

The Lord's Service

January 9, 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 97.1-9

LEADER: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

PEOPLE: **Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.**

LEADER: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

PEOPLE: **The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.**

LEADER: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

PEOPLE: **All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!**

LEADER: Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

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.

*Hymn of Adoration

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Hymnal No. 218*

*Invocation

by Elder Woody Brauer

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Luke 6.27-28, 31, 35-36

LEADER: But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,

PEOPLE: Bless those who curse you, pray for those
who abuse you.

LEADER: And as you wish that others would do to you, do
so to them.

PEOPLE: But love your enemies, and do good, and
lend, expecting nothing in return, and your
reward will be great,

LEADER: And you will be sons of the Most High, for he is
kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

PEOPLE: Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“He has delivered us from the domain of
darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of
his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

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.

*Hymn of Assurance

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

(1989 Word Music)

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 9.1-7 (p. 573)
read by Elder Mike Walker

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where're I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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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

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Hymn

*As with Gladness Men of Old
 Hymnal No. 226*

Scripture Lesson

Acts 10.34-43 (p. 919)

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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.

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.

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.

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

by Pastor John Jones

APATHETIC

*Hymn of Response

How Firm a Foundation
Hymnal No. 94

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism 4

LEADER: Christian, what evidence is there that the Bible is the Word of God?

PEOPLE: The Bible clearly shows that it is the word of God by its majesty and purity, by the agreement of all its parts, by its unified aim to give all glory to God, and by its illuminating power to convince and convert sinners and to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. However, only the Spirit of God, testifying by and with the Bible in our hearts, can completely persuade us that it is truly the word of God.

*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.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

by Pastor John Jones

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 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 Steere preaches from Exodus 33.17-34.9.

WELCOME BACK

TO

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All ages are invited to join a Sunday School class following worship today. Sunday school is resuming after a break for the holidays.

A Heartfelt Thank You

The church staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous gifts and love offering this past Christmas season. It is a pleasure working for and with such a loving and supportive congregation.

We eagerly await to see where the Lord directs our steps together for his glory.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, January 9

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

Sunday School

Missions Committee Meeting - O-105 (FR) - 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, January 10

Bruce Spencer Visitation - O-100 (SFH) - 10:30 a.m.

Bruce Spencer Funeral - Sanctuary - 12:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry Team Meeting - O-105 (FR) - 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 11

Mothers Encouragement Group - E-111 (Parlor) - 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 12

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

Youth Fellowship & Small Groups - O-209 (Youth Suite) - 6:15 p.m.

Ironman Time (Prayer)- O-207 - 6:30 p.m.

Meet Your Children's Midweek Teachers - E-201 - E-212 (2nd floor Ed Wing) - 6:45 p.m.

Ironman Time (Book Study) - O-207 - 7 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.

Prayer Group - office on Admin Hallway and Zoom - 7 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, January 13

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

FRIDAY, January 14

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spencer Visitation and Funeral

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bruce Spencer. Visitation will be held Monday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. The funeral will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Beverly Middleton and her family on the loss of her son, Nathan Middleton.

IRONMAN TIME

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING JANUARY 12 WHERE: O-207

LED BY: JAY FOWLER AND DEE HOBBS HAVE A ??: CONTACT JAY (jfowler@fca.org or 423-309-4255)

Men, are you tired of trying to fight spiritual battles alone? The Men's Ministry Team invites you to two new Midweek opportunities that are designed to help men sharpen and strengthen one another spiritually.

We will meet for prayer from 6:30-6:55 p.m. in room O-207. We will intercede for one another, for our families, and for our church.

At 7 p.m., we will work together through *Got Your Back* by PCA pastor Dr. Gary Yagel. This book will show us biblical patterns of how men can forge the bonds of brotherhood that we need and desire as we strive to live a Christ honoring life. Book is provided.

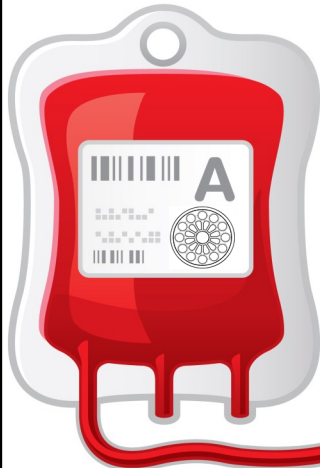
CPC's Blood Drive

On Wednesday, January 26, CPC will be hosting a blood drive in partnership with Blood Assurance.

The Bloodmobile will arrive at the church and receive donations between 5-9 p.m.

To reserve your slot, register online at:
www.Bloodassurance.org/Covenant

Click on an available time that fits your schedule and complete the reservation form.



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 the Parlor on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. and also on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Playroom. This semester is led by Rebekah Bennett.

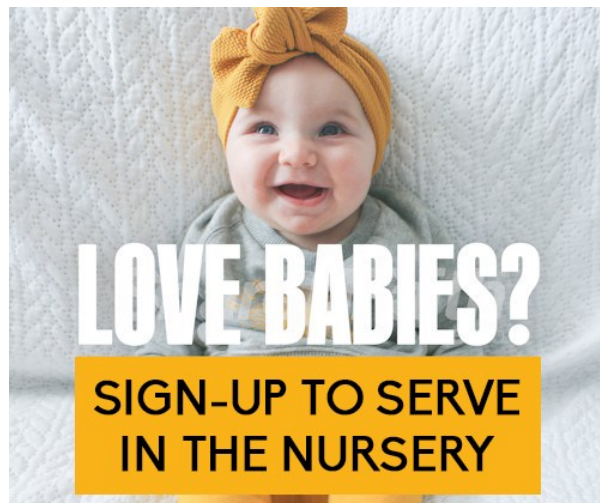


Meet Your Children's Midweek Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to Midweek classes on Wednesday, January 12! The teachers would love to say a face-to-face hello to all parents on this evening.

Please plan to walk your children upstairs to their classrooms between 6:45-7 p.m. and visit for a few minutes with their teacher before dropping them off.

Children's choirs will not meet on January 12 but will resume January 19.



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@cpccchatt.org for more info.

Midweek Dish Duty

Cleaning up after large scale supper on Wednesday evening goes quickly when tackled together. Volunteer for kitchen duty by signing up online at cpccchatt.org/covenant-life/midweek/.

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

Nursery Schedule - January 16

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
Lauren Warren	Ezra Harris	Donna Schreiner	Tim Warren	Lauren Warren	Amy Creamer

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ALL WOMEN OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY ARE INVITED*



January 29, 2022

9^{AM} - 3^P

\$10

lunch included!

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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.

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+

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 - UTC
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		

