

# The Lord's Service

January 31, 2021

*The Staged Return Commission, a commission of our deacons, agrees with health officials that wearing a mask as you stand to sing and read responsibly decreases the chances for the transmission of coronavirus.*

## 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 147.7-12

**LEADER:** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

**PEOPLE:** **He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills.**

**LEADER:** He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

**PEOPLE:** **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,**

**LEADER:** But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

**PEOPLE:** **Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!**

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God  
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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

Our Father, you who searched us out from all eternity that we might know you. You who, though content in the eternal, dynamic, exciting fellowship you have always enjoyed with your Son and Spirit, decided to make men in your own image, to bring them into that same fellowship.

You, who breathed into the dust of the earth to spring out a living Man, and You, who more miraculously still, breathes into the dust of our souls to make Spiritual life where before there was none.

In the name of your son, Jesus, the first one raised, but not the last, receive our worship today and, by your Spirit, would you take our worship, flawed as it will be, and make it pleasing in your sight?

Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To you be glory forever. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

1 John 1.8-10

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

PEOPLE: **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

LEADER: If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and Whose mercy we forget  
in the blindness of our hearts:  
cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to You,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in Your grace,  
and finding in You our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.**

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveals this to us and points our hearts 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 103.8-13

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him, as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*  
*see Page 9*

## 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

Hebrews 11.8-19

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup> He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Worship

## *Nearer My God To Thee*

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,  
E'vn though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Oh, let the way appear, leading to heav'n,  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n.  
Thy spirit beckons me, nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,  
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest.  
Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee!  
Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

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## Doxology

## *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory, vs. 4*

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
with our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

(David Clowney, 1960 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr.)

## Doxology

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

## Tithes and Offerings

### 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.

### 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

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

### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 22.1-19

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men,

“Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup> He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies.

<sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” <sup>19</sup> So

Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

### 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.

### Sermon

Pastor Jeremiah Hill

## ON THE MOUNT OF THE LORD HE WILL BE SEEN

### \*Hymn of Response

*Be Still, My Soul*  
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### Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 27

**LEADER:** What do you understand by the providence of God?

**PEOPLE:** Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from His fatherly hand.

### \*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 Hill

### Closing Greetings

### Postlude

## I Sing the Almighty Power of God

1. I sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that made the moun - tains rise,  
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is marked with a fermata and a 7-measure rest. The lyrics are arranged in three numbered lines.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
he formed the crea - tures with his word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines.

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines.

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery - where that man can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a fermata and a 7-measure rest. The lyrics are arranged in three lines.



## Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,  
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;  
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:  
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;  
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.  
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my  
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for  
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -  
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"  
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

# Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,  
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your  
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your  
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he  
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious  
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your  
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly  
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still  
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -  
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 pay from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752  
 Tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1855; alt. 1990, mod.

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 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.



# HIS *Story* CONTINUES

## **Virtual Missions Conference**

February 19–20, 2021 | FREE

Our world is in upheaval but the work of making disciples of Christ is ever before us. Now more than ever, we witness His hand at work and celebrate the assurance that His story continues.

You'll hear stories from around the world, experience workshops that will challenge your views on missions, and catch a glimpse into the future as we anticipate how God will grow His kingdom through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our partners.

Individuals, groups, and churches welcome.

**More info at [mtw.org/vmc](https://mtw.org/vmc)**

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# 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 5.21-43.
- **TODAY - Youth Parent IN-PERSON Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall** - The purpose of this meeting is to check in and discuss Youth Ministry plans for the year (programming, camps, etc). This will include a time for Q & A in addition to a time for me to ask you how your students are doing as we enter 2021. Check your email for a Zoom link or message Pastor Jeremiah at [JHill@cpcchatt.org](mailto:JHill@cpcchatt.org).
- **TODAY - Arvey Baby Shower - 3:00-4:30 p.m.** - Join us for a baby shower in honor of the arrival/adoption of Avery-Faith Lynn Arvey, daughter of Chris and Grace Ann Arvey at the home of Catherine Coffey. The Arveys are registered at Amazon and Target.
- **2021 Giving Envelopes** - Envelopes are available in the Narthex and will continue to be available throughout the year.
- **Operation Christmas Child Collections** - CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the remainder of January, we are collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, and ball caps. For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office. Let's work together to make 2021 another successful year of supporting this great organization.
- **Youth Summer Camp Interest Forms** - The time is here for our Youth Ministry to reserve slots for RYM and the Edge. Please fill out these forms if you have a student/students planning to attend these camps. The interest forms are located on the Youth Ministry's page on the church website. There is a form for each camp along with the dates for each camp. *This does not commit your child to registering for these camps.* Filling out the form simply helps us estimate how many slots to reserve for our church. When in doubt, fill it out.
- **Youth Midweek In-Person** -Beginning next week, we are permitted to host youth onsite at the church. High School will be onsite 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays, and Middle School will be onsite 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays. We still plan to consolidate these opportunities to Wednesday night, Lord willing, when church-wide Midweek returns on February 24.
- The February birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, February 1

Perseverers Class Zoom Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, February 2

Ladies' - 2 Samuel Study - Zoom - 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' - Finding God's Faithfulness - Zoom - 7 p.m.

High School Zoom Meeting - 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, February 3

Virtual Prayer Meeting - Zoom - 7 p.m.

Middle School Zoom Meeting - 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, February 5

Men's Proverbs Study - Zoom - 8 a.m.

### SUNDAY, February 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m.

## Evensong Services

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Evensong Service dates for 2021. These services will begin at 6:00 p.m.

- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16
- June 13 - Music Camp Performance
- July 18
- August 15
- September 19
- October 31 - Reformation Service
- November 21
- December 19 - Choir Concert

## Nursery Schedule - Today

First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)	Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)
Toddler Room	Toddler Room
Eva Herberich	Shirley Jones

## Nursery Schedule - February 7, 2021

First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)	Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)
Toddler Room	Toddler Room
Babs Leach	Malachi Harris

# 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, 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, 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, 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
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

