

The Lord's Service

August 30, 2020

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

Welcome and Announcements

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.

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Psalm 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: Behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel -

PEOPLE: He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

*Hymn of Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
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*Invocation

Our Father, you who alone have done the mighty acts of creation. From speaking out spinning galaxies no mortal eye has ever spotted, to whispering into being those tiny galaxies of atoms, whose tiny infinities are too vast for us to comprehend. And you who have done the still mightier acts of re-creation, joining Him who is uncreated with His creation, putting the immortal to death so that the dead might live and death might die. We, your creatures, bless you this day, able to do so only because you, by your Spirit,

have given us eyes of faith to see the beauty of your Son Jesus Christ. For the sake of your Son, and in His name, we ask that you would please receive our worship this day. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 135.15-18

LEADER: The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

PEOPLE: **They have mouths, but do not speak; they
have eyes, but do not see;**

LEADER: They have ears, but do not hear, nor is there
any breath in their mouths.

PEOPLE: **Those who make them become like them,
so do all who trust in them.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,
we confess and acknowledge unto You
that we were conceived in unrighteousness
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.
We do not fully believe Your Word
nor follow Your holy commandments.
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,
and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us,
and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great.
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

Psalm 138.1-3

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

"I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 23.20-33

²⁰ "Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. ²¹ Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him. ²² "But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. ²³ "When my angel goes before you and brings you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I blot them out, ²⁴ you shall not bow down to their gods nor serve them, nor do as they do, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces. ²⁵ You shall serve the Lord your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. ²⁶ None shall miscarry or be

barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. ²⁷ I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. ²⁸ And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you. ²⁹ I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you. ³⁰ Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land. ³¹ And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. ³² You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. ³³ They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

At the Name of Jesus

Jesus, though He was God did not cling to His rights as God,
But laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory.
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.

He humbled Himself, He humbled Himself,
And became obedient unto death, even death on the cross!

At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus,
Every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord! At the name of Jesus!

(Berry 1985 Word Music)

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

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)
Give thanks.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

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

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 1.2-13

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” ¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

INTO THE WILDERNESS

*Hymn of Response

Comfort Comfort Ye My People
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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

Westminster Larger Catechism 41

LEADER: Why was our mediator called Jesus?

PEOPLE: Our mediator was called Jesus, because he saveth his people from their sins.

