

The Lord's Service

March 27, 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 100.1-5

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Come into his presence with singing!

LEADER: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who
made us, and we are his; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.

PEOPLE: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!**

LEADER: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn of Adoration

*For the Beauty of the Earth
Hymnal No. 116*

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

Psalm 25.10-11

LEADER: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

PEOPLE: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Corporate Confession of Sin

found in *Prone to Wander* (2014)

As we come to you today to confess our weakness and rebellion against you, we thank you that you have chosen to love desperate sinners like ourselves. Your love and determination to rescue us from our sin give us the courage to admit the profound depravity of our desires, thoughts, and actions. We are people who want our kingdoms to come and our will to be done. Instead of pursuing spiritual wisdom with all our strength, we are delighted by our own wisdom and impressed with our own understanding. We despise your will because it is so much stronger than ours and reminds us that we are not the gods we wish to be. We want to be worthy of your love, instead of resting in the radiant worthiness of your Son. Father, forgive us. Give us spiritual wisdom to behold our risen Lamb, perfect, spotless, and worthy to receive all our worship, adoration, and praise.

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

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

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.1

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
 “But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel,
 ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.’”
 The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 7.1-16 (p. 151)
read by Elder Nick Lazor

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
it is the Lord, who rises with healing in his wings:
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too:
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit shall bear,
though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice,
for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

(text William Cowper, tune John Hullah, arr. Wykoff)

*Doxology

No. 732

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor John Jones

*Hymn

Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer
see Page 8

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.

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.

Scripture Lesson

John 8.31-38 (p. 894)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

DISCIPLESHIP AS A VALUE

*Hymn of Response

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!
Hymnal No. 535

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 1
(1563)

LEADER: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

PEOPLE: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

**Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His
Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and
makes me wholeheartedly willing and
ready from now on to live for Him.**

*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 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

Title: **Discipleship as a Value**

Text: **John 8.31-38**

Discipleship is the Lord's growth of His people as we abide in His Word.

1. Growing in our knowledge of truth.

2. Growing in our obedience to truth.

3. Growing in our true identity.

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.

Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

Words and Music by
Margaret Becker and Keith Getty

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VERSE

C⁷_{sus}

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B^b/F



1. Je - sus, — draw me ev - er near - er as I la - bour through the
(2. Je - sus,) — guide me through the tem - pest, keep my spir - it staid and
(3. Let the) — treas - ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I

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B^b/F F

B^b/F



storm. — You have called me to this pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm
sure. — When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, let me love You e - ven
go. — And at the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your

CHORUS

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F/C

C

F/A

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worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise — on wings of
more.
throne.

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faith; — And at the — end of my heart's test - ing, with Your

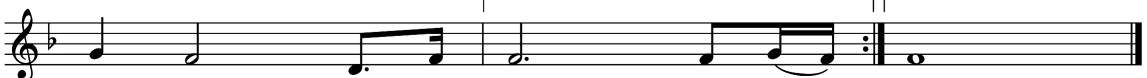
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like - ness let me wake. 2. Je - sus, — wake.
3. Let the —

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 Ephesians 2.19-22.

SOUTHARD RECEPTION

Make plans to join us for a reception welcoming our new Children's Ministry Director Sara Southard immediately following Sunday School today. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall..

YOUTH HIKE LOCATION CHANGED



Join us this afternoon, March 27, for a youth hike. NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION: We will hike the Craven's House Trail to Sunset Rock on Lookout Mountain. A quick dinner at

the church will follow. Contact Heather Morrison at HMorrison@cpcchatt.org to sign-up or for more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 27

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Southard Reception - O-100 - 12 pm
Youth Hike (all church invited) - 3 pm

Tuesday, March 29

Ladies' *Even Better Than Eden* Study -
O-105/Zoom - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 30

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

Friday, April 1

Middle School Game Night- O-100 - 6 pm

Saturday, April 2

Men's Breakfast & Work Day - O-100 - 8:30 am

Sunday, April 3

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Connect Facilitator Mtg. - O-100 - 12 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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT

Middle School and 5th grade students are invited to a Game Night this Friday (April 1) in the fellowship hall. Pizza will be provided.

SPRING YOUTH EVENTS

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

- April 20 - Youth Bake Sale
- April 22 - High School Lock-In

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@cpcchatt.org for more info.

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 - APRIL 3
Front Desk: Becky Pearce	Front Desk: Tammy Bacon
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Melissa Horton Ann Kistner Beverly Roop	Camille Ambrose Ezra Harris <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Vangie Wykoff	Amy Creamer

MIDWEEK



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

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.



MEG IN APRIL

Mothers Encouragement Group (MEG) meets on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 pm in E-111 (Parlor) and on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 pm in E-106 (Playroom) this month.

COVENANT LIFE



EASTER LILY ORDERS

Today is the last day to order a lily to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, while honoring or remembering a loved one or friend. 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).

PAUL TRIPP PARENTING CONFERENCE

On Friday evening, April 1 at Silverdale Baptist Church, Paul Tripp will present why parenting never ends. He will highlight the biblical strategies for each stage of development in your child, from toddler to teen to adult. To learn more or reserve your seat, visit: <https://store.paultripp.com/pages/parenting-never-ends>

ROUECHE CHORALE PRESENTATION

All are invited to the Roueche Chorale's *Colors of Grace: Lessons for Lent* on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.rouechechorale.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & WORK DAY

Following a light breakfast, the Men's Ministry is sponsoring a church clean-up day Saturday, April 2 from 8:30 am -12:00 pm.

We will be raking pea gravel on the playground, painting, dusting, cleaning under pews, weed eating, and blowing leaves from flower beds.

Ladies and teens are invited.

GRIEF SHARE GROUP

Eric and Boo Mullinax are facilitating a GriefShare class during Sunday School in Room 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.

BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The April calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

OUTREACH

UPDATE FROM CPC MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

Drs. Sujai &
Lavanya
Suneetha



After years of ministry among lepers in India, Drs. Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha responded to God's call to minister to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS (India's lowest "caste"). Under the Suneethas' dedicated and capable leadership, *Nireekshana* started in June 2004 in a small way as an out-patient based clinic in the front rooms of their home. [Seed money from CPC's Ministry Expansion Fund was used to help launch the ministry.] *Nireekshana* quickly outgrew the home. Now

in several satellite clinics in Hyderabad and the state of Andhra Pradesh, *Nireekshana* caters to the needs of thousands of individuals and families. *Nireekshana* ACET (AIDS Care, Education & Treatment) is a community, Christian based organization dedicated to the compassionate care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS using a holistic approach. *Nireekshana's* work is based in the medical clinics and in community outreach. It's key work focus is on providing counseling, training, medical, socio-economic, spiritual care and support.

Please pray for the Suneethas and *Nireekshana* in these particular ways:

- That *Nireekshana* would truly be as the name literally means "A place of hope."
- That the Suneethas would be strengthened in their particular leadership roles.
- That God might supply the resources (financial, dedicated personnel, facilities) to continue this ministry.



