

The Lord's Service

August 22, 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 98.1-3

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 297

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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 bumbling 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

Matthew 18.21-22

LEADER: Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

PEOPLE: Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy God, Lord most gracious!
Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath!
Holy, You have called us to come to You.
We feel unworthy, for we have failed You again and again.
We feel like running away, yet You keep calling us.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Have mercy!
Holy God, Father most gracious!
Rebuke us not in Your anger, nor chasten us in Your wrath!
Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled.
Deliver us for the sake of Your steadfast love.
Our sins trouble us, O God.
We are troubled by how they have hurt others.
We are troubled by how they have hurt us.
Your ways are right! O righteous God!
And whenever we have refused to follow them

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.

**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.

we have found out how right they are.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us for the sake of your Son,
who died to free us from our sins.
To you be honor and glory! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“He has delivered us from the domain of
darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of
his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

***Hymn of Assurance**

No. 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 18.1-15 (p.12)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.
Don't you feel like going home? Don't you feel like going home?
My home, it is in the promised land, and I feel like going home.

Oh! The pure, transporting, rapturous scene that rises to my sight:
Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight.
Yes, I feel like going home. Yes, I feel like going home.
My home it is in the promised land and I feel like going home.

Filled with great delight, my raptured soul would here no longer stay,
Though angry waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land.
O, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land!

(2004 Beckenhorst Press arr. Helvey)

***Doxology**

No. 733

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, 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

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10.17-31

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.”

²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

HOW TO RECEIVE MORE

*Hymn of Response

No. 562

All to Jesus I Surrender

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus?

PEOPLE: **The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself - which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God - has fully satisfied the justice of His Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance of the kingdom of heaven for all those the Father has given Him.**

*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 10.32-52.

High School Sunday School Class

Sunday school for high school youth is not meeting this Sunday. It will resume on Sunday, September 5. All high school students are encouraged to join the *Life of Joseph* class taught by Pastor Caines in Schum Fellowship Hall.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, August 22

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School to follow

MONDAY, August 23

Perseverers' Friends - Zoom - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 25

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.
Prayer Group - Pastor Mullinax's office - 7 p.m.
Children's Ministry Teacher Training - SFH - 7 p.m.
Youth Leaders Meeting - Youth Suite - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 27

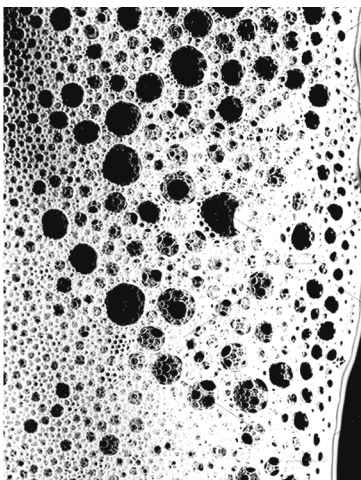
Men's Proverb Study - O-105 (FR) - 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, August 28

Youth Fall Kickoff - Front Lawn - 2-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, August 29

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School to follow
evensong Service - Sanctuary - 5 p.m.
Mullinax Reception - O-100 (SFH) - 6:30 p.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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Children's Ministry 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.

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.

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

Midweek Dish Duty

Calling all diners! As our regular Midweek activities resume their regular rhythms, we look forward to sharing a meal together in the fellowship hall. We all know that delicious meals don't magically appear; someone lovingly plans and cooks them. Cleaning up after a large meal also doesn't happen on accident. Please volunteer for kitchen dish duty as fall resumes.

Nursery Schedule - TODAY

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

Nursery Schedule - August 29

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Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Sherry Baierl	Eva Herberich	Carla Stevenson	Sherry Baierl	Selah Cross	Anna Yonkofski

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Connect is a new extension of our shepherding ministry in which members meet weekly with a small group of other members of our church for prayer, growth, and support. With Connect small groups, the primary shepherding care comes from these weekly meetings. Would you consider participating in a small group?

Sign-up for a connect group at cpcchatt.org/connect

Men's Group

Meets: Wednesdays, 7-8p - CPC
Facilitator: Ernie Brown

Women's Group

Meets: Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m - E. Brainerd
Facilitator: Susan Gunter

Young Adult's Groups

Meets: Thursdays, 7 p.m - Harrison
Facilitators: Stephen & Mindy Haywood
Audience: Young Adults (18-25)

Meets: Sundays - 6-8 p.m. - East Ridge
Facilitator: Rebekah Bennett
Audience: Young Adult Ladies

Couple's Groups

Meets: Sundays - 6-7:30 p.m. - Ooltewah
Facilitators: Jason & Catherine Coffey
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m - CPC
Facilitators: Tony & Tracy Horton
Childcare Available: Yes

All Welcome

Meets: Sun. or Mon. evening - Cleveland
Facilitator: Rex Wagner
Childcare Available: No

Meets: Sun. - 6-7:30 p.m. - Rock Springs or Rossville
Facilitator: Bill Lloyd
Childcare Available: No

Meets: Sundays - 6 p.m. - East Ridge
Facilitator: Ken Henry
Childcare Available: Possibly

Meets: Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. - CPC
Facilitator: Chris Rimondi
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Monday evenings - Ringgold
Facilitator: Jonathan Calloway
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Sundays - 6-7:30 p.m. - Ringgold
Facilitators: Jon & Heather Harris
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. - CPC
Facilitator: John Herberich
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Mondays evenings - Zoom
Facilitator: Gary Cosby

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	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