

# The Lord's Service

January 2, 2022

*\*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 68.32-35

**LEADER:** O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

**PEOPLE:** **Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

**LEADER:** Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel -

**PEOPLE:** **He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Hymnal No. 203*

#### 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

by Elder Woody Brauer

#### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2.19-23 (p. 808)  
Luke 2.39-40 (p. 858)  
read by Elder Mike Walker

#### Scripture Lesson

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

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Hymn

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  
*Hymnal No. 500*

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 86.1-17 (p.494)

- <sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- <sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- <sup>3</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.
- <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.
- <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.
- <sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.
- <sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- <sup>14</sup> O God, insolent men have risen up against me;

## 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.

a band of ruthless men seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.

<sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to  
anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.

<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

### 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

by Pastor John Jones

## DISTRACTED

\*Hymn of Response

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
*Hymnal No. 598*

### Call to Confession

Exodus 20.2-17, 2

**LEADER:** I am the Lord your God, who brought you out  
of the land of Egypt, out of the house of  
slavery.

**PEOPLE:** **You shall have no other gods before me.**

**LEADER:** You shall not make for yourself a carved  
image, or any likeness of anything that is in  
heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath,  
or that is in the water under the earth.  
You shall not bow down to them or serve  
them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous  
God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the  
children to the third and the fourth  
generation of those who hate me, but  
showing steadfast love to thousands of those  
who love me and keep my commandments.

**PEOPLE:** **You shall not take the name of the Lord  
your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold  
him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

### 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.

LEADER: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days, the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

PEOPLE: **Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.**

LEADER: You shall not murder.

PEOPLE: **You shall not commit adultery.**

LEADER: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

LEADER: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

PEOPLE: **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

## Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

## 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.

**We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**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**

**Psalm 33.20-22**

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Our soul waits for the Lord, he is our help  
and our shield. For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name. Let your  
steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we  
hope in you.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** **And also with you!**

**\*Hymn of Assurance**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
*Hymnal No. 521*

**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 (in unison)**

*Apostles' Creed*

**LEADER:** Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE:** **I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>t</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>t</sup>"catholic" -- universal

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal 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.

### The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is good and right so to do.**

### Instruction

*Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Gluten free bread is available next to the tray.*

### The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution

*Behold the Lamb*  
*see page 9*

Hymn

*Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

### Celebration of The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, Jesus meets Christians in spiritual communion. Coming in faith, they reflect on the instruction from Holy Scripture, remember His atoning work for them on the cross, and receive nourishment and comfort through the Holy Spirit.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

\*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

### **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**

by Pastor Jake Bennett

### **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.*



## Behold the Lamb

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us; and we re-mem-ber  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you; eat and re-mem-ber  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you; drink and re-mem-ber  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re-pond and to re-mem-ber

the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.  
He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.  
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth.

So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain!

as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
and Stuart Townend

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome

We are glad you joined us this morning.

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 Acts 10.34-43.

## Budget Report

Through December 28

Annual Budget Need:	\$1,941,197
Giving To Date:	\$1,558,816
Needed By Year-end:	\$ 382,381



## New Year's Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 3. No Newsletter will be published this week.

## Upcoming Winter/Spring Semester

Watch for information to mark on your calendars about upcoming 2022 fellowship opportunities, Bible studies, and special gatherings. Sunday school resumes on January 9, and Midweek meals and activities begin on January 12.

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, January 2

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

### MONDAY, January 3

Church Offices Closed - New Year's holiday

### THURSDAY, January 6

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

### FRIDAY, January 7

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

### SATURDAY, January 8

TVP Meeting - Sanctuary - 8 a.m.

### SUNDAY, January 9

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting - O -105 (FR) -  
12:30 p.m.

## Missing Newsletters and Holiday Schedule

Our weekly newsletter changed to a new format in early November. It has made it more interactive and informative. If you have noticed you are not receiving the newsletter, the email may potentially show up in your 'junk' email folder. If so, please check your 'junk' or sometimes 'spam' folder and add it to your 'safe senders' list. If you continue to have difficulty, please contact the church office for assistance.

The newsletter will not be published this week due to the shortened work week (New Year's). The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday, January 11.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



This year, all giving statements will be sent via e-mail to the e-mail address we have on record in ShelbyNext. If you would like your giving statement to be mailed, please contact Becky Pearce at [BPearce@cpcchatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpcchatt.org).

## Thank You

Tammy and I wanted to express our deepest thanks for your most timely help extended to us during my recent and ongoing illness. Your prayers, encouragement, meals, gifts, well-wishes, and practical help have meant more to us than you might imagine. It is a dark valley the Lord is leading us through just now, but He has very kindly ensured that we don't have to walk through it alone. The darkness is made so much brighter by the presence of praying friends like you! Thank you so much!

~ Bill and Tammy Higgins

## Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

for January is available outside the Church office.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Anna Reid and her family on the loss of her sister-in-law, Diana Harrill.

### 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
Stacy Collins	Bryonie Wykoff	Sophia Cross	Emily Calloway	-----	-----

### Nursery Schedule - January 9

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
John Pearce	Camille Ambrose	Malachi Harris	Bonnie Schoap	John Pearce	Domekia Gaines

# ALL WOMEN OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY ARE INVITED\*



January 29, 2022

9<sup>AM</sup> - 3<sup>P</sup>

\$10

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lunch included!  
NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED

**HIXSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH //1450 JACKSON MILL DR., HIXSON, TN 37343**

## - STEPHANIE FORMENTI -

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, COVENANT SEMINARY; CHAPEL ASSOCIATE FOR DISCIPLESHIP AT COVENANT COLLEGE

will guide us through 3 sessions in this one-day workshop where we will learn and practice how to faithfully study the Bible as well as discover the great delight that comes from knowing God through His Word.

