

The Lord's Service

August 15, 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 40.1-3

LEADER: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

PEOPLE: **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

LEADER: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

PEOPLE: **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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 God, in whom we not only live and move and have our being, but actually dwell secure, guarded from your wrath by the substitutionary atonement made by your Son, Life for lives, and given the Spirit of adoption so that our prayers to you as "Father" are not presumption, but true petitions that you love to hear. In the name of that Son we ask that you would receive our worship this morning. We are feeble creatures and our minds are clouded by cares, concerns, and distractions. By your Spirit purify our prayers, sanctify our songs, sweep the fog from our minds, so that our worship here on earth would

be as it is in heaven, around your throne. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, as in ages past, so for countless centuries to come. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.10-12

LEADER: And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you - with great and good cities that you did not build,

PEOPLE: And houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant - and when you eat and are full,

LEADER: Then take care lest you forget the Lord, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Corporate Confession of Sin

As we come to you today to confess our weakness and rebellion against you, we thank you that you have chosen to love desperate sinners like ourselves. Your love and determination to rescue us from our sin give us the courage to admit the profound depravity of our desires, thoughts, and actions. We are people who want our kingdoms to come and our will to be done. Instead of pursuing spiritual wisdom with all our strength, we are delighted by our own wisdom and impressed with our own understanding. We despise your will, because it is so much stronger than ours and reminds us that we are not the gods we wish to be. We want to be worthy of your love instead of

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.

resting in the radiant worthiness of your Son. Father, forgive us. Give us spiritual wisdom to behold our risen Lamb, perfect, spotless, and worthy to receive all our worship, adoration, and praise. In Christ's name we pray, 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

1 Peter 1.3-5

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

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn of Assurance

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

(1989 Word Music CCLI No. 447727)

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2.15-25 (p.2)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

Revelation 19

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory,
Honor and power unto the Lord our God.
For the Lord our God is mighty,
And the Lord our God is omnipotent;
The Lord, our God, He is wonderful.

All praises be to the King of Kings
And the Lord of Lords, He is wonderful!

(1998 Savgos Music/Candied Jam Music, arr. Schrader)

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)
Give thanks.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

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,

Scripture Lesson

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

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.

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

*Hymn

No. 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10.1-16

¹ And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

DO NOT BE FAITHLESS

*Hymn of Response

No. 122

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1

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. 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

Pastor John Jones

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.

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.

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 from Mark 10.17-31.

Kindergarten Fairy Hair Tea Party

August 15 - E-201 - 12:30-2 p.m.

All Kindergarten girls and their sisters are invited to a Fairy Hair Tea Party following Sunday school in E-201 (Kindergarten classroom).

Ladies' Card Ministry

August 18 - Parlor - 7 p.m.

Please join us this Wednesday 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. Contact Edyne Vatt at brookriverschools@gmail.com if you would like to participate or have any questions.

Looking Ahead to Fall Semester

August 22: Last Summer Sunday School

August 29: No Sunday School

September 1: Fall Midweek Begins

September 5: Fall Sunday School Begins

Children promote to their new grades as each fall semester class begins.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, August 15

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

Sunday School to follow

Kindergarten Fairy Hair Tea Party - E-201 - 12:30 p.m.

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, August 16

Perseverers' Friends - Zoom - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 18

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

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.

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

Ladies' Card Ministry - Parlor - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 20

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 (FR) - 8:30 a.m.

Youth Fall Kickoff

August 28 - Front Lawn - 2 - 5 p.m.

Our Fall Kickoff Event is back for Middle and High School students! Come enjoy our ginormous 100 ft. x 100 ft. slip n' slide! We'll have games and activities to keep everybody moving around and plenty of popsicles to keep everyone cooled off. We're very excited to be welcoming our rising 6th graders! Students should come prepared to get soapy and sudsy!

NEEDED: Parent volunteers to help during this event.

Contact John Pearce (jpearce23@gmail.com) or Heather Morrison (hamorrison24@gmail.com) to let them know you want to volunteer.

