The Lord's Service September 19, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Elder John Wykoff

Psalm 99.1-3, 9

LEADER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He

sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the

earth quake!

PEOPLE: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over

all the peoples.

LEADER: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he! Exalt the Lord our God, and

worship at his holy mountain;

PEOPLE: For the Lord our God is holy!

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

*Invocation

Elder Ken Henry

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Rev. John Herberich

Isaiah 6.4-5

LEADER: And the foundations of the thresholds shook at

the voice of him who called, and the house was

filled with smoke. And I said:

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.

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.

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.

PEOPLE: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our many sins. We have transgressed your holy laws; we have neglected your Word and ordinances; we have walked in our own ways and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts. By our neglect and selfishness we have injured others, hurt our own souls and grieved your Holy Spirit.

Most gracious God,
who pardons and forgives all that repent
and believe your Gospel;
show your mercy upon us,
and for the sake of your beloved Son,
our only Mediator, forgive us our offenses.
Increase in us the grace of repentance,
that we may not only confess our sins,
but forsake them with our whole heart,
and bring forth the fruits of holiness and righteousness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 6.6-7

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

"Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips, your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.'"

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

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.

*Hymn of Assurance

No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Jason Coffey

Romans 8.26-39 (p. 944)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

from Psalm 100

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice! Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell. Come ye before Him and rejoice!

O enter then His gates with praise. Approach with joy His courts unto. Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good. His mercy is forever sure. His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

(Forrest 2009 Harold Flammer Music)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy

Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to

prepare for the sermon.

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.

*Doxology

No. 731

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

Elder John Wykoff

*Hymn No. 44

How Great Thou Art

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 121.1-8

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Steere

THOUGH TROUBLES ASSAIL US

*Hymn of Response

No. 95

Though Troubles Assail Us

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 27

LEADER: What do you understand by the providence

of God?

PEOPLE: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

*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.

Scripture Lesson

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

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.

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 Dan Steere

Postlude

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 preaches from Mark 11.27-12.12.

Cautious Return & Contact Tracing

The Staged Return Commission has decided that CPC can proceed with fall events if we as a church body are willing to self-impose contact tracing.

As we move ahead, please contact the church office if you find that you were at a church gathering and may have been carrying COVID-19 so that the church can inform classes or individuals that they might have been exposed. Many of the new opportunities for this fall are advertised in the bulletin, but please check cpcchatt.org for a comprehensive list and more detailed information about classes and events.

Canceled evensong Service

No evensong service will meet this Sunday, September 19. The next evensong service will be our Reformation Service on Sunday, October 31 at 6:00 p.m.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, September 19

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Fall Semester Begins) Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, September 21

Ladies' Study: Rising to the Call - O-105 (FR) and Zoom - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 22

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

Youth Fellowship & Small Groups - Front Lawn - 6:15 p.m.

Children's Choir (Older & Younger) - E-104 (Perseverers) - 6:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.

Prayer Group - O-102 (Eric's old office) and Zoom - 7 p.m.

Ladies' Study: *Hope in Times of Fear* - E-111 (Parlor) - 7 p.m.

Adult Class: Shakespeare, Tragedy, and the Christian - E-104 (Perseverers) - 7 p.m.

Children's Classes - E-201-E-212 (2nd floor Ed Wing) - 7p.m.

Thursday, September 23

Ladies' Study: Hebrews - O-105 (FR) - 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, September 24

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

SUNDAY, September 26

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Sunday School Reminder

Please remember to check-in your child before they arrive at class. All children 5th grade and younger attending Sunday school must be checked in and have a nametag. You are able to do this before or after worship.

Teachers are responsible for children if/when the child arrives in the classroom at class time.

Teachers are not able to track down children who

Teachers are not able to track down children who may have checked in but do not actually come to class.

Children Kindergarten and younger require parent pick-up unless parents indicate otherwise. Children 1st grade and older are released after class unless parents indicate otherwise.

Children's Ministry Teachers Needed

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

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.

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@cpcchatt.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

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	
Becky Pearce	Judy Foster	Malachi Harris	Becky Pearce	Heidie Armao	Bonnie Folkening	
Nursery Schedule - September 26						
Worship Service (9:15 a.m 10:45 a.m.)			Sunday School (10:45 a.m12:15 p.m.)			
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	
Sherry Baierl	Colleen Bailey	Jay Helton	Sherry Baierl	Tammy Higgins	Anna Yonkofski	

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LIST

Welcome back to Sunday School! We are so eager to return to this special time together around God's Word each week.

Children's Classes

Nursery (newborn to 36 months), led by Stacy Collins

Our children's nursery, located on the main floor at the end of the lobby hall, offers a safe and playful place for our precious CPC children. Monitored by both CPC member volunteers and paid, CPR and first aid trained workers, our Nursery is secured by an electronic check-in system and single entrance/exit.

2 & 3 Year-Olds, led by Millie Sanders, Nursery

4 Year-Old and Kindergarten Class, led by Jon Arbuckle & Carla Stevenson, 2nd Floor Ed Wing

1st Grade Class, led by Chris Rimondi, 2nd Floor Education Wing

2nd Grade Class, led by Tammy Knotts, 2nd Floor Education Wing

3rd Grade Class, led by Karen Jones, 2nd Floor Education Wing

4th Grade Class, led by Adam Sanders, 2nd Floor Education Wing

5th Grade Class, led by Woody & Sharon Brauer, 2nd Floor Education Wing

Youth Classes

Middle School Boys, led by Mark Stevenson, Jeremy Armao, & Dan Vatt, O-205 (2nd Floor Ofc Wing) **Middle School Girls**, led by Emily Calloway & Lauren Warren, O-203 (2nd Floor Office Wing) **High School - Grades 9-12**, led by Jake Bennett, Justin Martin, & Heather Morrison, O-210 (2nd Floor Office Wing)

Adult Classes

Essentials, led by Pastor John Jones, Sanctuary

An overview of Covenant Presbyterian Church, as well as the Presbyterian Church in America, designed for visitors and those considering membership. Attendance at a majority of a semester's classes is required before meeting with the Session regarding membership.

Deuteronomy and the Heart of God, led by John Wykoff, O-100 (Schum Fellowship Hall) **Ephesians**, led by Dr. Lamar Allen, O-105 (Frederick Room)

Modern Church History, led by Ernie Brown & Dee Hobbs, O-207 (2nd Floor Office Wing) **Elijah (ladies class),** led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, & Lois Crenshaw, E-111 (Parlor) **Immanuel,** led by Ken Henry, E-104 (Perseverer's Room)

MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

All Fall Midweek in-person activities will begin this Wednesday, September 22.

<u>5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Midweek Supper</u> - O-100 (SFH) - This supper is a special time to relax and fellowship with each other. The weekly menu is posted on the Midweek page at cpcchatt.org.

<u>6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs</u> - younger children meet in E-102; older children meet in E-104 (Perseverer's Room) - All children this semester will learn songs and about music through focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit. The older children will also enjoy a special Hymn Discovery unit.

<u>6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship</u> - Front Lawn and/or O-110 (Youth Suite) - This is a great time for students to connect and interact with other youth and leaders before going to small groups at 7p.m. Many times there are organized large group games being played during this time.

7 p.m. Children's Classes - E-201--E-212 (2nd Floor Education Wing)

- Nursery is available during Midweek classes for children (newborns through 36 months).
- 3 & 4 Year Olds will use Pioneer Club Skipper Program *Hearing About God* where they will learn about God's gifts of weather, food, church, Jesus, family, and more. They may enjoy music, prayer time, Scripture memory, crafts, games, and activities related to Bible lessons.
- Kindergarten through 5th Graders will use Pioneer Club Delta Program Knowing God's Love to learn about God's
 love for us, and how His love is manifested in our lives and relationships. Children may participate in large group
 lessons and/or small group discussions, as well as music, prayer, Scripture memory, crafts, games, and activities
 related to Bible lessons.

<u>7 p.m. Youth Small Groups</u> - Youth Room/Various Breakout Rooms - This fall we are focusing on Small Groups for relationship building.

- Middle School What's Up groups will meet in rooms O-204 and O-205.
- **High School** students will be using *The Gospel-Centered Life for Teens* as a discussion starter in their small groups. They will meet in rooms O-202, O-206, and O-210 (Youth Suite).