*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

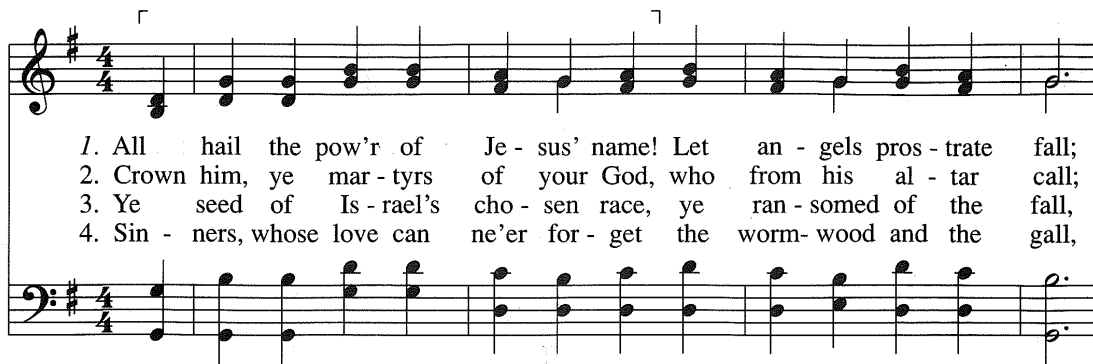
*Benediction

Pastor Jones

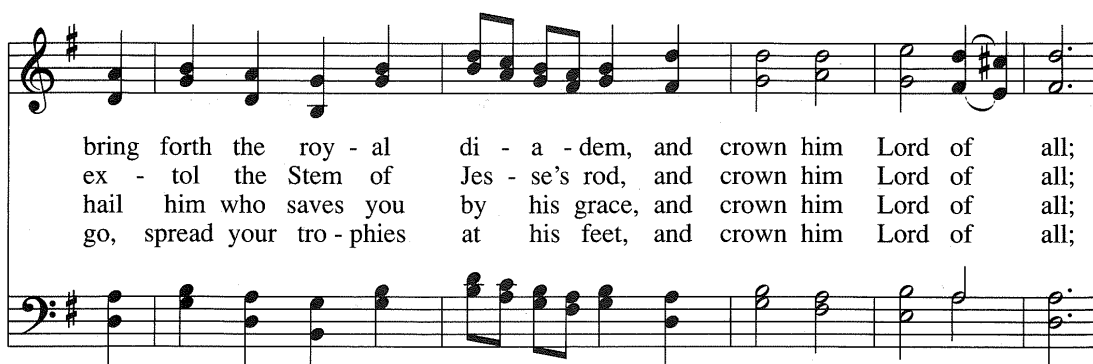
Closing Greetings

Postlude

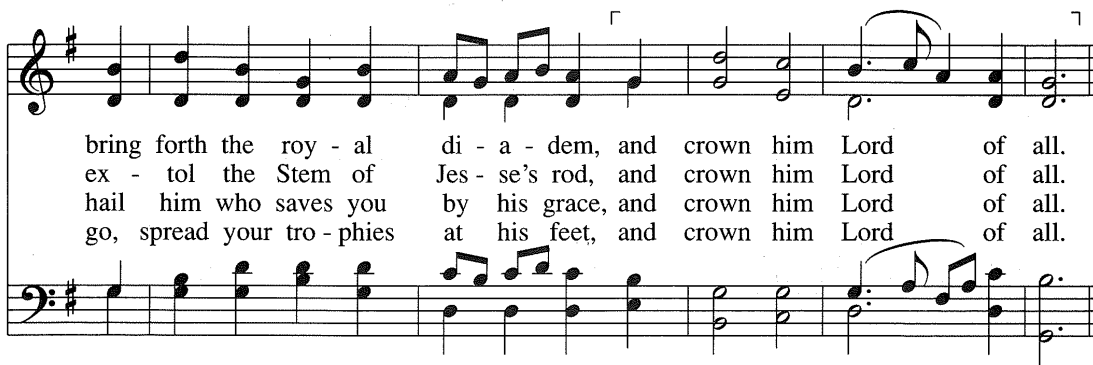
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

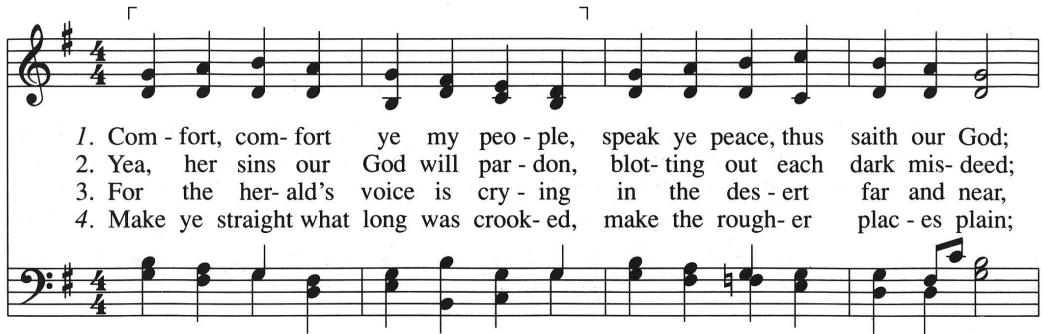
REFRAIN

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

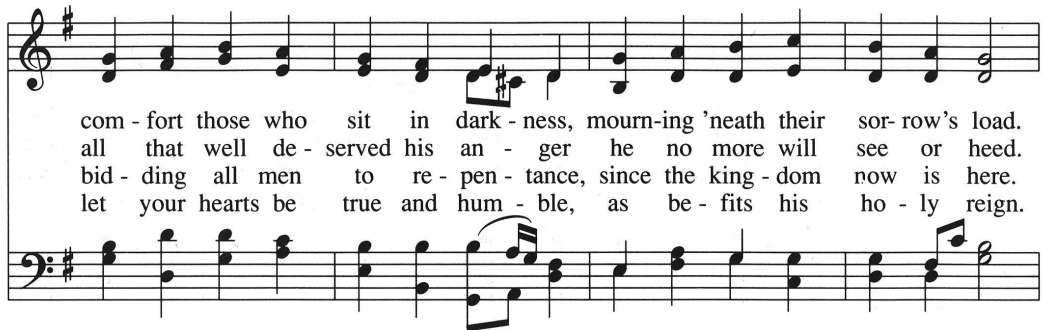
morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

