

# The Lord's Service

## September 27, 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 148.1-5

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

**PEOPLE:** Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

**LEADER:** Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

**PEOPLE:** Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**LEADER:** Let them praise the name of the Lord!

**PEOPLE:** For He commanded and they were created.

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*From all That Dwell below the Skies  
see Page 9*

#### 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 Father, we come today to worship You, the only one who is Pure, the only one who is Mighty, the only one who is Upright, and the one we rejoice to declare, who delights in showing His power and mercy by claiming, loving, and using people who by nature display none of those characteristics, who chooses the foolish to shame the wise, and chooses the weak to shame the strong, who puts treasure in jars of clay, who draws straight with

crooked lines. We come before you today, crooked little lines, bent things. But bent as we are, we rejoice to approach you, standing in the straight and tall shadow of the one who allowed himself to become broken for our un-crookening. In His name and for His sake we ask you to receive our worship today. By your Spirit, inspire and sanctify our worship so that the bumbling prayers and lisping songs of we, your crooked saints, would draw a line that points straight to you. Our Glorious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 4.36-39

**LEADER:** Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might discipline you. And on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

**PEOPLE:** And because He loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with His own presence, by His great power,

**LEADER:** Driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day,

**PEOPLE:** Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath: there is no other.

**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.

## **Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)**

**Most merciful Father;  
we acknowledge and confess before You our many sins.  
We have transgressed Your holy laws;  
we have neglected Your Word and ordinances;  
we have walked in our own ways  
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.  
By our neglect and selfishness we have injured others,  
hurt our own souls and grieved Your Holy Spirit.  
Most gracious God,  
who pardons and forgives 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 our offenses.  
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 holiness and righteousness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Philippians 2.8-11**

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“And being found in human form, he humbled  
himself by becoming obedient to the point of  
death, even death on a cross. Therefore God  
has highly exalted him and bestowed on him  
the name that is above every name, so that at  
the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in  
heaven and on earth and under the earth, and  
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!  
**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

# Hymn of Assurance

*Glory Be to God the Father*

Coronae, 87.87.47

$\text{♩} = 115$

1. Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther! Glo - ry be to God the Son! Glo-ry be to  
2. Glo-ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from all sin and stain! Glo-ry be to  
3. Glo-ry to the King of an-gels! Glo - ry to the Church-'s King! Glo-ry to the  
4. Glo-ry, bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of an - gels sings, Hon-or, rich-es,

God the Spir - it! God Al - might - y, Three in One! Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
King of na - tions! Heaven and earth, your prais - es bring; Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
power, do - min - ion! Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings; Glo - ry, glo - ry,

While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
To the Lamb that once was slain!  
To the King of Glo - ry sing!  
Glo-ry to the King of kings!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice part and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 115. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being the main text and the subsequent lines providing alternative phrasings or a choir part. The score concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt. 2005

Tune: William Henry Monk, 1871

## God Consecrates Us

### Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58.1-12

<sup>1</sup> “Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to

### Scripture Lesson

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

draw near to God. <sup>3</sup> ‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup> if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup> And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## Choral Worship

## *And Can It Be*

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.  
Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

Amazing love!

(Forrest, 2014, Beckenhorst Press)

## Doxology

## *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore Him.

## 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

## *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.

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

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

### Scripture Lesson

Mark 2.13-22

<sup>13</sup> He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. <sup>15</sup> And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” <sup>18</sup> Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. <sup>21</sup> No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## EATING AND FASTING

\*Hymn of Response

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*  
*see Page 10*

Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism 26*

**Leader:** What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?”

**People:** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who out of nothing created the heavens and the earth and everything in them, Who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so that I do not doubt that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this world. He is able to do this because He is Almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

\*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

## 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.

# From all That Dwell below the Skies

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -  
 2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery  
 3. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's name be  
 land the strains be - long. In cheer - ful sound all voic - es  
 truth at - tends your word. Your praise shall sound from shore to

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.  
 raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
 shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Based on Psalm 117  
 Isaac Watts, 1719; mod.

