

The Lord's Service

August 23, 2020

Please wear a mask if you intend to read responsively and sing while standing.

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.

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.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 66.1-4

LEADER: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

PEOPLE: **Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

LEADER: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."

PEOPLE: **All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.**

*Hymn of Adoration

*Our God, Our Help In Ages Past
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*Invocation

Our Father, you who before all worlds determined to make a kingdom of image-bearers, covering the earth, reflecting the glory of their King, like a billion mirrors.

You, who covenanted with your Son not just to make, but to redeem them, to your greater glory. In the name of that Son, the Seed of the Woman, through whom all your promises of old are fulfilled and applied to us, we ask you to receive our worship this morning. By your Spirit, sanctify our songs, purify our prayers, open our ears to hear your Word, and our hearts to receive your blessing and Fatherly favor. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To you be glory forever.

Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Exodus 20.2, 8-11

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

PEOPLE: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

LEADER: On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

PEOPLE: For in six days, the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.1-3

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

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “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. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1.1-5

“¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;

The moon and stars suspended in space,
Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man, Oh what is man that You are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The majesty and glory of Your name.
(1979 Word Music)

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!

Tithes and Offerings

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

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.

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.

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

Mark 1.1

"¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. "

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU

*Hymn of Response

Across The Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.

Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the author of creation,

You're the Lord of ev'ry man,

And Your cry of love rings out

Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,

And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.

Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave

And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,

From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.

(Chorus)

(2002 Thankyou Music)

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 21

LEADER: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

PEOPLE: **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures and one person, forever.**

*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

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.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem - er's praise,
 2. My gra- cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
 Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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@cpcchatt.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 1.2-8.
- ✚ **Reminder to Check-In for Worship** - Be sure to visit www.cpcchatt.org to check-in your planned attendance for Sunday, August 30. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, August 28. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- ✚ **August 23 - Virtual Prayer Meeting - NOTE NEW TIME - 6:30-7:30 p.m.** - Join with us, via Zoom, as we pray together for our church family, friends, and needs in our community. To join the meeting visit <https://zoom.us/join> the Meeting ID is 417 5631 827, and the Passcode is 245391. For more information, email Pastor Mullinax at emullinax@cpcchatt.org.
- ✚ **August 26 - Children's Ministry Campsite Fun Night - 6:30-7:30 p.m.** - Parents, come prepared to participate with your children in this family event as we make S'mores, go fishing, feed the birds, along with other fun activities on the Front Lawn of the church! Be sure to remind your children about the importance of social distancing and proper hygiene during the activities. This event is weather permitting, so please check the church website and Facebook page for updates. For more information, contact Crystal at cmiddleton@cpcchatt.org.
- ✚ **October 16-18 - Women's Ministry Fall Retreat** - The Women's Ministry is planning a Fall Retreat at Chestnut Bay Resort in Leesburg, Alabama. More details to come soon. Registration will begin August 30 at church and online. Contact Linda Lander for more information: lindalander49@yahoo.com.
- ✚ **Children's Ministry Fall Family Fellowships** - 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.
- ✚ The September birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.

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FALL MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES



In-Person Classes

Tuesdays

- 5:30 p.m. - Philippians (SFH) - Led by Ken Henry (Begins 8/25)**
Our study will be a verse by verse study with our focus on particular verses and themes. Everyone is invited. This class will also be live streamed.
- 5:30 p.m. - Listen Like A Preacher (Sanctuary) - Led by John Jones (Begins 8/25)**
After Sunday morning worship, most conversations about the sermon are not like conversations between preachers. But they could be. This class will also be live streamed.
- 7:00 p.m. - High School Youth (Front Lawn) - Led by Jeremiah Hill (Begins 8/25)**
Topic: *Failure and Faithfulness: Walking with God in the Desert*. We'll walk through the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy and explore what they can teach us about the Christian life - particularly the times when we fail.
- 7:00 p.m. - Mother's Encouragement (Outside) - Led by Connie Hildebrand (Begins 9/1)**
Meets 1st Tuesday of each month.

Wednesdays

- 6:30 p.m. - Children's Ministry - Fall Family Fellowships (Every Third Week)**
Parents, come participate with the kids outside on the Front Lawn - "weather permitting" for these fantastic nights of fun and fellowship...
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| Aug. 26 - Campsite Fun Night | Oct. 7 - Arty Party | Nov. 18 - Outdoor Film Festival |
| Sept. 16 - Barnyard Bash | Oct. 28 - Reformation Celebration | |
- 6:30 p.m. - Middle School Youth - (Front Lawn) Led by Jeremiah Hill (Begins 8/26)**
Topic: *Faith: Where do we put our hope?* This series will outline some distinctives of the Reformed Faith, including looking at the five solas and the five points of Calvinism.
- 7:00 p.m. - Choir (Sanctuary) - Led by Jeremy Gaines (Begins 8/26)**
Sanctuary choir is a wonderful way to praise God and lead in worship. No audition or experience required. Contact Jeremy Gaines at jgaines@cpccchat.org for more information.