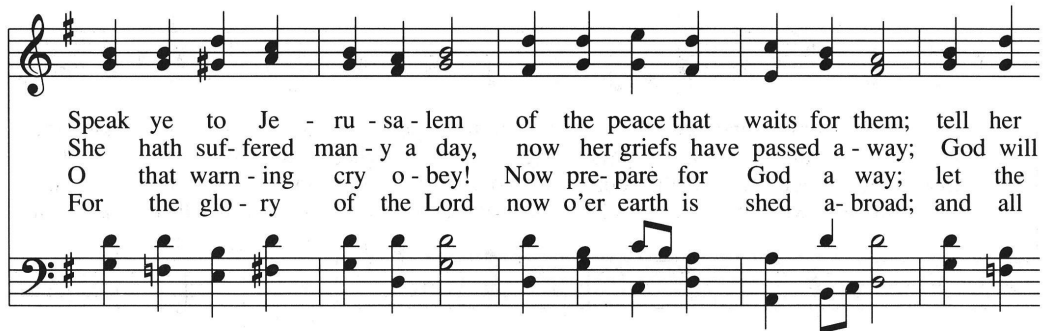
Comfort Comfort Ye My People



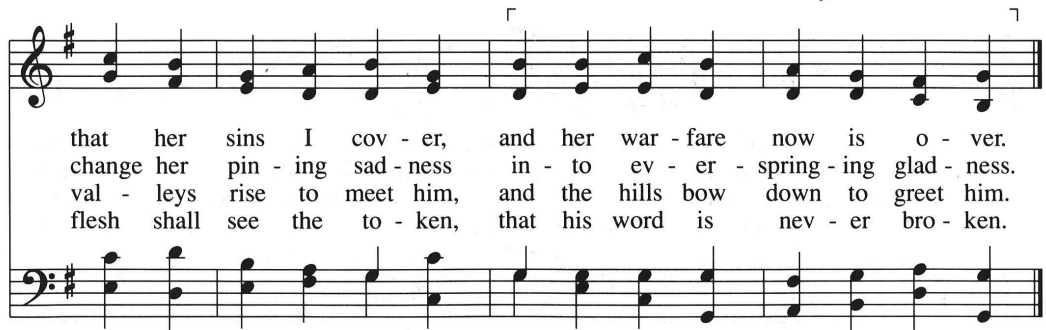
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all



that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

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.*

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...

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@cpcchatt.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

7:00 p.m. - Virtual Prayer Meeting - Led by Eric Mullinax (Each Wednesday)

Prayer is from 7:00-8:00 p.m. 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.

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 1.14-28.
- 🔔 **Congratulations** - The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Adelaide Reta, daughter of Chris and Andra van der Merwe, born August 21.
- 🔔 **Reminder to Check-In for Worship** - Be sure to visit www.cpcchatt.org to check-in your planned attendance for Sunday, September 6. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, September 4. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- 🔔 **September 2 - Midweek Meal - BBQ Night** - This coming Wednesday, we will have our first Midweek Meal for the Fall Semester. At this point, meals will not be every week. We will see how our first one goes and hopefully move forward after that. Dinner will be from 5:00-6:15 p.m. and will be somewhat simplified, to keep the sharing of our germs to an absolute minimum. Weather permitting, we will eat outdoors in the field so we are asking people to bring chairs or blankets. We will move to the fellowship hall if necessary. One big change this year will be asking families to sign up on our church website if they wish to come. This will help us plan for the right amount of food and help us keep organized for social distancing. Hope to see you then!
- 🔔 **October 16-18 - Women's Ministry Fall Retreat** - The Women's Ministry is planning a Fall Retreat at Chestnut Bay Resort in Leesburg, Alabama. Registration begins today, 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: **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.
- 🔔 Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Ann Louise Irvin on her recent passing.