

The Lord's Service

September 12, 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 95.1-7

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

PEOPLE: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

LEADER: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

PEOPLE: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

LEADER: For he is our God,

PEOPLE: **And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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

Pastor Jake Bennett

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Lamentations 5.15-16

LEADER: The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing
has been turned to mourning.

PEOPLE: The crown has fallen from our head; woe
to us, for we have sinned!

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength;
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts,
by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love.
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength
of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6.9-11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will
not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be
deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor
idolators, nor adulterers, nor men who practice
homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor

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.

drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

No. 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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 56.1-8 (p. 616)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me:

Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Rutter, 1978 Oxford Press)

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.

*Doxology

No. 732

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

*Hymn

No. 157

None Other Lamb, None Other Name

Scripture Lesson

Mark 11.12-25

¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

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.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

THE TRUE PRIEST

*Hymn of Response

Before the Throne of God Above
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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.

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 31

LEADER: Why is he called “Christ”, meaning “anointed”?

PEOPLE: **Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our Chief Prophet and Teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only High Priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our Eternal King who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

*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

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.

*Benediction

Pastor John Jones

Postlude

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -

Priest Whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I can - not

hands, my name is Writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the Just is sat - is -
die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood; my life is hid with Christ on

stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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 Steere preaches from Psalm 121.1-8.

Officer Nominations

One of the duties of a church member is to nominate and elect the officers of your church. As a congregation of the PCA, we have two offices which serve two different roles in the life of the church: elder and deacon.

We are now receiving nominations online at cpcchatt.org/nomination/ through September 18. Additional information concerning the specific roles and qualifications of these officers.

Any male member in good standing can be nominated to serve as an elder or deacon. However, before nominating a member of our congregation to one of these offices, please take a moment to prayerfully consider the biblical qualifications for these offices.

We also ask that any member who is nominating someone to an office personally ask the nominee and receive their consent prior to submitting their names.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, September 12

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

NO Sunday School

Youth Leaders Meeting - SFH - 12 p.m.

MONDAY, September 13

Women's Ministry Team Meeting - O-105 (FR) - 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, September 14

Session Meeting - O-105 (FR) - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 15

Midweek Meal - Outside - 5:30 p.m.

Youth Group - Front Lawn - 6:15 p.m.

Children's Activity - Back Parking Lot - 6:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.

Prayer Group - Zoom - 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 16

Swanson Visitation - SFH - 1 p.m.

Swanson Memorial Service - Sanctuary - 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, September 17

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

SUNDAY, September 19

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

Sunday School (Fall Semester Begins)

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

evensong Service - Sanctuary - 5 p.m.

evensong in September

At 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, we will gather as a body to re-center around the reign of Christ and prepare to face a new week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry Fall Retreat Registration

DEADLINE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Great News! Registration has been extended until September 13 for the Women's Fall Retreat! Also, due to Covid concerns, each attendee will have their own bed. This will be a wonderful weekend with a fascinating, enthusiastic young speaker in a beautiful location growing together in the Lord. The cost is \$85. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Pat Barber, Emily Calloway, or Judy Foster.

Upcoming Men's Breakfast

Mark your calendars! The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Needed Position at CPC: Paid Nursery Worker

We are currently hiring a regular childcare worker for Sunday morning worship. Contact Becky Pearce at BPearce@cpcchatt.org for more information.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

The Children's Ministry is looking for 3 teachers/helpers for the K-5th grade Boys Midweek class. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Millie Sanders at MSanders@cpcchatt.org or call/text 423-825-9071.

Good News Club Helpers

Would you like to be part of a team that has shares the gospel with the children of East Brainerd? Our church has been invited again to host a Good News Club at East Brainerd Elementary School one hour a week after school lets out.

Each volunteer is asked register and to take an in person or online training. The next in-person training is October 2.

Online training is available now for volunteers here:

- New: cefchattanooga.org/volunteer
- Returning: cefchattanooga.org/volunteerupdate

We have not been given a starting date yet, but we will let you know as soon as possible. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, email Diane Lazor at dlazor7@gmail.com or call her at (423) 503-0587.



Children's Sunday School & Midweek Registration

Attention Parents!! We need your help registering your 3-yr-olds through 5th graders for our fall Midweek and Sunday school programs which begin the third week of September. Be watching for a Children's Ministry registration table in the Lobby following the worship service. All children - new and returning - who plan to participate in either of these programs must register.

Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

for September is available in the Narthex.



CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of September, we are collecting:
small plastic bowls, spoons, forks, small cups, water bottles, and 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.

Women's Ministry Fall Study Groups

Ladies, we are excited to announce the launch of our fall studies and Mothers Encouragement Group. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

- **Mothers Encouragement Group (MEG)** meets the **1st Tuesday** of the month at 10 a.m. in E-111 (Parlor) and the **3rd Wednesday** of the month at 7 p.m. in E-106 (Playroom). Led by Connie Hildebrand.
- **Rising to the Call Study** (weekly on Tuesday at 7 p.m.) is a hybrid group (in-person and Zoom). It meets in O-105 (Frederick Room) and starts **September 21**. Led by Bev Fowler.
- **Hope in Times of Fear Study** (weekly on Wednesday at 7 p.m.) meets in E-111 (Parlor) and starts **September 22**. Led by Lynda Brown.
- **Hebrews Study** (weekly on Thursday, 10 a.m.) meets in O-105 (Frederick Room) and starts **September 23**. Led by Bev Mealor.

Childcare During Ladies Studies

Just as in years past, we will provide childcare so moms with young children can attend. We are looking for volunteers for each date below. You may volunteer for all the days, a month, or just once. We would love for you to help minister to our young moms in this very important way! Please reach out to Becky Pearce at BPearce@cpccchat.org or call/text her at (423) 381-2202 if you can help.

- **MEG, 9:45-11:45 a.m. (Tuesday):**
October 5, November 2
- **Hebrews Study, 9:45-11:45 a.m. (Thursday):**
September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28;
November 4

Midweek Dish Duty

As our regular Midweek activities resume, we will be sharing meals together. Cleaning up after these large scale meals goes quickly when tackled together. Please volunteer for kitchen clean up duty by signing up online.

Nursery Schedule - TODAY			Nursery Schedule - September 19		
Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)			Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)		
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Bekah Gernhard	Judy Foster	Emily Calloway	Becky Pearce	Judy Foster	Malachi Harris



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, 7-8 p.m. - 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