7 p.m. Adult Opportunities

- Choir Practice Sanctuary Sanctuary choir is a wonderful way to praise God and lead in worship. No audition or experience is required.
- Prayer Group Admin Hall Eric's Old office O-102) Join us for a time of prayer each week as we intercede for the
 various needs of our church body and individual members. You may join this prayer time via Zoom if you are
 unable to physically attend. Please contact Ruth Fox at RFox@cpcchatt.org.
- Shakespeare, Tragedy, and the Christian E-104 (Perseverer's Room) Our Christ and Culture topic takes us into worlds created by Shakespeare in three of his tragedies: Macbeth, King Lear, and Othello. Join us as we discover surprising faith and life connections with these works of art. Did you know Shakespeare quotes passages and alludes to biblical themes with astounding frequency and naturalness? Whether you track with the reading assignments or not (texts provided), the teachers will fan theological discussion through their appreciation for Shakespeare.
- Ladies' Study: *Hope in Times of Fear* E-111 (Parlor) Christianity answers the questions of the mind and longings of the heart. Jesus is the one you've been looking for.
- Mother's Encouragement Group E-106 (Playroom) Every 3rd Wednesday of the month This is a special time for mom of all ages to come together, pray, and encourage one another.

Officer Nomination Deadline Extended

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 26. Additional information concerning the specific roles and qualifications of these officers are also found on that page. 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.

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.
- <u>Rising to the Call Study</u> (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.
- <u>Hope in Times of Fear Study</u> (weekly on Wednesday at 7 p.m.) meets in E-111 (Parlor) and starts **September 22**. Led by Lynda Brown.
- <u>Hebrews Study</u> (weekly on Thursday, 10 a.m.) meets in O-105 (Frederick Room) and starts **September 23**. Led by Bev Mealor.

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 to 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 dlazor?@gmail.com or call her at (423) 503-0587.

Operation Christmas Child

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.

Let's work together to make 2021 another successful year of supporting this great organization.



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: Sundays - 6-8 p.m. - East Ridge

Facilitator: Rebekah Bennett Audience: Young Adult Ladies

Meets: Thursdays, 7 p.m. - Harrison Facilitators: Stephen & Mindy Haywood

Audience: Young Adults (18-25)

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. - 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: Sundays - 6-7:30 p.m. - Ringgold

Facilitators: Jon & Heather Harris

Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Monday evenings - Ringgold

Facilitator: Jonathan Calloway Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Tuesdays - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - CPC

Facilitator: John Herberich Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. - CPC

Facilitator: Chris Rimondi Childcare Available: Yes

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
Agape Puppets	Global
Amani Ya Juu	Global
Paul Billy & Shirley Arnold	PMI - India
James & Karen Ashley	
Marc & Denise Atchley	
Tom & Ann Austin	MTW - Global
NoNo & Kate Beale	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico
Mark Casson	MNA - Prison Ministry
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Chattanooga
Compassion International	Global
Chattanooga Sports Ministries	Chattanooga
Chernobyl Children's Program	Belarus
Choices	Chattanooga
Matt & Annette Cummings	WEC - Japan
East Ridge Wyldlife	East Ridge, Tennessee
Jay & Beverly Fowler	FCA - East Tennessee
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz	CRU - Chattanooga
Dan & Mako Gilchrist	ELI - Global
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague	Harvestime - France
Haitian American Friendship Found	Haiti
Harvest USA	USA
Andrew & Julie Halbert	UWM - Costa Rica
Christine Harrison	Wycliffe - East Africa
Russ & Amanda Hightower	LA Church Plant
Hope for the Inner City	Chattanooga

Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	
Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	
Luke & Amanda McAuley	
Heidi Meiners	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
Pete & Ruth Mitchell	MTW - France
Randy & Joan Nabors	MNA - Mercy
Andy & Kathy Napier	TWR - North Carolina
PCA Agencies	Atlanta, Georgia
John Mark & Caroline Scruggs	RUF - UTC
Jamie & Bethany Sexton	IDEAS - China
Brian & Connie Shepson	MAF - USA
Frank & Cindy Sindler	MTW - Enterprise
Teresa Snow	CRU - City - Austin, Texas
Stepan & Alla Solodukha	Belarus
Dan & Susan Steere	ELI - Global
David & Eowyn Stoddard	MTW - Germany
Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha	Nireekshana - India
Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Third Millennium Ministries	Global
Jeff & Heather Vaughn	MTW - Global
Pete Vaughn	Amani - Chattanooga
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic	Chattanooga
Gary & Phyllis Waldecker	Third Mill - Global
Josiah & Miriam Walters	
Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico