

The Lord's Service

September 20, 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 149.1-4

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the godly!

PEOPLE: **Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the
children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

LEADER: Let them praise His name with dancing, making
melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord takes pleasure in His people;
He adorns the humble with salvation.**

*Hymn of Adoration

*Crown Him With Many Crowns
see Page 8*

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 God, in whom we not only live and move and have our being, but actually dwell secure, guarded from your wrath by the substitutionary atonement made by your Son, Life for lives, and given the Spirit of adoption so that our prayers to you as "Father" are not presumption, but true petitions that you love to hear. In the name of that Son we ask that you would receive our worship today. We are feeble creatures and our minds are clouded by cares, concerns, and distractions. By your Spirit purify our prayers, sanctify our songs, sweep the fog from our minds, so that our worship here on earth would be as it is in

heaven, around your throne. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, as in ages past, so for countless centuries to come. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Matthew 5.38-42

LEADER: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

PEOPLE: **But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.**

LEADER: And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

PEOPLE: **And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.**

LEADER: Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You in
thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. 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

Matthew 11.28-30

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

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yolk is easy, and my burden is light.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

Hymn of Assurance

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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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 34.1-9

¹ The Lord said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.

² Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵ The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. ⁶ The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will

by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.⁹ And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where're I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

(Benjamin Wegner, 2016 Birnamwood Publications)

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)

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.

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

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)

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2.1-12

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days,
it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were
gathered together, so that there was no more room, not
even at the door. And he was preaching the word to
them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic
carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near
him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above
him, and when they had made an opening, they let down
the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw
their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are
forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there,
questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak

like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts?”⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk?’¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

HEAL US FROM SIN

*Hymn of Response

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

(1997 Vikki Cook and Charitie L. Bancroft Worship)

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 saves his people from their sins.**

*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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

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 2.13-22.
- ✦ **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 27. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, September 25. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- ✦ **September 23 - Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00-8:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Join with us 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 811 8274 2639 , and the Passcode is 207483. For more information, email RFox@cpcchatt.org.
- ✦ **October 18 - Annual Church Picnic** - Mark your calendars! The annual Church Picnic is Sunday, October 18 on CPC grounds, beginning around 11:30 am. BYOPB (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket). Drinks, ice, and desserts will be provided. (Measured) activities for everyone! Bring a picnic blanket and/or chairs.
- ✦ **OCC September Collections** - CPC is continuing to collect year-round for Operation Christmas Child. 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. For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office.

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.*

ELDERS AND DEACONS

Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Kent Brown, Jason Coffey,
 Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, Mark Griggs,
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 Charlie Ray, Chris Rimondi, Tim Sotelo, Mark Stevenson, Phil Wade

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

African Bible University	Uganda	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Agape Puppets	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	RUF1 - UTK
Amani Ya Juu	Global	John & Kathy Lesondak	MTW - Slovak Republic
Paul Billy Arnold	PMI - India	Luke & Amanda McAuley	SIM - Kenya
James & Karen Ashley	Wycliffe - Global	Heidi Meiners	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
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Mark Casson	MNA - Prison Ministry	PCA Agencies	Atlanta, Georgia
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Chattanooga	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
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Dan & Mako Gilchrist	ELI - Global	Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Jean-Baptiste Guercagoue	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
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