

The Lord's Service

March 13, 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

Revelation 7.9-10

LEADER: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

*Hymn of Adoration

*From All That Dwell below the Skies
Hymnal No. 7*

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

Proverbs 3.7

LEADER: Be not wise in your own eyes;

PEOPLE: Fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

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

found in *Christian Order and Custom*, Bullinger, Zürich (1535)

We, poor sinners, confess ourselves before you, our Lord God and Maker, that sadly we have sinned much with our thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. We regret them and beg your grace.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God who tak - est a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

(Women) (Men)
Grant us peace, _____ grant us peace,

(Women) (Men)
grant us peace, _____ grant us peace,

(Both)
grant us peace. _____ A - men.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1-2

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in

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.

which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 19.16-20 (p. 61)

read by Elder Nick Lazor

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

Steal Away to Jesus

Soloist: Melissa Horton

Steal away, steal away,

Steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home;

I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me;

He calls me by the thunder.

The trumpet sounds within my soul;

I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending;

And sinners stand a trembling.

The trumpet sounds within my soul;

I ain't got long to stay here.

(2010 Walton Music, arr. Patrick Quigley)

*Doxology

No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Scripture Lesson

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

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.

*Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast
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Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12.18-29 (p. 1009)

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest
¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.
²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

WORSHIP AS A VALUE

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.

*Hymn of Response *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*
Hymnal No. 469

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 1 Corinthians 8.6

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: ...for us there is one God, the Father,
from whom are all things
and for whom we exist,
and one Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom are all things
and through whom we exist.

*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

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.

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Adas Habershon (1861-1918)

Matt Merker

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.

NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Join the staff in welcoming CPC's new Children's Ministry Director Sara Southard, her husband Zach, and their two daughters.



Her first day will be Monday, March 21. We are excited to see how the Lord will use her and the experience and talents God has given her. Pray for and encourage Sara as she moves into this role.

EVENSONG

The March 20 evensong service and supper will begin at 5 p.m. It is a time to gather together as a body and re-center around the reign of Christ as we prepare to go into the new week.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 13

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

Mission Committee Mtg. - O-105 - 12:15 pm

Tuesday, March 15

Ladies' *Even Better Than Eden* Study -

O-105/Zoom - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 16

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
see website for class list

Friday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 20

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

Youth Leaders Mtg. - O-100 - 12 pm

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm

evensong Service - Sanctuary - 5 pm

MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit cpcchatt.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@cpccchatt.org for more info.

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
- April 22 - High School Lock-In

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.



NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - MARCH 13
Front Desk: Stacy Collins	Front Desk: Rebekah Gernhard
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
David Gernhard Carson Pearce Judy Foster	Ellie Wright Lisa Wright Sophie Wright
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Eva Herberich	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: www.BloodAssurance.org/Covenant.



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

CONGRATULATIONS

The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Sophia Rose Bailey, daughter of Christopher and Colleen Bailey, born March 7.

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.

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.

GRIEF SHARE GROUP

Beginning March 20, Eric and Boo Mullinax will facilitate a GriefShare class during Sunday School. It will meet in E-102.

Each class session is "self-contained." While attending each meeting is best, you do not have to attend each class in sequence to find encouragement.

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. For more information about the program, visit griefshare.org/about.



EASTER LILY ORDERS

To decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, while honoring or remembering a loved one or friend, you may order an Easter Lily. Each plant costs \$18. You may order online at cpcchatt.org or contact the church office for assistance (office@cpcchatt.org or 423.899.5377). Orders are due by Sunday, March 27.

OUTREACH

UPDATE FROM CPC MISSIONARIES IN GERMANY



David & Eowyn Stoddard

David & Eowyn Stoddard and their five children are serving with MTW in Berlin, Germany as church planters. They hold monthly brunches for their non-Christian friends, and David gives an evangelistic devotional. Eowyn has a group of young women who meet together regularly called Mama Talk, giving her opportunity to make friends with these young mothers, share scripture, and pray for their needs. Both of these venues give the Stoddards the opportunity to invite unbelievers to their church.

David is also involved in the education of church leaders in Germany through a new Reformed Seminary called the Martin Bucer Seminary. Just before the outbreak of war in Ukraine, he went to Odessa to meet missionaries and partners in ministry.

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

- The Stoddards have started teaching a small group focused on biblical theology. It's been a joy to teach new and old believers how to read the Scriptures as one story, to marvel at the beauty of God's mission through Christ, and look forward to how the story resolves. Pray our teaching encourages and strengthens the believers. Pray it teaches them a new way to read and ponder Scripture.
- All MTW missionaries in Europe will gather for a once-every-four-years Area Retreat. Our plenary speaker is one of our German partners from Munich. David will also be preaching during the Sunday worship. The focus is on care and respite. Many of our missionaries are hurting and wounded. Some are being displaced through the Ukraine crisis. Pray the speaking and teaching points them God's sovereign comfort and care.
- David has also started coaching 5 leaders and church-planters. This has become one of his greatest joys and strategic opportunities. He's also coaching a missionary team leader who wants his team to be more effective in outreach and church-planting. All these are exciting places to have influence. Pray that the Lord gives David wisdom, discernment, boldness and insight. Pray these meetings strengthen church-planters and bear fruit in the lives of their churches.

