

# The Lord's Service

May 23, 2021

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 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to Him Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: **Behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.**

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, Whose majesty is over Israel, and Whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel -

PEOPLE: **He is the one Who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness*  
*see Page 7*

### 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, we come this morning to worship You, the only one who is Pure, the only one who is Mighty, the only one who is Upright, and the one we rejoice to declare, who delights in showing His power and mercy by claiming, loving, and using people who by nature display none of those characteristics. You choose the foolish to shame the wise and the weak to shame the strong. You put treasure in jars of clay and draw straight with crooked lines.

We come before you this morning as crooked little lines, bent things, but, bent as we are, we rejoice to approach you, standing in the straight and tall shadow of the One who allowed himself to become broken for our un-crookening. In His name and for His sake we ask you to receive our worship this morning. By your Spirit, inspire and sanctify our worship so that the stumbling prayers and lisping songs of we, your crooked saints, would draw a line that points straight to you, our glorious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 18.25-27

**LEADER:** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**PEOPLE:** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**LEADER:** I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**PEOPLE:** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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,**

**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.

**confiding in Your grace,  
and finding in You our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son. 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 1.11

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“For from the rising of the sun to its setting My Name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to My Name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations,’ says the Lord of hosts.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** **And also with you!**

\*Hymn of Assurance

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
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## **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**

Acts 2.1-12

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## 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

## 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

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

## Scripture Lesson

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

## 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.

## \*Doxology

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.

## Scripture Lesson

Mark 7.31-37

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## WHAT DO I PREACH?

## \*Hymn of Response

*Holy Spirit*  
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## \*Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism 160

LEADER: Christian, what is required of those who hear the word preached?

PEOPLE: **It is required of those who hear the Word preached that they listen to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; that they examine what they hear by comparing it to the Scriptures;**

that they receive the truth  
with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind,  
as the Word of God;  
that they meditate and think on it;  
and that they hide it in their hearts  
and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

\*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

Postlude

### 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.

# Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

Paul Gerhardt, 1648

Tr. by John Christian Jacobi, 1725

and Augustus Toplady, 1776

PSALM 42

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

1. Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness, pierce the clouds of sin - ful night;  
2. From that height which knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious show'r de - scend;  
3. Come, O best of all do - na - tions God can give or we im - plore;

3

come, O source of sweet - est glad - ness, breathe your life and spread your light.  
bring - ing down the rich - est trea - sure man can wish or God can send.  
hav - ing your sweet con - so - la - tions we need wish for noth - ing more.

5

Lov - ing Spir - it, God of peace, great dis - trib - u - tor of grace,  
Heav'n - ly Glo - ry, shin - ing down from the Fa - ther and the Son,  
Come with unc - tion and with pow'r, on our souls your grac - es show'r;

7

rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
grant us your il - lu - mi - na - tion; rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion.  
au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, make our hearts your hab - i - ta - tion.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righteous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

B $\flat$ (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B $\flat$ (G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) C $^7$ (A $^7$ ) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



## Holy Spirit

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I do. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has made, \_\_\_\_\_

Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.  
Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.  
show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your Church to hun - ger for Your ways.

Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see,  
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.  
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,

give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.  
Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.  
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

MUSIC CAMP 2021 - JUNE 7-11  
CHILDREN - ENTERING KINDERGARTEN THRU ENTERING GRADE SIX

# ESTHER-ORDINARY FAITH

FOR SUCH  
A TIME  
AS THIS!

COST: \$30

REGISTER: ONLINE THRU JUNE 3 OR IN LOBBY THRU JUNE 7

PERFORMANCE: JUNE 13, 6 P.M.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SIGN-UP IN LOBBY

# MARRIAGE RETREAT 2021

*The Power of Presence*

September 10-12

Location: Oak Haven Resort - Sevierville, TN

Cost: \$215 *Register online or in the Lobby*  
*\$50 deposit due with registration*

*Featuring...*



*Ed & Margaret Killeen*

Professional marriage counselors in private practice - St. Louis, MO.  
Married for 26 years with three adult children. Ed is an ordained  
teaching elder in the PCA.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, May 24

Perseverers' Friends - Zoom - 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, May 26

Youth Summer Midweek - Lawn - 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Group - Pastor Mullinax's office - 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, May 27

Ladies' "Sweeter Than Honey" Study - FR/

Zoom - 6:30 p.m.

Youth and Family Skate Night - Hamilton Skate Place - 6:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, May 28

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

Home Runs & Hot Dogs - Coolidge Park - 5:30 p.m. & AT&T Field - 7:15 p.m.

