

# The Lord's Service

May 8, 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 9.1-2

**LEADER:** I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**PEOPLE:** I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**LEADER:** I will be glad and exult in you;

**PEOPLE:** I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Creation Sings the Father's Song  
see page 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 John Wykoff

### God Cleanses Us

#### Call to Confession

Daniel 9.4-6

**LEADER:** I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

#### 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.

**PEOPLE:** We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

### Corporate Confession of Sin

found in *Palatinate Church Order*, written by Ursinus (1563)

**We, poor sinners, confess before you, our God and Creator, that we have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, our Lord and God, recognize this in us very well, but sadly we cannot recognize them sufficiently. We feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 2.8-11

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News: “... being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

### 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

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
*Hymnal No. 164*

## 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

Matthew 7.21-27 (p. 812)  
read by Elder Jon Harris

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

(1980 Hinshaw Music CCLI No. 447727)

### 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.

\*Doxology

*LASST UNS EFREUEN*  
*Hymnal No. 115 v. 5*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

## Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 1.20-33 (p. 527)

- <sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries aloud in the street,  
in the markets she raises her voice;  
<sup>21</sup> at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
<sup>22</sup> “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
<sup>23</sup> If you turn at my reproof,  
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused to listen,  
have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,  
<sup>25</sup> because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when terror strikes you,  
<sup>27</sup> when terror strikes you like a storm  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.  
<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel  
and despised all my reproof,  
<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,  
and have their fill of their own devices.  
<sup>32</sup> For the simple are killed by their turning away,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
<sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will dwell secure  
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

## WISDOM REBUKES THE GULLIBLE

## 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

*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 *Westminster Larger Catechism 2.1 (1647)*

**LEADER:** Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE:** **There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory, most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and also most just and terrible in His judgments; hating all sin; and who will by no means clear the guilty.**

\*Gloria Patri

*CORONAE*

Glory be to God the Father!  
Glory be to God the Son!  
Glory be to God the Spirit!  
God Almighty, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

## 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

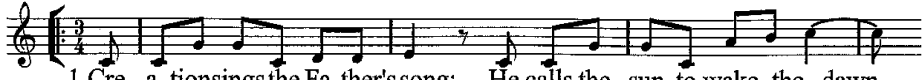
## Mission Statement of CPC

*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.*

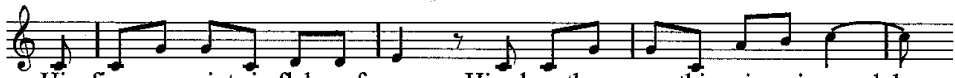
## Creation Sings the Father's Song



1. Cre - a - tionsings the Fa ther's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
2. Cre - a - tiongazed up-onHis face; the age-less One in time's em brace
3. Cre - a - tion longs forHis re - turn, whenChrist shall reign up - on the earth;



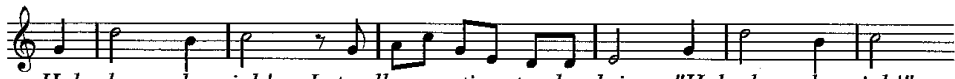
and run the course of day till e - v'ning falls in crimson rays.  
un - veiled the Fa - ther's plan of rec - on - cil - ing God and man.  
the bit - ter wars that rage are birth pains of a com - ing age.



His fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow, His breath up - on this spin - ning globe,  
A sec - ond Ad - am walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse  
When He re - news the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth re - ply



He charts the ea - gle's flight; com - mands the new born ba - by's cry.  
Whose death would set us free to live with Him e - ter - nal - ly.  
with one res plend ent theme: The glo - ries of Our God and King!



*Hal - le - lu - jah! Let all cre a tion stand and sing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"*



*Fill the earth with songs of worship, tell the wonders of cre - a - tion's King.*

## 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 Proverbs 2.1-22.

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**GriefShare** continues to meet in E-102 and is led by Eric and Boo Mullinax (ending June 26).

The **Sermon on the Mount** study is meeting in O-105 (Frederick Room) and is led by Lamar Allen and Gary Cosby.

The **Essentials Class** is designed for visitors and new folks at CPC to get to know us and what we believe. It will meet in Sanctuary following worship and is led by John Jones.

A **Study on James** is meeting in the Choir Room and is being led by Jon Harris.

The Solomon's Porch class is examining **The Seven Deadly Sins & the Beatitudes** and is a led by Ken Henry. This class meets in E-104.

The remaining Sunday School classes will stay the same:

- **Modern Church History** (O-207), led by Ernie Brown and Dee Hobbs
- **Elijah-ladies only** (E-111), led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, and Lois Crenshaw

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 8

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School

### Wednesday, May 11

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm  
Children's Ministry Event - O-100 - 6:30 pm  
Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - 7pm

### Friday, May 13

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

### Saturday, May 14

Ladies Tea - O-100 - 11 am

### Sunday, May 1

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Mtg - O-105 - 12:30 pm  
Deacons Mtg - E-104 - 12:30 pm

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## MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://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

## MUSIC CAMP 2022

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to attend Music Camp on June 6-10! Online registration is open.



Helpers are needed. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpcpchat.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpcpchat.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER

We are looking for a helper for the 2-3 year-old Sunday school class. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpcpchat.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpcpchat.org).

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We are preparing to honor our graduates at CPC. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctorate programs. Please email the Church Office at [office@cpcchatt.org](mailto:office@cpcchatt.org) with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.

## SENIOR RECEPTION

In the Courtyard following worship on May 22, we will honor the graduating high school seniors with a reception. All adults, seniors' families, and fellow high school students are invited to stop and congratulate them on their hard work.

NURSERY - TODAY		NURSERY - MAY 15	
Front Desk: Bekah Gernhard		Front Desk: John Pearce	
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am			
Grace Doran (Infant Room) Sherlyn Hobbs (Infant Room) Becky & Carson Pearce (Toddler Room)		Sarah Wade (Infant Room) Teva Wooten (Infant Room) Capps Brown (Toddler Room) Melissa Horton (Toddler Room)	
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm			
Eva Herberich (Infant Room) David Gernhard (Toddler Room)		Rachel Anderson (Infant Room) Jason Collins (Toddler Room)	

# MIDWEEK

## MAY MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

Now that Children's and Youth Midweek classes have ended for the semester, each Wednesday evening in May will have special children's events from 6:30-8 pm. Youth will be helping during these events. The Nursery will not be open, so we are asking parents of children four years-old and under to be present with their children at these activities.

Invite your friends to join us as we celebrate the end of the school year and get ready for summer!

May 11: Warriors of Change

May 18: Good News Club

May 25: Water Day (Front Lawn)

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## WARRIORS OF CHANGE

On Wednesday evening, May 11, Warriors of Change will be performing a martial arts demonstration along with a time of participation from the children and youth who would like to join us for a time of fun and a little basic self-defense.

Warriors of Change Defensive Arts is a Karate for Christ International certified school. Bryan and Shannon Ratliff are KFCI certified instructors.



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## May Midweek Menu



**May 11:** Baked Sliders, Pasta Salad, and Strawberry Shortcake

**May 18:** Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad (Fries and Nuggets for kids) and Brownies with Ice Cream

**May 25:** Barbecue Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Asian Coleslaw, and Watermelon

All music printed under CCLI No. 447727.

# COVENANT LIFE

## LADIES TEA

Registration in-person and online **ends today!** Ladies of all ages are invited to the Women's Ministry Tea on Saturday, May 14 at 11 am. The cost will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for girls 12 and under.

## THANK YOU

Dear CPC Family, thank you for your prayers, cards, and flowers during my mom's last days and beyond. Having an overflowing mailbox was like receiving hugs when I came home from work and pulled out your cards. Thank you, also, to those who were able to attend my mom's funeral at First Pres. It meant a lot to have you with me. My dad and sister and I are thankful that mom is celebrating the promise of Christ's resurrection, forever. Having your support has been wonderful.

Love in Christ, Dory George



## Choices Walk

Choices Walk for Life is coming up on **June 4th at the Riverpark**. Sign up here and select our church's name to start raising funds to support women and men facing unexpected pregnancies.

[team.choiceschattanooga.org/wfl](http://team.choiceschattanooga.org/wfl)



## CONVERSATIONS

*The Church in the Age of TikTok*

May 21 - 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

How do TikTok, social media, and other platforms influence your teens? What's the biblical solution?

**Will YOU join the conversation?**

Our speaker for Conversations is Danny Mitchell, an ordained PCA pastor serving as Assistant Pastor at New City East Lake. In addition, he is a member of the MTW Global Youth and Family Ministries team, a consultant for youth and family ministry for Christian Education and Publications (an agency of the PCA), and an adjunct professor of youth ministry at Covenant College.

While the conference is free, registration is required to adequately prepare for your attendance and lunch. Register online at [cpchatt.org](http://cpchatt.org).



## BABY SHOWER



You are invited to a Baby Shower for Erica Hausler. Erica is Bill and Sandy Coffey's daughter. Let's celebrate the soon arrival of Rudy and Erica's first baby! Erica is registered on Amazon's Baby Registry and on [buybuyBaby.com](http://buybuyBaby.com).



The shower will be held Saturday, May 21 in E-104 (Perseverers Room) from 2:30-4:30 pm.



# OUTREACH

## AGAPE PUPPETS



**Linda Summer,  
director**

Linda Summer and her team travel the world and share the Gospel with children, teenagers, and adults through the Agape Puppets ministry. They train and equip teams in many countries to reach their nation's children for Jesus.



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

- For Linda Summer and the new team that she is training
- For needed funding and access to desired destinations
- For giftedness and faithfulness for all of the teams around the world
- For open doors to share God's rescue plan
- For God's continued work in the hearts where teams have recently visited (Nepal, Northern Ireland, Turkey, Italy)

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## CPC MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA



**Frank & Cindy  
Sindler**

Frank and Cindy Sindler have been with MTW since 1994. Frank is now regional director for East Africa working with MTW teams and local partners in the region to reach their vision to see healthy regional church planting movements multiply. Frank also writes courses and teaches in pastoral training centers in Africa and manages several other African ministry initiatives. He also helped found and chairs the International Discipleship Coalition that brings together a wide variety of Reformed organizations providing training and resources for churches throughout Africa.

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

- We need many more pastors and ruling elders to help mentor pastors and church planters.
- We need workers to join the agricultural development program (FFF agricultural program); we need interns, specialists and trainers.
- Pray for the start of campus ministry in East Africa. We are organizing selection of candidates for campus ministry and their training in partnership with RUF Global.



