

# The Lord's Service

March 6, 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 47.1-7

**LEADER:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**PEOPLE:** **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

**LEADER:** He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**PEOPLE:** **God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

**LEADER:** Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**PEOPLE:** **For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*O Love of God, How Strong and True  
Hymnal No. 81*

### 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 Danny Grant

# God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

2 Corinthians 7.1

LEADER: ... beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,

PEOPLE: ... bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Oh You who seek and save lost things, buried things, we lift our eyes to You. Many have offered a golden tomorrow; You alone have offered to retrieve our yesterdays. Restore to us the waste places of our hearts. Reveal to us the meaning of our failures. Show us that there was manna in our desert that even Canaan did not hold. Then shall there be a harvest joy, a resurrection joy, the joy of gathering the buried past. Then shall our hearts be satisfied that the trials of the soul were autumn's gain.

Call to Confession

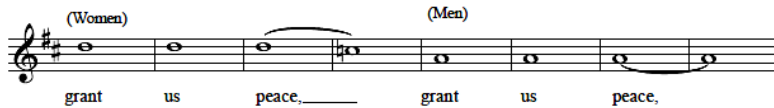
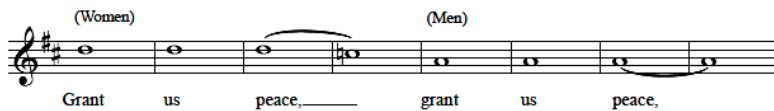
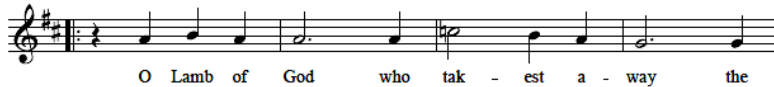
As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's

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.

Agnus Dei



## 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.

## Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1.3-5

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 18.15-19 (p. 161)

read by Elder Nick Lazor

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

*Lead Me, Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live,  
that I may come to know thee,  
and in thy presence serve thee with gladness,  
and sing songs of praise to thy glory.

(text by Samuel S. Wesley and George F. Strickling, tune by Samuel S. Wesley)

## \*Doxology

## *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)  
Give thanks.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

## Tithes and Offerings

## Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

## Scripture Lesson

Mark 16.9-20 (p. 853)

<sup>9</sup> Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup> But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

<sup>12</sup> After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup> And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

<sup>14</sup> Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

## 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.

<sup>19</sup> So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

### 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.

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

## AN EXTRAORDINARY CALL

\*Hymn of Response

*At the Name of Jesus  
Hymnal No. 163*

\*Confession of Faith

*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>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</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.

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.*

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

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

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Sursum Corda**

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
*Hymnal No. 648*

Ministry in Music

by Nicole Lewin  
adapted from John 6

I am the bread of life;  
They who come to me shall not hunger;  
They who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:  
And I will raise them up,  
And I will raise them up,  
And I will raise them up on the last day.

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And they who eat of this bread,  
They shall live forever.

Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of his Blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
Even if they die they shall live forever.

Lord, we believe  
That you are the Christ,  
The Son of God  
Who has come into the world.  
(Music: Suzanne Toolan; arr. Pulkingham)

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!

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.

## God Commissions Us

\*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

## **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.*



## 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 Hebrews 12.18-29.

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## SPRING SEMINAR DEADLINE

Registration for the Women's Ministry Spring Seminar ends today. You can register online or at the WM table in the lobby. The seminar is Saturday, March 12. Cost: \$8.

Have any questions? Contact Judy Foster at [grammiesno1@live.com](mailto:grammiesno1@live.com).

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## DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. The time change occurs early Sunday morning, March 13.



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 6

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Connect Facilitator Mtg. - O-100 - 12 pm

### Monday, March 7

WM Team Mtg. - O-105 - 6:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 8

Mothers Encouragement Group - E-111 - 7 pm  
Ladies' *Even Better Than Eden* Study -  
O-105/Zoom - 7 pm

### Wednesday, March 9

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm  
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -  
see website for class list

### Friday, March 11

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am

### Saturday, March 12

WM Spring Seminar - O-100 - 9 am

### Sunday, March 13

*Daylight Saving Time Begins -Spring ahead 1 hour*  
Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School

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## MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit [cpchatt.org](http://cpchatt.org) for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church. Contact the church office to request access to our online directory, ShelbyNext.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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.

