# The Lord's Service Easter Sunday | April 4, 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 responsively decreases the chances for the transmission of coronavirus.

Welcome and Announcements

# Return of the Christ Candle

## Choral Acclamation

# With a Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name; Make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia! Alleluia! Declare ye this and let it be heard. Alleluia! (1923 J. Curwen & Sons)

## \*Call to Worship

2 Samuel 22.47

LEADER: The Lord lives, and blessed be my Rock, **PEOPLE: And exalted be my God, the Rock of my** salvation.

\*Hymn of Adoration

Come, People of the Risen King see Page 8

### \*Invocation

Our Father, words fail. You are the writer of the best story in the whole world, which is the truest story in the whole world, and is the only story in the whole world, because it is the story of this world. From, "Let there be light," to "world without end," the story is one: that you, for your glory, are reconciling all things to the Trinity, through your son Jesus and there, the Center of the story, and the Axis of the world, a cross and a body, dead, stiffening,

### 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.

#### 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. even deteriorating, but now warming, reconstituting, un-clotting, heart beating, awaking, rising, the Firstfruit and Guarantee to us, that the atoms of our dissolute frames will likewise one day be gathered up, breathed on, and rise. This story, with such pathos, we could weep for days, is a comedy so rich and wonderful, that seventeen billion years from now we will still be laughing in joy and amazement, with you. For the sake of your Son, our brave Champion, receive and accept our worship this morning. We ask that for this hour you would lift our eyes, from the few pages, paragraphs, or lines, where we often lock our gaze, and give us a glimpse of the breathtaking, God written, beautiful, and perfect story we are in. All praise to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." 8 Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! <sup>9</sup> All

### Isaiah 43.1-13

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

Scripture Lesson

the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. <sup>10</sup> "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. <sup>11</sup> I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup> I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and I am God. <sup>13</sup> Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

Arise, My Soul, Arise

No. 733

Rebecca James, violin

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears: The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: Before the throne, my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear; With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Abba, Father," cry Arise, my soul, arise. (Forrest 2012 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI No. 447727)

#### Doxology

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

### \*Doxology

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! 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

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1.3-8

<sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to

#### 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.

### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon. Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### 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.

Sermon

### 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.

## WITNESSES

\*Hymn of Response

Thine Be the Glory see Page 9

Pastor John Jones

Call to Confession

Luke 12.8-9

LEADER: And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges Me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God,

PEOPLE: But the one who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

## Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

### 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.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Hosea 6.1-3

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

### PEOPLE: And also with you!

\*Hymn of Assurance

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today see Page 10

\*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<sup>†</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

#### 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.

<sup>†</sup>"catholic" -- universal

# the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*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.

Instruction and Prayer

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

The Institution

Distribution Hymn

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

Postlude

Pastor Jones

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.

### Come, People of the Risen King



### Thine Be the Glory



Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

# 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 6.45-56.
- April 7 Midweek Meal 5:30 p.m. SFH We invite you to join us for our Wednesday supper. The menu for this week is: Hashbrown Casserole, Buttermilk Pancakes, Fruit Salad, and Monkey Bread. Please sign-up on our website to help us get an approximate count by Monday, April 5. If you forget to sign-up, don't worry, still come and join us we will have enough.
- April 7 Children's Fellowship Activity 7-8 p.m. SFH Our lesson will be on the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6.9-10. We will sing some songs, have a craft, and play games. The three and four-year-olds will gather in the fellowship hall and then walk down to the play room. Parents please sign your children in and out. Please contact Diane Lazor or Babs Leach if you have any questions.
- April 7 Mother's Encouragment Group 7-8 p.m. Parlor Mother's we look forward to a great time of fellowship and encouragement.
- April 9 Men's Proverbs Study 8:30 a.m. FR We plan to move back to one meeting on Friday mornings (instead of one Zoom, followed by one physical meeting) at 8:30 am in the Frederick Room (with the potential of a few "zooming" in).
- April 11 Wedding Shower for Annie Hobbs 3:00-4:30 p.m. SHF Ladies and Gents, join us for a church wedding shower for Annie Hobbs, the fiancé of Michael Horton, son of Tony and Tracy Horton. It will be in the Lobby at CPC. Annie and Michael are registered at Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, Target, Bed Bath, & Beyond, and Amazon.
- April 14 Ladies' Card Ministry 7-8 p.m. Parlor Ladies, please join us to assemble birthday cards as an encouragement for our church family. These cards will be designed ahead of time and we will meet to assemble them. We are asking for six to eight women to sign up via email to Diane Lazor at dlazor7@gmail.com and Edyne Vatt at brookriverschools@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Let us know if you have any questions.
- The April birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.
- **Operation Christmas Child** 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Graduate Recognition**

It is almost that time of year again! We are preparing to honor our graduates at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctorate programs. Please email the Church Office with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.

# **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.

- 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

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

Toddler Room

Lauren Warren

Tammy Knotts

# Nursery Schedule - April 4

Worship Service (9:30 a.m.-10:45 p.m.)

