

The Lord's Service

February 14, 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 47.5-6

LEADER: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

PEOPLE: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Hymn of Adoration

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
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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

Almighty God, King of creation, we come to you this morning to worship you in the splendor of your holiness. Our most gracious and wise God, you loved us when we were unlovable, and, though we stray from you often, continue to love us and guide us with your loving hand towards your throne of mercy where you welcome us to worship you and enjoy your fellowship. Through your Spirit guide our hearts, direct our worship, let all that is in us adore you. Blessed are you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

John 13.34-35

LEADER: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

PEOPLE: **By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
But we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lamentations 3.22-25

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end, they are
new every morning, great is Your faithfulness.
‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,
‘therefore I will hope in Him.’ The Lord is
good to those who wait for Him, to the soul
who seeks Him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

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.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

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

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 21.1

¹ The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

Isaiah 44.24-28

²⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, ²⁵ who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish, ²⁶ who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,' and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins'; ²⁷ who says to the deep, 'Be dry; I will dry up your rivers'; ²⁸ who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose'; saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 4.19-31

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." ²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’— ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

O Love

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love that will not let me go.
(Hagenberg, 2016 Beckenhorst Press)

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

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!

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

Sermon - 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Render Caines

RIVER CONTROL

Sermon - 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Dan Steere

SOVEREIGNTY AND BOLDNESS

*Hymn of Response

God Moves in a Mysterious Way
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Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism 26

LEADER: How is Christ a King?

PEOPLE: **As a King, a Christ brings us under His
power, rules and defends us, and restrains
and conquers all His and all our enemies.**

*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

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

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!

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;

he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding ev'ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flow'r.
6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.



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

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Mission to the World

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 6.1-6.
- **February 19-20 - MTW Virtual Missions Conference** - Be sure to take advantage of this FREE Virtual Missions Conference sponsored by Mission to the World. "We're embarking on a new adventure and we'd love for you to join us! On February 19-20, (Friday and Saturday) MTW will host our first ever virtual missions conference, with the first plenary session expected to start at 8 p.m. ET. (You may start logging in as early as 7 p.m.)" Visit mtw.org to register.
- **February 21 - Evensong Service - 5:00 p.m.** - Evensong is a time to gather together as a body to be re-centered around the reign of Christ and prepared to go into the new week. In a setting of fellowship and devotion, evensong always includes Scripture, music, prayer, and instruction. Our expectation is to be sent into the new week strengthened to make Jesus known through our lives.
- **February 24 - Mother's Encouragement Group - 7:00 p.m. - Parlor** - Mother's are invited to come for a time of fellowship, sharing, and encouragement.
- **February 28 - Schreiner Baby Shower - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - SFH** - Join us for a baby shower in honor of Micah and Hannah Schreiner's soon arriving first child. They are registered at www.babylist.com/baby-hannah-schreiner. Also, they are waiting to be surprised by the baby's gender.
- **Midweek Volunteer Opportunity** - We are in need of volunteers to assist with our Children's Ministry Midweek activities, February 24- April 28. If you are available to help one or more weeks, please contact Shannon Ratliff at SRatliff@cpchatt.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, February 15

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

TUESDAY, February 16

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

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

High School Zoom Meeting - SFH - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, February 17

Virtual Prayer Meeting - Zoom - 7 p.m.

Middle School Zoom Meeting - SFH - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, February 19

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

MTW Virtual Missions Conference

SATURDAY, February 20

MTW Virtual Missions Conference

SUNDAY, February 21

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

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

Evensong Service - 5:00 p.m.

Coffee Between Services

We invite you to fellowship with each other. Be aware that there is higher risk involved in eating and drinking together. If you already are at greater risk, please exercise abundant caution and good judgment.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of February, we are collecting small stuffed animals (like beanie boos and Ty babies), plushies, small dolls, and doll clothes. 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.

Nursery Schedule Change

Beginning this week, nursery is available only during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Nursery Schedule - Today

Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)

Toddler Room

Ezra Harris

Nursery Schedule - February 21

Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)

Toddler Room

Lauren Warren

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