Thursdays

- 10:00 a.m. - Women's Ministry Class - 1 Samuel (SFH) Led by Bev Mealor (Begins 9/10)**
From judges to kings, from the departure of God's glory to the assurance of His help, from inquiring of the Lord to inquiring of a medium -- this book of contrasts sets before us the importance of a life of obedience.
- 7:00 p.m. - Men's Ministry Class - 1 & 2 Peter (Sanctuary) Led by John Jones (Begins 8/27)**
Peter's two letters are lyrical masterpieces exuberantly written by a man whose sanctification was very bumpy, and very public. Join us as we exam how God speaks through the pen of Peter.
- 7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministry Study - Jesus the King (SFH) - Led by Lynda Brown (Begins 9/10)**
Tim Keller looks at the story of Jesus as told in the book of Mark. He divides the book into two parts ("The King" and "The Cross"). This fall we will cover Part One and talk about our relationship to Jesus and how this relationship impacts our thoughts and actions in this present day.

Fridays

- 9:00 a.m. - Men's Proverbs Bible Study (SFH) - Led by Eric Mullinax (Each Friday)**
A verse by verse study of Proverbs. We seek to uncover the foundation of wisdom, marks out the paths that make us wise, and points us to the ultimate source of all true wisdom and understanding: Jesus Christ.

FALL MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES



Zoom Classes

Mondays

7:00 p.m. - Perseverers' Class (Each Monday)

Join us on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for a time of sharing, learning (Gary Cosby provides a short lesson), and prayer.

Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. - Befriend - Led by Emily Calloway & Leanna Cathey (Begins 9/1)

Real friendship is hard. There are other, less real versions of friendship that are less costly, less committed, less disruptive, less gritty, and less genuine—but also less rich. Real friendship is risky and makes us vulnerable, but it is life-giving and maturing.

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. - Virtual Prayer Meeting - Led by Eric Mullinax (Each Wednesday)

We will begin praying around 6:45 p.m. with Scripture passages included to aid in directing our prayer (Adoration of God, Confession, Thanksgiving & Praise, Intercession for Others, etc.). Join and depart as you like.

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. - 1 Samuel - Led by Bev Fowler (Begins 9/3)

From judges to kings, from the departure of God's glory to the assurance of His help, from inquiring of the Lord to inquiring of a medium -- this book of contrasts sets before us the importance of a life of obedience.

Fridays

8:00 a.m. - Men's Proverbs Bible Study - Led by Eric Mullinax (Each Friday)

A verse by verse look at the book of Proverbs. Our chapter study always corresponds to the date of the month as we seek to uncover the foundation of wisdom, mark out the paths that make us wise, and look to the ultimate source of all true wisdom and understanding: Jesus Christ.



Pre-Recorded Classes

Tuesdays

5:30 p.m. - Living To Please God - Led by Lamar Allen (Begins 8/25)

New lessons will be posted each Tuesday afternoon on the Midweek page of our website.

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. - Song of Songs - Led by Jake Bennett (Begins 8/26)

Join us for teaching on "Love, Marriage and Sexuality – A Study of Song of Songs and the PCA Human Sexuality Report". New lessons will be posted each Wednesday afternoon on the Midweek page of our website.

Thursdays

5:30 p.m. - Essentials Class - Led by John Jones (Begins 8/27)

For those new to CPC and/or those new to Protestant and Reformed doctrine. Lessons are taken from these four core categories: Christian doctrine, Bible knowledge, Church History, and life at CPC. New lessons will be posted each Thursday afternoon on the Midweek page of our website.

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,
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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	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	RUF - UTK
Agape Puppets	Global	John & Kathy Lesondak	MTW - Slovak Republic
Amani Ya Juu	Global	Luke & Amanda McAuley	SIM - Kenya
Paul Billy Arnold	PMI - India	Heidi Meiners	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
James & Karen Ashley	Wycliffe - Global	Pete & Ruth Mitchell	MTW - France
Marc & Denise Atchley	TEAM - Greece	Randy & Joan Nabors	MNA - Mercy
Tom & Ann Austin	MTW - Global	Andy & Kathy Napier	TWR - North Carolina
NoNo & Kate Beale	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	PCA Agencies	Atlanta, Georgia
Mark Casson	MNA - Prison Ministry	John Mark & Caroline Scruggs	RUF - UTC
Compassion International	Global	Jamie & Bethany Sexton	IDEAS - China
Chattanooga Sports Ministries	Chattanooga	Brian & Connie Shepson	MAF - USA
Chernobyl Children's Program	Belarus	Frank & Cindy Sindler	MTW - Enterprise
Choices	Chattanooga	Teresa Snow	CRU - City - Austin, Texas
Matt & Annette Cummings	WEC - Japan	Stepan & Alla Solodukha	Belarus
East Ridge Wyldlife	East Ridge, Tennessee	Dan & Susan Steere	ELI - Global
Jay & Beverly Fowler	FCA - East Tennessee	David & Eowyn Stoddard	MTW - Germany
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz	CRU - Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha	Nireekshana - India
Dan & Mako Gilchrist	ELI - Global	Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague	Harvestime - France	Third Millennium Ministries	Global
Haitian American Friendship Found	Haiti	Jeff & Heather Vaughn	MTW - Global
Harvest USA	USA	Pete Vaughn	Amani - Chattanooga
Andrew & Julie Halbert	UWM - Costa Rica	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic	Chattanooga
Christine Harrison	Wycliffe - East Africa	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker	Third Mill - Global
Russ & Amanda Hightower	LA Church Plant	Josiah & Miriam Walters	MTW - Chad
Hope for the Inner City	Chattanooga	Bruce & Barb Wannemacher	MTW - South Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	UWM - Costa Rica	Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico
Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga		