

The Lord's Service

September 13, 2020

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

*As you exit our service today, please be sure to wear your mask
as you exit the sanctuary.*

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 40.1-3

LEADER: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

PEOPLE: **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

LEADER: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

PEOPLE: **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
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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

Mighty God, your Kingdom truly is forever. Before the mountains were brought forth or you formed the earth and the sea, you reigned supreme over all other powers and reign supreme you will for eternity, even as we look forward to the day when you destroy every rule and authority and power and put all things in subjection under Christ's feet. We come before you today able to approach only because your Son sided with us and gave us the gift of your Spirit, making us not just subjects of your Kingdom, but sons and daughters. In the name of that Son, we ask

that you would receive our worship today. May it honor and please you. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.
Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Romans 7.21-24

LEADER: So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

PEOPLE: For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being.

LEADER: But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

PEOPLE: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

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,**

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.

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

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

Ephesians 2.4-5

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

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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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

Jeremiah 31.31-34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of

them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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

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!

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1.29-45

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. ⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean."

⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest

and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

GUARD THE MISSION

*Hymn of Response

I Need Thee Every Hour

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Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism 4

LEADER: Christian, what evidence is there that the Bible is the Word of God?

PEOPLE: **The Bible clearly shows that it is the word of God by its majesty and purity, by the agreement of all its parts, by its unified aim to give all glory to God, and by its illuminating power to convince and convert sinners and to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. However, only the Spirit of God, testifying by and with the Bible in our hearts, can completely persuade us that it is truly the word of God.**

*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.

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.

God Commissions Us

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.

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Closing Greetings

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

♯ D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

I Need Thee Every Hour

Capo 1: (G)

(D) (G) (C) (G)

1. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near - by;
 3. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
 4. I need thee ev - 'ry hour; teach me thy will;
 5. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly One;

(D) (G) (D) (A⁷) (D)

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
 • come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fil.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

REFRAIN
 (G) (D) (D⁷) (G)

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;

(C) (G) (Am⁷) (G) (D⁷) (G) 1

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

Annie S. Hawks, 1872
 Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872

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 Robert Lowry, 1872

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 Jones is preaching on Mark 2.1-12.**
- ✚ **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, September 20. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, September 18. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- ✚ **OCC September Collections** - CPC is continuing to collect year-round for Operation Christmas Child. Collecting items throughout the year is a very effective way to increase the number of boxes we send. For the month of September, we are continuing to collect school supplies, but we are also collecting plastic bowls, spoons, forks, small cups, water bottles, small containers for food, soap, soap holder, toothbrush, toothbrush holder, combs, hairbrushes, dental floss, and washcloths. Due to being unable to receive collections since March, we're including those monthly donations for the next several months. This will enable us, hopefully, to collect enough things to fill the boxes in November. 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.





September 16 - Children's Ministry Barnyard Bash - Calling all farmers! You are invited to our second Fall Family Fellowship on the front lawn of CPC from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for a fun night filled with a petting zoo, hayrides, and more! Farmer and animal costumes welcome! This is a family event, so come prepared to participate with your children. 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 Bible Lessons - Parents, did you know that we have weekly Children's lessons online on the Children's Ministry page of our website? These lessons are available to use for at home Sunday School, family devotions, etc. The current series is "God Keeps His Promises", and each lesson comes with a video, parent sheet, and kids coloring/activity sheet. Don't miss out on this great resource. Visit www.cpcchatt.org and navigate to the Children's Ministry page. The lessons are found in the sidebar on the right side of the page, "Children's Online Lessons."

Reflecting God's Glory

by Loving One Another Through Steadfastness and Availability

Women's Ministry Fall Retreat **October 16-18, 2020**

Location

Chesnut Bay Resort

4480 County Road 44, Leesburg, Alabama. View the resort and houses on their website, chesnutbayresort@yahoo.com.

Cost

\$80.00 (includes two-night stay and five meals)

There will be opportunities for outdoor and indoor activities.

Speakers



Madeline Hill

Topic: The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Madeline is a southern girl born and raised in Birmingham, AL. She is passionate about theology, earning her bachelor's degree in Biblical and Theological Studies from Covenant College and her Master's of Divinity from Covenant Seminary. Madeline loves being married to Jeremiah and enjoys using her gifts with the youth girls of CPC.



Bev Meador

Topic: The People and Things God Uses

Bev became a Christian in 1974, and was encouraged to attend a Bible study at Reach Out Ranch (Precept Ministries). She had the privilege to be in the first Precept Upon Precept courses. Later, Bev was employed by Precept Ministries in the bookstore and eventually became part of the training staff, teaching people how to study the Bible and use the materials. She was also content editor for TV and radio, on the editing team for Precept courses, and was part of the Israel/Greece tour team. Bev says, "Since God saved me, my heart has always been to study and teach God's Word."