA - East Tennessee  
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz .....CRU - Chattanooga  
Dan & Mako Gilchrist.....ELI - Global  
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague .....Harvestime - France  
Haitian American Friendship Found .....Haiti  
Harvest USA .....USA  
Andrew & Julie Halbert .....UWM - Costa Rica  
Christine Harrison .....Wycliffe - East Africa  
Russ & Amanda Hightower.....LA Church Plant  
Hope for the Inner City .....Chattanooga  
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter.....UWM - Costa Rica  
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Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter.....RUF1 - UTK  
John & Kathy Lesondak.....MTW - Slovak Republic  
Luke & Amanda McAuley .....SIM - Kenya  
Heidi Meiners .....ICS - Budapest, Hungary  
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Randy & Joan Nabors .....MNA - Mercy  
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Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha .....Nireekshana - India  
Tennessee Valley Presbytery .....Church Plants  
Third Millennium Ministries .....Global  
Jeff & Heather Vaughn .....MTW - Global  
Pete Vaughn.....Amani - Chattanooga  
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.....Chattanooga  
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Bruce & Barb Wannemacher .....MTW - South Africa  
Mario & Keila Xaco .....Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico