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 by Elder Woody Brauer

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2.19-23 (p. 808)

Luke 2.39-40 (p. 858)

read by Elder Mike Walker

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

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)

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

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

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

¹⁷ 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

by Pastor John Jones

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*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.

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.

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[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

"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

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Postlude

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.

SERMON NOTES

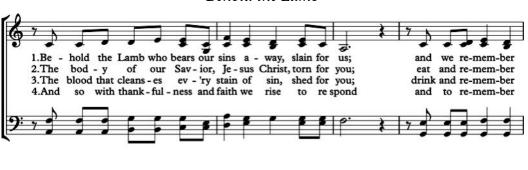
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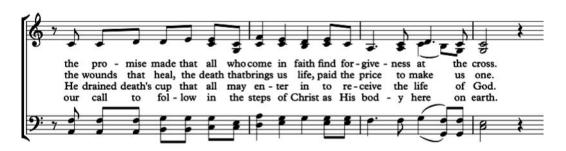
Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

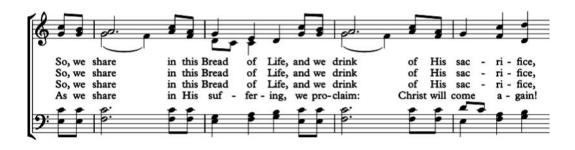
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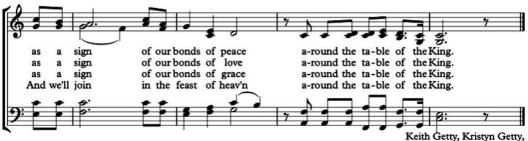
Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.

Behold the Lamb









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.

Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

for January is available outside the Church office.

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

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.m12:15 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*



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- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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+

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Session 2

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 Mealor. 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@cpcchatt.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	
Agape Puppets	
Amani Ya Juu	Global
Paul Billy & Shirley Arnold	PMI - India
James & Karen Ashley	Wycliffe - Global
Marc & Denise Atchley	TEAM - Greece
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 Foundation	on Haiti
Harvest USA	
Andrew & Julie Halbert	UWM - Costa Rica
Russ & Amanda Hightower	CA Church Plant
Hope for the Inner City	
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	

Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	RUFI - UTK
Luke & Amanda McAuley	SIM - Kenya
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	IDEAS - China
Brian & Connie Shepson	MAF - USA
Dan & Susan Steere	ELI - Global
David & Eowyn Stoddard	MTW - Germany
Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha	Nireekshana - India
Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Third Millennium Ministries	Global
Pete Vaughn	Amani - Chattanooga
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic	
Gary & Phyllis Waldecker	Third Mill - Global
Mario & Keila Xaco	
Christine	Wycliffe - East Africa
Frank & Cindy	MTW - Enterprise
Stepan & Alla	Belarus
Jeff & Heather	MTW - Muslim Ministries
Josiah & Miriam	MTW - Africa