

The Lord's Service

Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 21, 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

1 Chronicles 16.23-25

LEADER: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: Tell of His salvation from day to day.

LEADER: Declare His glory among the nations,

PEOPLE: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

LEADER: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

PEOPLE: And He is to be feared above all gods.

*Hymn of Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
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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, who planned from before the world was made to create and grow to maturity an abundant harvest of people, worshippers, to fill your great hall, and who sent your own Son to redeem and restore those people when they were lost, unfruitful, diseased, and who will not allow even one of yours to be lost. In the name of that Son, we ask that you would receive our worship this morning, bruised reeds though we are. May your Spirit cause our prayers, songs, and words to be perfect in your sight, as we anticipate the day when the Lord of the harvest will return to safely bring his harvest home. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Romans 7.21-24

LEADER: So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

PEOPLE: **For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being.**

LEADER: But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

PEOPLE: **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

Private Confession of Sin

Choral Meditation

My God, Accept My Heart

My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always Thine,
that I from Thee no more may stray,
no more from Thee decline.

(Matthew Bridges 1800-1894; arr. Howard Helvey 2018 Beckenhorst Press)

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Merciful God,
we acknowledge and confess before you our many sins.
We have transgressed your holy laws;
we have neglected your Word;
we have walked in our own ways
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.
We have injured others, hurt our own souls,
and grieved your Holy Spirit.**

**Gracious God,
Who pardons all that repent and believe your Gospel;
show your mercy upon us,**

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.

and for the sake of your beloved Son,
our only Mediator, forgive us of our sins.
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 righteousness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-19

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

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

Ezekiel 34.11-16

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land.

There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

When Jesus Wept

When Jesus wept,
the falling tear
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.

When Jesus groaned,
the trembling fear
seized all the guilty world around.

My Son, my Son,
My only Son,
The falling tear
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
(Billings/Walker 2016 E.C. Schirmer Music)

Doxology

No. 732

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.

Doxology

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

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

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.

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

Mark 6.30-44

Scripture Lesson

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

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you

have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Sermon

John Jones

LIMITLESS COMPASSION

*Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love Is This
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*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, 17

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God?

PEOPLE: **God - the great Creator of all things - upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all things, from the greatest even to the least. He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to His infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

*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.

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.

God Commissions Us


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

Postlude

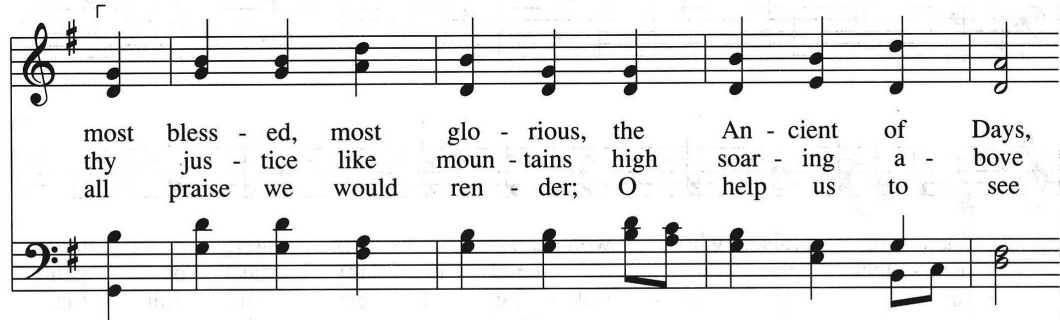
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains, of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

What Wondrous Love Is This

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1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

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won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Dm
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C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

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soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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 Psalm 118.19-29.**
- **March 21 - Evensong Service - 5:00 p.m. and meal to follow** - 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. You are invited to join us for a simple, informal meal in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m. immediately following the Evensong service.
- **March 24 - Midweek Meal - 5:30 p.m. - SFH** - We invite you to join us for our Wednesday supper. The menu for this week is: Butter Chicken Over Rice, Grilled Flat Bread, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, and Toffee Spice Cake. Please sign-up on our website to help us get an approximate count by Monday, March 22. If you forget to sign-up, don't worry, still come and join us - we will have enough.
- **March 24 - Mother's Encouragement Group - Parlor - 7:00 p.m.** - Mother's we look forward to seeing you for a time of fellowship and encouragement!
- **March 24 - Children's Fellowship Activity - "CEF Night" - SFH - 7:00 p.m.** - Make plans to join us this Wednesday and join the fun as we have an opportunity to learn about Child Evangelism Fellowship and how they are reaching boys and girls around the world with the gospel of Christ!! We look forward to seeing you!
- **April 17 - Ladies' Spring Tea - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** - Ladies, please join us for our Spring Tea. The cost is \$8 for ladies and \$5 for girls under 12. Sign-up begins today and will end April 4. You may sign-up on our website or at the table in the Narthex.
- **Thank You** - "Thank you to all those at Covenant for your prayers, texts, cards, and concern regarding my recent hand surgery. I am healing slowly but surely and am thanking God that I can now use both hands. It has been so comforting to know that my church family is praying for me."
~ Yvonne Cornell
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to Rosalie Ritzema and her family on the recent passing of her brother George .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Schedule - Today

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

Toddler Room

Capps Brown

Nursery Schedule - March 28

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

Toddler Room

Sandi Schreiner



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of April, we are collecting decks of cards, flashlights with batteries, sewing kits, fish hooks and fishing lines, games, crafts, and pocket knives. 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.

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, March 22

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

TUESDAY, March 23

Women's 2 Samuel Study - Zoom - 9:30 a.m.
Women's Finding God's Faithfulness - Zoom - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 24

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 p.m.
Children's Activity "CEF Night" - 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 25

Women's 2 Samuel Study - FR - 10 a.m.
Women's Closer Than A Sister - Zoom - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 26

Men's Proverbs Study - Zoom - 8 a.m.
Men's Proverbs Study - SFH - 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, March 28

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service - Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m.

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. The cost per lily is \$17.50. 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.

Children's Fellowship Activity



CEF

CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®

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March 24 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun night of learning about CEF!

Ladies Tea

April 17 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Schum Fellowship Hall

Cost: Ladies - \$8 and Girls (under 12) - \$5

Signups start Sunday, March 21 and end on Easter Sunday, April 4.
You can sign up online or at the table in the narthex."

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, 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