## MIDWEEK NURSERY WORKER



The Children's Ministry is in need of a regular volunteer or paid worker in our Wednesday night nursery (6:15-8:15). If you would be willing to serve our children in this way, please contact Becky Pearce at [BPearce@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpcc chatt.org).

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Online registration for High School and Middle School summer camps are open.

The **Edge Conference** registration is open now through April 27. This camp (June 25-29) is for Middle School students who are currently in grades 6-8. Register before April 4 to receive the Early Bird discount.

**RYM** registration is open now through May 24. This camp (July 11-16) is for High School students who are currently in grades 9-12. Register before May 7 to receive the Early Bird discount.

## SPRING YOUTH EVENTS

Be sure to check out our church calendar for more details about these events:

- March 27 - Youth Hike
- April 1 - Middle School Game Night
- April 20 - Youth Bake Sale

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - MARCH 13
Front Desk: John Pearce	Front Desk: <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Melissa Horton Babs Leach Teva Wooten	David Gernhard Carson Pearce Judy Foster
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Catherine Coffey	Eva Herberich

# MIDWEEK

## MIDWEEK DISH DUTY

Please consider helping for a couple nights of dish duty this semester. Cleaning up after our shared meal goes faster when we work together. Scan the code to visit our Midweek page and sign-up.



## CPC BLOOD DRIVE

CPC is partnering with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot on Wednesday, March 23 from 5-9 pm.

To reserve your donation slot, register online at:



**March 9:** Stromboli with Marinara, Roasted Veggies, Italian Salad, Chocolate Cake

**March 16:** Beef Enchiladas, Rice, Tossed Salad, Sopapilla Cheesecake

**March 23:** Mock Chick-fil-A Night: Homemade Chicken Fingers, Waffle Fries, Tossed Salad, Brownies and Ice Cream

**March 30:** Pork Medallions, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Artisan Bread, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

# COVENANT LIFE

CPC Women's Ministry

## *Spring Seminar*

**Preferring One Another  
When We Are Different**

**Saturday, March 12 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

***Registration Ends Today!***

**Sign-up online or at the WM  
table in the lobby. Cost: \$8**

## MEG THIS MONTH

Mothers Encouragement Group (MEG) meets Tuesday, March 8 at 7 pm in E-111 (Parlor) and Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm in E-106 (Playroom).

Please bring a favorite children's or teen book to share with everyone.

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## OCC MARCH COLLECTION

We are collecting these items this month:

- Balls: Soccer balls with Pumps, Nerf balls, Bouncy balls, Baseballs, Ball gloves
- Small Musical Toys: Harmonicas, Kazoos, Recorders
- Toy Trucks and Cars
- Yo-yo's
- Rubik's Cubes
- Jump ropes
- Marbles
- Jacks

The collection box is in the Admin Hallway.

# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES IN BELARUS



**Stepan and Alla**

*Due to the sensitive areas in which these missionaries serve, their picture and last names are withheld.*

Stepan & Alla are Belarussian nationals who along with their six children serve their neighbors in many ways. Stepan pastors a small church in Belarus, part of the former Soviet Union. Services are conducted on Friday and Sunday. Believers face opposition from the national government, the Russian Orthodox church, and the Roman Catholic church.

Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- for safety in the current political unrest and war on Ukraine
- for provision of their needs as they help their community
- for many people in Belarus to believe in Jesus and for the church to continue growing

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## CLOTHES CLOSET UPDATE FROM RICH & JOAN DENKINGER

We would like to give each of you a huge “THANK YOU!” for your contributions to the Clothes Closet and the help from CPC. There were over 250 coats and jackets collected this fall and winter (plus pants and jeans, men’s and women’s shirts, knit caps, belts, blankets and sleeping bags, and socks, socks, socks!!!). The needed items were distributed to the Salvation Army, The Community Kitchen, and a new non-profit agency, Pursuit of Happiness.

We wish each of you could have seen the faces of so many of the homeless who received these clothes, a blanket, and some socks. It was a blessing! We prayed that these people would see Jesus at work through our church.

Thank you again for your generosity and quick response to a call for help. We look forward to another collection this fall, so please don’t throw these items away—**WE NEED THEM!**



**Chattanooga**  
Community Kitchen



