The Lord's Service September 26, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33.1-5

- LEADER: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
- PEOPLE: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- LEADER: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- PEOPLE: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- LEADER: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- *Hymn of Adoration

No. 43

You Righteous, in the Lord Rejoice

*Invocation

Elder Ken Henry

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

2 Corinthians 7.1

- LEADER: Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,
- **PEOPLE:** Bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.18-19

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News: "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

The peace of the Lord be with you! **PEOPLE: And also with you!**

*Hymn of Assurance

No. 299

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Jason Coffey

Isaiah 5.1-7 (p. 569)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Choral Worship

The Eternal Gates

The eternal gates lift up their heads, the doors are opened wide, The King of glory is gone up unto His Father's side.

Refrain: And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah, And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

And ever on our earthly path a gleam of glory lies, A light still breaks behind the cloud that veils Thee from the eyes. (refrain)

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds, and let Thy grace be given, That, while we live on earth below, our treasure be in heaven. (refrain)

Hallelujah! (refrain)

That, where Thou art at God's right hand, our hope, our love may be: Dwell in us now, that we may dwell for evermore in Thee. (refrain)

> Hallelujah! When we arrive at home! (2013 Beckenhorst Press, arr. Helvey)

*Doxology

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!

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Elder Tracy Wright

*Hymn

No. 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Scripture Lesson

Mark 11.27-12.12

²⁷ And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, ²⁸ and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?" ²⁹ Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you

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. No. 733

by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me." ³¹ And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ³² But shall we say, 'From man'?"—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. ³³ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

^{12.1} And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. ² When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 8 And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture:

" 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ¹¹ this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

¹² And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

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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

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. He graciously sends us into our week with a blessing (good word) founded on the redeeming work of Jesus.

REJECTION REVEALS

*Hymn of Response

No. 453

Pastor John Jones

All Authority and Power

*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. 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

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 preaches from Mark 12.

Children's PoPcOrN Fellowship Following Worship

All children are invited for "PoPcOrN Fellowship" with Miss Mindy and her youth helpers in the courtyard immediately following the Worship Service this morning. Children will

sing, wiggle and pop around together for a few minutes before the beginning of

Sunday School.

(Psst! Children's Sunday School teachers – this is your chance for uninterrupted time setting up your classrooms!) Check-in and name tags are not required for this fellowship but are required for Sunday School.

*Disclaimer: No edible popcorn will be served.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, September 26

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

TUESDAY, September 28

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

WEDNESDAY, September 29

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship & Small Groups - Front Lawn - 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir - Older in E-102 & Younger in E-104 (Perseverers) - 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. Prayer Group - office on Admin Hallway and Zoom - 7 p.m. Mothers Encouragement Group - E-106 (Playroom) - 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) - 7 p.m. **THURSDAY, September 30** Ladies' Study: Hebrews - O -105 (FR) - 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, October 1 Men's Proverb Study - O -105 (FR) - 8:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

SATURDAY, October 2

Men's Breakfast - SFH - 8:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

All music printed under CCLI No. 447727.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

for October is available in the Narthex.

September 29 Midweek Menu

This coming Midweek's menu is Mock Chick-fil-A Chicken Fingers, Waffle Fries, Garden Salad, and Chocolate Pudding Layer Dessert. Don't miss it!

October 2 Men's Breakfast

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to the next Men's Breakfast this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. This month Pastor John Jones will be speaking on the topic of Being a Godly Man. We will have a great time of fellowship and teaching. Cost: \$5.

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 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.

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	
Sherry Baierl	Colleen Bailey	Jay Helton	Sherry Baierl	Shirley Jones	Anna Yonkofski	
Nursery Schedule - October 3						
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	
Stacy Collins	Camille Ambrose	Carson Pearce	Stacy Collins	Lauren Warren	Vangie Wykoff	

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, 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.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Midweek Supper - 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 <u>RFox@cpcchatt.org</u>.
- 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.





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5:30-8:00 p.m.

at the Cathey's home

Operation Christmas Child

CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC.

For September, we are collecting:

small plastic bowls, spoons, forks, small cups, water bottles, and small containers for food.

For October, we are collecting:

hair bows, hair barrettes, hair clips, watches, jewelry, and any item missing that we can add to this month.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Debby Gardner and her family on the loss of her sister, Nancy Adkins.

Thank You Note

"I am at my half way point in my treatment and would like to thank everyone who so generously has helped Tom and I get to this point. The outpouring of love, kindness, and support is overwhelming. There has been cards of encouragement, prayers, emails, texts, calls, meals and rides. Tom and I are so blessed to be part of this community and to have such a beautiful example set before us on how to support each other. From our hearts we thank you."

~ Sincerely, Linda Crawford

Change of Address

Jerry and Jill Finley have moved out of the area and would like to share their new contact information. Their mailing address is 11338 Country Forest Cove, Collierville, TN 38017. Jill's cell number remained the same. Jerry's new cell number is 662-776-9000.

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 is led by Bev Fowler.
- Hope in Times of Fear Study (weekly on Wednesday at 7 p.m.) meets in E-111 (Parlor) and is led by Lynda Brown.
- Hebrews Study (weekly on Thursday, 10 a.m.) meets in O-105 (Frederick Room) and is led by Bev Mealor.

High School Bonfire

Oct. 15 - 6 - 9 p.m. Duane & Mindy Horton's Home

Chattanooga Sports Ministries Volunteer Needs

Chattanooga Sports Ministries, a CPC supported ministry to inner city kids, is starting their fall soccer season (September 20 - November 20). They have some immediate volunteer needs. If you would like to get involved, call Katelyn Newsome at (423) 600 -9123.

Here are the needs (from highest priority):

- •Van Driver: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m., September 25 -November 20
- •Bus Rider: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m., September 25 -November 20
- •**Reffing** (non-licensed is okay) : Saturdays, 9:15 -11 a.m.
- •Handing out gameday cleats: Saturdays, 9 10 a.m.
- •Equipment Organization: 1 hour, every week
- •Washing pinnies & jerseys: Once a week
- •Contact work host: Saturdays

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 dlazor7@gmail.com or call her at (423) 503-0587.



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.

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	Jonathan & Maggie Hunter UWM - Costa Rica
Agape PuppetsGlobal	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries Chattanooga
Amani Ya JuuGlobal	Lee & Jennifer LeadbetterRUFI - UTK
Paul Billy & Shirley Arnold PMI - India	Luke & Amanda McAuley SIM - Kenya
James & Karen Ashley Wycliffe - Global	Heidi MeinersICS - Budapest, Hungary
Marc & Denise Atchley TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth Mitchell MTW - France
Tom & Ann Austin MTW - Global	Randy & Joan NaborsMNA - 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 InternationalGlobal	Jamie & Bethany Sexton IDEAS - China
Chattanooga Sports Ministries Chattanooga	Brian & Connie Shepson MAF - USA
Chernobyl Children's ProgramBelarus	Frank & Cindy Sindler MTW - Enterprise
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Harvest USAUSA	Pete Vaughn Amani - Chattanooga
Andrew & Julie Halbert UWM - Costa Rica	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic Chattanooga
Christine Harrison Wycliffe - East Africa	Gary & Phyllis WaldeckerThird Mill - Global
Russ & Amanda HightowerLA Church Plant	Josiah & Miriam WaltersMTW - Chad
Hope for the Inner City Chattanooga	Mario & Keila XacoIsaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico