

The Lord's Service

Third Sunday of Lent | March 7, 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

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 145.10-13

LEADER: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You! They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,

PEOPLE: To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

LEADER: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

PEOPLE: The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.

*Hymn of Adoration

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
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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

Father God, you who sent your Son as our great Redeemer, we come before your presence this morning joining with tongues from every tribe and nation worshipping our Master and God, our Savior and Lord. Lord, assist us through your Spirit to proclaim the honors of thy name in our praise and our practice. May we, the foulest made clean, sing of your love to the sinner which brings life and health and peace. All glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Malachi 4.1-6

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

To the Cross, Lord, Lead Us Singing

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, to the cross where You have died;
Where Your blood flows like a river, that we may be purified.

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing with the hosts on high,
Calvary’s anthem of redemption, ransomed sinners justified.

Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, God’s own Son has paid the price,
Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, sinless Lamb, the sacrifice.

Yours the victory at Calvary, suffering there to end the strife.
In Your wounds we now find healing, in Your fearful death, our life.

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing to the Great I Am;
Calvary’s anthem of redemption, songs of praise to Christ the Lamb.

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Scripture Lesson

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

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.

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

Mark 6.14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And

others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.”¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not,²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.”²³ And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.”²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter,”²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

A LIFE THAT MATTERS

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.

*Hymn of Response

*For the Cause
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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.

Call to Confession

Exodus 20.2,12-17

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PEOPLE: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

LEADER: You shall not murder.

PEOPLE: You shall not commit adultery.

LEADER: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

LEADER: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

**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.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness and image, through Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.24

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the
tree, that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness. By His wounds you have been
healed.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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.

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.

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.

[†]"catholic" -- universal

Instruction and Prayer

*Please approach the table from the outer aisles and return
to your pew through the middle aisle.*

The Institution

Distribution Hymn

*Alas and Did
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Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem - er's praise,
 2. My gra- cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
 Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

For the Cause



1. For the cause of Christ the King we give our
2. For the King, once lift - ed high to cries of
3. Let it be my life's re-frain, "To live is



lives, an of - fer - ing, 'til all the earth re-sounds with
rage, of "cru - ci - fy". en-dured the cross as ev - 'ry
Christ, to die is gain." De - ny my-self, take up my



cease-less praise to the Son. For the cause of Christ we
sin was laid on the Son. To the King who con-querred
cross, and fol-low the Son. Let it be my life's re -



go with joy to reap, with faith to sow, as man-y see and man-y
death, to free the poor and the op pressed for last ing peace, for life and
frain, "To live is Christ, to die is gain." De-ny my self, take up my



put their trust in the Son. Christ we pro -
lib - er - ty in the Son.
cross, and fol - low the Son.



claim, the Name a-bove ev-'ry name. For all cre - a - tion, ev-'ry



na - tion, God's sal - va - tion through the Son.

Alas and Did

Isaac Watts (1707)

Traditional Irish Folk Song
arr. Ronald Jay Bechtel 11 Feb 2011



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed and did my Sov' reign
2. Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned up - on the
3. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap -



die. Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for
tree? A - maz - ing pi - ty, grace un - known! and
pears; Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness and



such a worm as I! Thy bod - y slain, sweet
love be - yond de - gree. Well might the sun in
melt my heart in tears. But drops of grief can



Je - sus thine, and bathed in its own blood, while
dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ry in, when
ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe; here,



all ex - posed to wrath di - vine the
Christ, the might - ty Mak - er died for
Lord, I give my self a - way, 'tis



glo - r'ous Suf - frer stood?
man the crea - tures sin. A - men.
all that I can do.

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, the sermon will be from Acts 19.1-19.
- **March 10 - Midweek Meal - 5:30 p.m. - SFH** - We invite you to join us for our Wednesday supper. The menu for this week is: Soup (Broccoli Cheddar or Loaded Baked Potato), Homemade Artisan Bread, Tossed Salad, and Banana Pudding. Please sign-up on our website to help us get an approximate count by Monday, March 8. If you forget to sign-up, don't worry, still come and join us - we will have enough.
- **March 10 - Children's Fellowship Activity - "Gospel Magic" - SFH - 7:00 p.m.** - Make plans to join us this Wednesday for a fun night of Gospel Magic!!
- **March 11 - Middle School Game Night - SFH - 6-8 p.m.** - Join us for a fun time of games and fellowship in the Schum Fellowship Hall! If the weather is fair, we may be outside. Otherwise, we'll be indoors. Pizza will be provided by Diminutive Emperor's. Boys are invited to bring a drink and girls are invited to bring a snack or dessert (not required, though). Students may also bring a fun game from home to play with friends!
- **March 13 - SPRING FORWARD** - Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour at bedtime.
- **Thank you** - "Dear fellow brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Thank you from the depths of our hearts for your special care and faithful prayers for our precious Great-grand baby, Graham Hendrix's birth, illness and his passing back to our Heavenly Father at only 11 weeks old. Your calls, emails, cards, and special outward showings of care and love have been overwhelming these past few months. We love you all so much. Lauren and Taylor's grief is still overwhelming and your continued prayers for them are much coveted. Our prayer is for you all and your safety through this terrible virus so we may come back together to worship our great God together as one, in Him." ~ Our Love to you, Kent and Michele Brown
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jack West on his recent passing.
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to John Pearce and his family on the recent passing of his father, Wally Pearce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Midweek Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our Children’s Ministry Midweek activities, now through April 28. If you are available to help one or more weeks, please contact Shannon Ratliff at SRatliff@cpcchatt.org.

Part-Time Help Needed

The facilities office is looking for part-time help. Duties include assistance with mid-week activities and occasional weekend clean-up. Email Tony Horton at thorton@cpcchatt.org for additional information.

Coffee Between Services

We invite you to fellowship with each other. Be aware that there is higher risk involved in eating and drinking together.

Nursery Schedule Change

Please note that 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
Mac Brown
Nursery Schedule - March 14
Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)
Toddler Room
Anna Yonkofski

Easter Lily Orders

To help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, while honoring or remembering a loved one or friend, you may order an Easter Lily. You may order online at cpcchatt.org or pick up an order envelope on the table in the Narthex. Orders are due by Sunday, March 21. If you have any questions, contact Emily Calloway or Susan Helton at office@cpcchatt.org or 423.899.5377.

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, March 8

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

TUESDAY, March 9

Women’s 2 Samuel Study - Zoom - 9:30 a.m.

Women’s Finding God’s Faithfulness - Zoom - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 10

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 p.m.

Children’s Activity - Lawn/SFH - 7 p.m.

Choir (Sanctuary) - Choir Rm - 7 p.m.

Middle & High School Mtg. - Yth Rm - 7 p.m.

Mother’s Encouragement Grp - Parlor - 7 p.m.

Parables Co-ed Class - FR - 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - In-Person & Zoom - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 11

Women’s 2 Samuel Study - FR - 10 a.m.

Women’s Closer Than A Sister - Zoom - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 12

Men’s Proverbs Study - Zoom - 8 a.m.

Men’s Proverbs Study - SFH - 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, March 7

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of March, we are collecting soccer balls with pumps, toy trucks, yoyos, Rubik's cubes, jump ropes, marbles, Jacks, musical instruments like Recorders, Kazoos, or harmonicas, balls, ball gloves, Nerf balls of any shape, and Slinkies. 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.

Evensong Services

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Evensong Service dates for 2021. These services will begin at 5:00 p.m.

- 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



Middle School Game Night

March 11 - 6-8 p.m. - SFH

Boys bring a drink / Girls bring a snack or dessert, not required though. Join us for games and fellowship!!



ELDERS AND DEACONS

Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason 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