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Mullinax Retirement Celebration

August 29 - SFH - 6:30 p.m.

Following our evensong service, we are hosting an epic ice cream social in Pastor Eric Mullinax's honor. Everyone is invited to thank and celebrate Pastor Eric and his wife Boo for their faithful work in ministry among us. Pastor Mullinax is retiring from full-time ministry and also from his over 20 year ministry here at Covenant. A place for cards and well wishes will be available.

CPC Women's Retreat

October 1-3 - Mentone, AL

All CPC ladies are invited to come to a weekend of refreshment, fellowship, encouragement, and Bible Study at the beautiful Cragmere Manor in Mentone, AL.

Theme: "Glorifying God by Giving Preference to One Another" based in Romans 12.10.

Speaker: Mary Haberkorn, DMin - Wife of First Presbyterian Church's Discipleship, Children, & Youth Pastor and mother to five, Mary is passionate about seeing multi-generational women grow together in their relationship with Christ and to be transformed by his word.

Cost: \$85 - Online registration is open at cpcchatt.org until August 31. Online registration requires a payment. If you would prefer to pay by cash or check, paper registration forms are available at the Women's Ministry table in the Narthex today. Scholarships are available.

If you have any questions, please email Judy Foster at Grammiesno1@live.com.

Needed Position at CPC:



Paid Nursery Worker

We are currently hiring a regular childcare worker for Sunday morning worship. Contact Jake Bennett at JBennett@cpcchatt.org for more information.

Volunteer Nursery Workers Needed

To help in the nursery on Sundays, sign up on the church website Children's Ministry page for a date that works with your schedule. If you would be interested in serving at the front desk, please contact Stacy Collins at SCollins@cpcchatt.org for more info.

Children's Ministry Midweek Volunteers Needed

The Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers this fall! If you are interested in teaching, helping, or serving our children during Sunday school or on Wednesday evenings, please contact Millie Sanders at MSanders@cpcchatt.org or call/text 423-825-9071.

TECH TEAM

Volunteers Needed

Interested in helping with our audio and live stream on Sunday mornings? We would like to establish a rotating team to serve once a month. Contact Elvis West at ewest@cpcchatt.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Christmas Child

CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of August, we are collecting:

Small spiral notebooks, rulers, index cards, glue sticks, scotch tape, erasers, scissors, notebook paper, flexible rulers.

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 is the perfect time of year to buy school supplies at major discounts - check Walmart, Office Supply stores, grocery stores, and pharmacies. Plan to buy some school supplies this month! Don't forget - Crayola is the preferred brand for crayons as the others sometimes melt in transit. Thanks to all of you who partner in this amazing ministry to share the love of Jesus with the children of the world!



Evensong & Special Services

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

- August 29
- September 19
- October 31 - Reformation Service
- November 21
- December 19 - Choir Concert

Thank You

"My family and I thank you for your thoughtfulness, your cards, and calls on the occasion of my brother John's passing. You have loved us well."

~ Eric Mullinax

Nursery Schedule - TODAY

| Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.) | | | Sunday School (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) | | |
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| Front Desk | Infants/Crawlers | Toddlers | Front Desk | Infants/Crawlers | Toddlers |
| Stacy Collins | Judy Foster | Babs Leach | Stacy Collins | Susan Helton | Catherine Coffey |

Nursery Schedule - August 22

| Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.) | | | Sunday School (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) | | |
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| Front Desk | Infants/Crawlers | Toddlers | Front Desk | Infants/Crawlers | Toddlers |
| Sherry Baierl | John Pearce | Ezra Harris | Sherry Baierl | Ann Kistner | Diane Lazor |

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

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| African Bible University..... | Uganda | Jonathan & Maggie Hunter..... | UWM - Costa Rica |
| Agape Puppets..... | Global | Love's Arm Outreach Ministries | Chattanooga |
| Amani Ya Juu | Global | Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter | RUF - UTK |
| Paul Billy & Shirley 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 | Mario & Keila Xaco..... | Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico |

