

The Lord's Service

August 16, 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 100.1-5

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

LEADER: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

PEOPLE: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

LEADER: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn of Adoration

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell
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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

Holy Father, You who desires fellowship with Your people, You who are good, merciful, and unchanging, we come to worship You today knowing You are God indeed. We come knowing without our aid, You made the entirety of creation, and without Your aid, we can do no good thing. Lord, please enable us to worship by sending Your Holy Spirit in our midst. Empower us to set aside all distractions so we can praise, laud, and bless Your name always, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 18.9

LEADER: When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Merciful God,
we acknowledge and confess before You
our many sins.
We have transgressed Your holy laws;
we have neglected Your Word;
we have walked in our own ways
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.
We have injured others, hurt our own souls,
and grieved Your Holy Spirit.
Gracious God,
Who pardons all that repent and believe Your
Gospel;
show Your mercy upon us,
and for the sake of Your beloved Son,
our only Mediator, forgive us of our sins.
Increase in us the grace of repentance,
that we may not only confess our sins,
but forsake them with our whole heart,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6.9-11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

Hymn of Assurance

In Christ Alone, vs. 1, 4

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(2002 Thankyou Music)

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 3.13-15

“¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Lesson

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

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Gather at the River

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river,
The river that flows, that flows, that flows by the throne of God.

And, Lord, haste the day
When my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

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Doxology

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

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.

Doxology

No. 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Scripture Lesson

Romans 16.17-27

“¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. ¹⁸ For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. ¹⁹ For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. been from of old. ²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen. ²² I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord. ²³ Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you. ²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.”

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

ENDURING GRACE

*Hymn of Response

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place
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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.

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.

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.

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism 1

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

PEOPLE: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

***Gloria Patri**

No. 734

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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 constrain the earth to come;
 send your victorious Word abroad,
 and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see your churches full,
 that all the chosen race
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,
 sing your redeeming grace.

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.*

Children's Ministry Campsite Fun Night



**Wednesday, August 26
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Front Lawn of CPC**

Families, join us for an evening of S'mores, fishing, feeding the birds, and more!

Weather permitting, so please visit the church website and Facebook to stay updated. For more information, contact Crystal Middleton at cmiddleton@cpchatt.org.

Please remind your children about the importance of social distancing and proper hygiene during the activities.

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 Jones is preaching on Mark 1.1.
- ✚ **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=TTJldHAxWjJrcU9XeXZRNhqdUNYZz09>, 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.
- ✚ **Reminder to Check-In for Worship** - Be sure to visit www.cpcchatt.org to check-in your planned attendance for either of the two services offered next Sunday, August 23. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, August 21. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- ✚ **Children's Ministry Campsite Fun Night** - Parents, bring your happy campers to a fun night outside on the Front Lawn of the church on Wednesday, August 26, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is a family event, so come prepared to participate with your children. We'll make S'mores, go fishing, feed the birds, along with other fun activities! Please remind your children about the importance of social distancing and proper hygiene during the activities. This event is weather permitting, so please be sure to check the church website and Facebook page for updates. For more information, contact Crystal Middleton at cmiddleton@cpcchatt.org.
- ✚ **Children's Ministry Fall Family Fellowship** - We are excited to begin offering some fellowship opportunities for children and their families on the Front Lawn of CPC. Weather depending, events are planned every three weeks, beginning August 26. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us on the following days: **August 26** - Campsite Fun Night, **September 16** - Barnyard Bash, **October 7** - Arty Party, **October 28** - Reformation Celebration, **November 18** - Outdoor Film Festival
- ✚ **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to Elaine Larmer and her family on the loss of her mother, Marguerite M. Altick,

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