

# The Lord's Service

August 29, 2021

*\*Standing together is our ordinary practice,  
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

## God Calls Us

### Call to Worship

Only God Himself can call us into worship. He sets the terms for worship because, through His Son, He makes worship possible.

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 113.1-4

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

**PEOPLE:** Blessed be the name of the Lord from this  
time forth and forevermore!

**LEADER:** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the  
name of the Lord is to be praised!

**PEOPLE:** The Lord is high above all the nations, and  
His glory above the heavens!

\*Hymn of Adoration

No. 30

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

### 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 atonement made on our behalf 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 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

Matthew 7.3-5, 12

**LEADER:** “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

**PEOPLE:** **Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’ when there is the log in your own eye?**

**LEADER:** You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

**PEOPLE:** **So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”**

### Corporate Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, who is rich in mercy  
to all those who call upon You;  
hear us as we come to You  
humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,  
and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.  
We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds  
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.  
We confess before You our disobedience and  
ingratitude, our pride and willfulness;  
and our failures and shortcomings  
Toward you and toward our fellow men.  
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;  
and of your great goodness grant that we may, hereafter,  
serve and please you in newness of life;  
Through the merit and mediation  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God’s

Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

### Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. This prayer, sometimes individual and silent confession, is a corporate confession uniting our voices as people equally and desperately in need of God’s grace.

## Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

## Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5.17, 21

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

## \*Hymn of Assurance

*In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(2002 Thankyou Music)

## God Consecrates Us

### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

### Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 50.1-11 (p. 611)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Worship

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Cindy Solfest-Wallis, flute

Suzanne Sims, cello

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine.  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Nelson, 2015 Birnamwood Publications )

## \*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

## Doxology

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

## Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our selves.

## 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 elders to pray with and for God's people, not just publicly, but privately.

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. 727

*Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness*

### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

### Scripture Lesson

Mark 10.32-52

<sup>32</sup> And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup> saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup> And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

<sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

<sup>46</sup> And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

<sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## WHOSE GLORY?

\*Hymn of Response

No. 649

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

\*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe of God?

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

### Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Word 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.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>†</sup> and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†"catholic" -- universal

\*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.

### **Benediction**

Just as God calls us to  
worship at the beginning of  
the service,  
He graciously sends us into  
our week with a  
blessing (good word)  
founded on the redeeming  
work of Jesus.

## **God Commissions Us**

\*Benediction

Pastor John Jones

Postlude

# 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 11.1-11.

## Delayed Fall Start Up

This past summer we were joyfully excited and encouraged to move forward with a plan of steadily returning to a sense of church family gathering and normalcy. Prudently cautious in light of the rising COVID infections in our area, our deacons' Staged Return Commission has recommended delaying the full start of our fall ministry plans.

The official start for Midweek has been moved back to September 22. Outdoor Midweek meals will be offered beginning September 1. Youth will meet on the front lawn, and Choir Practice will be held in the Sanctuary.

Our fall Sunday school start date has been delayed to September 19.

All large events except worship for the first three weeks of September are being delayed.

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, August 29

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.  
NO Sunday School  
evensong Service - Sanctuary - 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, August 30

Perseverers' Friends - Zoom - 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, September 1

Midweek Meal - Outside - 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group - Front Lawn - 6:15 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.  
Prayer Group - Pastor Mullinax's office - 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, September 3

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

### SUNDAY, September 5

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.  
NO Sunday School  
Connect Facilitator Meeting - E-104  
(Perseverers Class) - 12 p.m.

## Postponed Mullinax Reception

We have postponed tonight's Retirement Celebration for Pastor Eric Mullinax. We will schedule another opportunity to thank and celebrate Pastor Eric and his wife Boo for their faithful work in ministry among us. Please be watching for updates.

## Nursery Schedule - TODAY

Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)

Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Sherry Baierl	Eva Herberich	Carla Stevenson

## Nursery Schedule - September 5

Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)

Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Bonnie Schoap	Eric Mullinax



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEADLINE**

## Registration Deadline for CPC Women's Retreat

**Tuesday, August 31**

All CPC ladies are invited October 1-3 to come to a weekend of refreshment, fellowship, and Bible Study at the beautiful Cragsmere Manor in Mentone, AL.

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

**Speaker:** Mary Haberkorn, DMin - Pastor's Wife and mother of 5, Mary is passionate about seeing multi-generational women grow together in their relationship with Christ and to be transformed by his word.

**Cost: \$85 - Registration is open 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. Scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Pat Barber, Emily Calloway, or Judy Foster.

## Operation Christmas Child

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

**Plastic bowls, spoons, forks, small cups, water bottles, small containers for food.**

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.

## Needed Position at CPC:

### Paid Nursery Worker

We are currently hiring a regular childcare worker for Sunday morning worship. Contact Becky Pearce at [BPearce@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpcc chatt.org) for more information.

### 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@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:MSanders@cpcc chatt.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@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:SCollins@cpcc chatt.org) for more info.

### Midweek Dish Duty

Calling all diners! When 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 this fall.



# 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.*



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](http://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 .....	RUFI - 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 - UTK
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