Front Desk

Toddler Room

Carla Stevenson

John Pearce

# This Week at a Glance

# MONDAY, April 5

Women's Ministry Team Mtg. - 6:30 p.m. Perseverers Class Zoom Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, April 6

Women's 2 Samuel Study - Zoom - 9:30 a.m. Women's Finding God's Faithfulness - Zoom -7:00 p.m.

# WEDNESDAY, April 7

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 p.m.
Children's Activity "The Lord's Prayer" - SFH -7:00 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, April 8

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

# FRIDAY, April 9

Men's Proverbs Study - FR - 8:30 a.m.

# SUNDAY, April 11

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg - Zoom - 11:00 a.m. Hobbs/Horton Shower - SFH - 3:00 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.

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

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# 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."



## In Honor Of:

Our Service Members and Veterans, Past and Present .	B.B. and Katie Bell
John and Charlotte Berg	David and Susan Close
Mary Close and Henry Close	David and Susan Close
Pat Helton	Jay and Susan Helton
Janelle Hildebrand	Jim and Connie Hildebrand
Ann Pruett	Dee & Lisa Hobbs
Andrew and Tori Smith	Mark and Marie Wilson

# In Memory Of:

B.B. and Mary Bell	B.B. and Katie Bell
Prent Blevins	Peggy Blevins
Darah Dameron Card	Dan and Debbie Dameron
Cameron Cross	Sophia Cross
Ralph G. Cross, Sr	Earl and Selah Cross
Harry and Jean Fields	B.B. and Katie Bell
John Folkening	Jim and Bonnie Folkening
Wayne Gothard	Larry and Maria Miller
Wallace and Johnnie Hammel	Jay and Susan Helton
Ann Fields Hart	B.B. and Katie Bell
Benny Helton	Jay and Susan Helton
Ruth Hobbs	Dee & Lisa Hobbs
Tom and Ann Louise Irvin	Mark and Cindy Donaldson
Isabella, Elizabeth, and Keith	Gary and Ruth Fox
Helen Kemp	The Paul Kemp Family
Harold McDonald	Jay and Susan Helton
Dr. Norman E. Miller	Earl and Selah Cross
Horace and Virginia Mullinax	Eric and Boo Mullinax
Betty Oliver	Jonathan and Emily Calloway
Wally Pearce	The John Pearce Family
Emil and Helen Rahm	Eddie and Mary Rahm
Charlotte Ratliff and Chris Ratliff	Bryan and Shannon Ratliff, Gary Ratliff
Richard and Ada Stephens	Eric and Boo Mullinax
Danny A. Struthers	Marilyn Struthers
Seymour and Grace VanderVeen	Jeremy and Heidie Armao
Houston and Janet Wade	The Wade Family
Jack West	Mark and Marie Wilson
Carolyn Williams	Reita Pierce and Jeanie Ray
Carolyn Williams	Leonard Williams
Patty Wilson	Mark and Marie Wilson
Jean Winchester	Jonathan and Emily Calloway
Lorena Wolfe	Eddie and Mary Rahm
Maria Wright	The Matt Wright Family
Malinda Yoder	Jim and Bonnie Folkening

# 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 UniversityUganda	Love's Arm Outreach MinistriesChattanooga
Agape PuppetsGlobal	Lee & Jennifer LeadbetterRUFI - UTK
Amani Ya JuuGlobal	John & Kathy LesondakMTW - Slovak Republic
Paul Billy ArnoldPMI - India	Luke & Amanda McAuleySIM - Kenya
James & Karen Ashley Wycliffe - Global	Heidi Meiners ICS - Budapest, Hungary
Marc & Denise Atchley TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth MitchellMTW - France
Tom & Ann AustinMTW - Global	Randy & Joan Nabors MNA - Mercy
NoNo & Kate BealeIsaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	Andy & Kathy NapierTWR - North Carolina
Mark CassonMNA - Prison Ministry	PCA AgenciesAtlanta, Georgia
Child Evangelism FellowshipChattanooga	John Mark & Caroline ScruggsRUF - UTC
Compassion InternationalGlobal	Jamie & Bethany Sexton IDEAS - China
Chattanooga Sports MinistriesChattanooga	Brian & Connie ShepsonMAF - USA
Chernobyl Children's ProgramBelarus	Frank & Cindy Sindler MTW - Enterprise
ChoicesChattanooga	Teresa SnowCRU - City - Austin, Texas
Matt & Annette Cummings WEC - Japan	Stepan & Alla Solodukha Belarus
East Ridge WyldlifeEast Ridge, Tennessee	Dan & Susan SteereELI - Global
Jay & Beverly FowlerFCA - East Tennessee	David & Eowyn StoddardMTW - Germany
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz CRU - Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha Nireekshana - India
Dan & Mako GilchristELI - Global	Tennessee Valley Presbytery Church Plants
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Haitian American Friendship Found	Jeff & Heather Vaughn MTW - Global
Harvest USAUSA	Pete VaughnAmani - Chattanooga
Andrew & Julie HalbertUWM - Costa Rica	Volunteers in Medicine ClinicChattanooga
Christine HarrisonWycliffe - East Africa	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker Third Mill - Global
Russ & Amanda Hightower LA Church Plant	Josiah & Miriam Walters MTW - Chad
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