### SUNDAY, May 30

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School to follow

## Ladies' Summer Bible Study

**June 15 - July 27 - FR - 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Ladies', mark your calendar to join us either in person at CPC or via Zoom! We will be studying "Living a Life of True Worship" which looks at all the 'parts' of the Tabernacle and how they connect to our modern day worship. Homework is very light as we will do much of it together! (Please let your friends/neighbors know about this also as it is a very simple way to start into Precept 'style' homework!) Go to [shorturl.at/avAQ3](http://shorturl.at/avAQ3) to purchase a copy of the book.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Remember when...we used to have to sign-up every couple of years...to take photos. You know...for the 'ole Church Directory??**

Well, times have definitely changed, but one thing remains...we would love to have updated pictures of your family and/or individual photos to put in our "**ONLINE DIRECTORY**" called ShelbyNext (*you have access to it online or on your phone through the app.*) It has a safe and secure login which allows you to:

- **View the current church directory**
- **Review your giving**
- **See all events on the church calendar**

**How you can help...**

- 1) Email current family and/or individual photos to [BPearce@cpcchatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpcchatt.org).
- 2) Sign-in to ShelbyNext to access the directory and verify your contact information is current (contact the church office if you need help getting into ShelbyNext).
- 3) If you don't have a current photo or would just like a different one, set-up a time (coming in a few weeks) to get photos taken.

## Helpers Needed for Shine Camp!!

This summer SHINE: A Creative Arts Camp for Girls will take place July 19-23. If you are a high schooler who would like to be a small group leader for the week, or you are a woman who would like to share your enthusiasm and talents in cooking, sewing, crafting, or art, we would love to have your help. Please email Rebekah Bennett at [Rebekahjennett@gmail.com](mailto:Rebekahjennett@gmail.com).

# 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 8.1-10.**
- **TODAY - Missionaries Pete and Ruth Mitchell Presentation - SFH - 11 a.m.** - Pete and Ruth serve with MTW (Mission to the World) as part of a church planting team in Toulouse, France. Join us for a mission get-together during the Sunday School hour where the Mitchells will make a brief presentation of their work and answer questions.
- **May 27 - Youth & Family Skate Night - Hamilton Skate Place - 6:30-8:30 p.m.** - All youth and families are invited to join us for a fun night of trying to keep your balance with wheels on your feet for Christian Music Skate Night. Individuals are \$6 (plus skate rental) and a family of four is \$19 (plus skate rental) - Skate rental is always \$3 per person. Mark your calendar and join us!!
- **May 28 - Home Runs and Hot Dogs - Coolidge Park / AT&T Field - 5:30 p.m. / 7:15 p.m.** - Make plans to join us for "A Night at the Ole Ball Yard". We'll meet at Coolidge Park from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for a cookout (grilled hot dogs and sausages, chips, cookies, and soft drinks, plus water and a treat for the game). Then we'll gather at AT&T field at 7:15 p.m. for the big game - Chattanooga Lookouts vs. Tennessee Smokies. Be sure to stick around for the post-game fireworks. Cost: \$5 p/person (\$15 family max) - includes dinner and general admission ticket. Sign-up at [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org).
- **June 7-11 - Music Camp** - Hey Kids, mark your calendar for Music Camp. This year's musical is *Esther-ordinary Faith*. Camp is \$30 per child and open to children entering Kindergarten through those entering Grade Six. Registration forms are found online at [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) and in the Lobby. We will be social distancing and using outdoor spaces as much as possible, however masks will not be required. Family discounts and scholarships are available, but you must apply in the Lobby. Volunteers may also register by completing a form in the Lobby.
- **June 16 - Ladies' Card Ministry - Parlor - 7-8 p.m.** - 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 with Diane Lazor at [dlazor7@gmail.com](mailto:dlazor7@gmail.com) and Edyne Vatt at [brookriverschools@gmail.com](mailto:brookriverschools@gmail.com) if you would like to participate. Let us know if you have any questions.
- The June birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sept. 10-12 - CPC Marriage Retreat in the Smokies** - Cost: \$215 (Includes 2 nights and 4 meals). Join us for the Marriage Retreat at Oak Haven Resort. Our speakers will be Ed and Margaret Killeen, marriage counselors in private practice in St. Louis. Ed is a PCA teaching elder. This year's theme is "The Power of Presence." Registration is open now through July 4. A \$50 deposit is due with your reservation. Questions: contact Jon or Heather at 423.503.8651 or [jeh1224@aol.com](mailto:jeh1224@aol.com).
- **Operation Christmas Child** - CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of May, we are collecting: **bar of soap and holder, toothbrush and holder, NO TOOTHPASTE, stick deodorant (no aerosols), combs, washcloths, hairbrushes, dental floss, and minipads for older girls.** For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office.



*Welcome*

**Pete & Ruth Mitchell**

MTW Church Planters  
in Toulouse, France

**May 23 - 11 a.m. - SFH**

Pete and Ruth will share a brief presentation of their work in Toulouse and will be available for questions.

French pastries (*Pain au chocolat, Profiteroles, and Cheese Gougères*) will be served for this special Mission fellowship.

<b>Nursery Schedule - Today</b>		<b>Nursery Schedule - May 30</b>	
Front Desk	Sherry Baierl	Front Desk	Bekah Gernhard
Toddler Rm. (9:15-10:45a)	Susan Helton	Toddler Rm. (9:15-10:45a)	Tavis Brown
Toddler Rm. (10:45a-12:15p)	Diane Lazor	Toddler Rm. (10:45a-12:15p)	Cami Calloway

# 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