DUKE STREET L.M.  
 John Hatton, 1793

# Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our  
 2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the soul with  
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - vail to

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,  
 in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,  
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;

REFRAIN

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,  
 points to the Ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - vel - ous grace,  
 whit - er than snow you may be to - day.

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,  
 in - fi - nite grace, mar - vel - ous

grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.  
 grace, in - fi - nite 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.*

## 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 2.23-3.6.**
- **Reminder to Check-In for Worship** - Be sure to visit [www.cpcchatt.org](http://www.cpcchatt.org) to check-in your planned attendance for either of the two services offered next Sunday, October 4. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, October 2. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- **September 29 - High School "Scatter Night" - 7:00-8:30 p.m.** - During our scheduled midweek meeting, our High School students will have an evening of fellowship culminating in a giant game of Scatter on the lawn. Bring your friends and join us for this fun evening!
- **September 30 - Wednesday Night Supper - 5:00-6:15 p.m.** - We will be attempting to eat indoors with a simplified meal. Please remember to sign-up on the church website by Monday the 28th so we can plan accordingly. Look forward to seeing you there!
- **September 30 - Middle School "Dodgeball Night" - 6:30-7:30 p.m.** - During our scheduled midweek meeting, our Middle School students will have an evening of fellowship culminating in a giant game of Dodgeball. Bring your friends and join us for this fun evening!
- **October 1 (Each Thursday) - Brown Bag Lunch - 12:00-1:00 p.m.** - Join us for a virtual (Zoom) fellowship lunch on Thursdays during the noon hour. Pastor Mullinax will host. (Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches in a brown bag are not mandatory to participate.) We'll share information, swap some TALL tales, and enjoy one another's cyberspace company. Contact Ruth Fox at [rfox@cpcchatt.org](mailto:rfox@cpcchatt.org) if you'd like to join.
- **October 6 - Mother's Encouragement Group - 7:00 p.m. - New Location: Schum Fellowship Hall** - Sharing and prayer time for moms. Led by Connie Hildebrand.
- **October 7 - Children's Ministry Arty Party - 6:30-7:30 p.m.** - Dress for a mess because we are having an Arty Party! Families are invited to bring their children for an evening of art fun - decorate cupcakes, design pumpkins, participate in a "colorful" balloon toss, and much more!
- **October 18 - Annual Church Picnic - 11:30 a.m.** - Mark your calendars! The annual Church Picnic is just around the corner. We'll picnic on the CPC lawn 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **November 6-7 - Youth Fall Retreat** - This year's retreat will not be an overnight retreat, but will involve day activities at the church on Friday the 6th and at Ponderosa Bible Camp on Saturday the 7th. Stay tuned for more details and registration!
- The October birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.



### ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CEF GOOD NEWS CLUB VIA ZOOM ~

**Beginning Thursday, October 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** CPC is hosting a Child Evangelism Fellowship's (CEF) Good News Club for children attending East Brainerd Elementary School via Zoom. This is an opportunity to share the love of Christ to children in our community. We are looking for five or more men or women from juniors in high school and older to participate in a team to rotate and share the teaching of a Bible story, memory verses, songs, missionary stories and games using Zoom. Our club will meet on Thursday afternoons and follow the Hamilton County School calendar. You will need to register at: <http://cefchattanooga.org>. Email John Herberich if you are interested or have any questions at [johnherberich@gmail.com](mailto:johnherberich@gmail.com).



## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**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.

## 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, Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Tom Schreiner, Todd Smith, Jay Spalding, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

### Active Diaconate

Geff Adams, Jeremy Armao, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mark Donaldson, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall (*Clerk of Diaconate*), Vanna Ker, Steve Leach, Mike Mason (*Chairman of Diaconate*), Richard Mauroner, 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	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries .....	Chattanooga
Agape Puppets .....	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter .....	RUF - 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
Marc & Denise Atchley .....	TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth Mitchell .....	MTW - France
Tom & Ann Austin .....	MTW - Global	Randy & Joan Nabors .....	MNA - Mercy
NoNo & Kate Beale .....	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	Andy & Kathy Napier .....	TWR - North Carolina
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
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