Session 1

### THE PRIVILEGE AND THE PROBLEM

We worship a God who has made himself known through His Word. And yet, it is far too easy to find ourselves crafting God into our own image or to find our hearts drawn to other things. Why does this happen? In this session we will study the immense privilege of knowing God through His Word and how that brings about true heart transformation. And then we will explore why we don't read our Bibles or dangerous ways that we do.

Session 2

### THE PROCESS

In our daily devotional time, or in preparing for Bible study, or in teaching God's Word to our kids, "handling accurately the Word of truth" is an important skill. But sometimes we can be intimidated by the process. In this session, we will discuss two elements involved in the study of God's Word: comprehension and interpretation.

Session 3

### THE PRACTICE AND THE PROMISE

Like any skill, studying Scripture requires practice, but that practice is fueled and fanned into flame by the promises of God that we find written in its pages. In this session, we will take a look at how we apply the truth found in God's Word to our daily lives and habits as well as what difference the overarching narrative of redemption makes in our understanding of God's work in this world.

**REGISTRATION** DEADLINE  
JAN 14

**[HTTPS://1STPRESBYTERIAN.TPSDB.COM/ONLINEREG/307](https://1stpresbyterian.tpsdb.com/onlinereg/307)**

You may pay your \$10 registration via credit card or check using the above link.  
!! Payment due by January 14.

Please put "Sweeter than Honey" on the memo line of your check.

**MAIL TO:** First Presbyterian Church, "Sweeter than Honey", 554 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37402

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Leah Dean at 423.718.6804 | \*Please invite friends, family & neighbors ages 11+

## Ladies' Hebrews Study - Resumes January 6

The Hebrews Study meets weekly on Thursday at 10 a.m. in O-105 (Frederick Room). It is led by Bev Mealar. If you have any questions, please reach out to her.

### Christmas Card Stamps



Don't forget to save your Christmas Card stamps and bring them to the church office. Used stamps are processed and re-sold with the proceeds going to finance Spanish language Sunday School curriculum in Latin America.

## Mothers Encouragement Group - Resumes January 11

All ladies are invited to join us for a time to come together, pray, and encourage one another. We will meet in E-111 (the Parlor) on the 1st Tuesday morning of the month at 10:00 a.m. and also in E-106 (Playroom) on the 3rd Wednesday night of the month at 7:00 p.m. Led by Rebekah Bennett.



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. Contact Stacy Collins at [SCollins@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:SCollins@cpcc chatt.org) for more info.

# ELDERS AND DEACONS

## Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines,  
 Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor,  
 Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Todd Smith, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

## Active Diaconate

Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins,  
 Rich Denkinger, 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, John Spalding, Mark Stevenson, Phil Wade

# MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

African Bible University .....	Uganda	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries .....	Chattanooga
Agape Puppets .....	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter .....	RUF1 - UTK
Amani Ya Juu .....	Global	Luke & Amanda McAuley .....	SIM - Kenya
Paul Billy & Shirley Arnold .....	PMI - India	Heidi Meiners .....	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
James & Karen Ashley .....	Wycliffe - Global	Pete & Ruth Mitchell .....	MTW - France
Marc & Denise Atchley .....	TEAM - Greece	Randy & Joan Nabors .....	MNA - Mercy
Tom & Ann Austin .....	MTW - Global	Andy & Kathy Napier .....	TWR - North Carolina
NoNo & Kate Beale .....	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	PCA Agencies .....	Atlanta, Georgia
Mark Casson .....	MNA - Prison Ministry	John Mark & Caroline Scruggs .....	RUF - UTK
Child Evangelism Fellowship .....	Chattanooga	Jamie & Bethany .....	IDEAS - China
Compassion International .....	Global	Brian & Connie Shepson .....	MAF - USA
Chattanooga Sports Ministries .....	Chattanooga	Dan & Susan Steere .....	ELI - Global
Chernobyl Children's Program .....	Belarus	David & Eowyn Stoddard .....	MTW - Germany
Choices .....	Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha .....	Nireekshana - India
Matt & Annette Cummings .....	WEC - Japan	Tennessee Valley Presbytery .....	Church Plants
East Ridge Wyldlife .....	East Ridge, Tennessee	Third Millennium Ministries .....	Global
Jay & Beverly Fowler .....	FCA - East Tennessee	Pete Vaughn .....	Amani - Chattanooga
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz .....	CRU - Chattanooga	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic .....	Chattanooga
Dan & Mako Gilchrist .....	ELI - Global	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker .....	Third Mill - Global
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague .....	Harvestime - France	Mario & Keila Xaco .....	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico
Haitian American Friendship Foundation .....	Haiti	Christine .....	Wycliffe - East Africa
Harvest USA .....	USA	Frank & Cindy .....	MTW - Enterprise
Andrew & Julie Halbert .....	UWM - Costa Rica	Stepan & Alla .....	Belarus
Russ & Amanda Hightower .....	CA Church Plant	Jeff & Heather .....	MTW - Muslim Ministries
Hope for the Inner City .....	Chattanooga	Josiah & Miriam .....	MTW - Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter .....	UWM - Costa Rica		







