The Lord's Service May 15, 2022

*Standing together is our ordinary practice, but you are welcome to remain seated.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Psalm 135.1-3

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord. give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

*Hymn of Adoration

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 1561, The Anglo-Genevan Psalter (Psalm 100) Hymnal No. 1

*Invocation

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.

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.

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.

God Cleanses Us Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.10-12

by Elder John Wykoff

LEADER: ... when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant - and when you eat and are full,

PEOPLE: ... then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Corporate Confession of Sin found in *Church Practices*, written by Bucer (1539)

> Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. We implore you, remember your goodness and for your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 1.27-31

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News: "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'"

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me 2018, CityAlight, Sydney, Australia See Pg. 7

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Baptism

In baptism, ordinary water represents God's work in the covenant of grace to forgive sins through Spiritual washing and the blood of Jesus. It cannot save. It symbolizes that we belong to Jesus and is commanded of every Christian. A child of Christian parents may be baptized because "household" baptism of the New Testament is similar to circumcision of the Old Testament.

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.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 2.1-5 (p. 983) read by Elder Jon Harris

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Sacrament of Baptism Micah and Hannah Schreiner present Clara Jane for baptism.

Choral Worship

*Doxology

Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song Above Earth's lamentation; I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm While to the Rock I'm clinging; If Love is Lord of Heav'n and Earth, How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Savior, liveth. What though the darkness round me close? A song at night he giveth. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing; It finds an echo in my soul-How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; all things are mine since I am his, how can I keep from singing?

(Robert Lowry, Arr. by John Wykoff)

LASST UNS EFREUEN

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 2.1-22 (p. 528)

¹ My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³ yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸ guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. ⁹Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; ¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; ¹¹ discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you, ¹² delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, ¹³ who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, ¹⁴ who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, ¹⁵ men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways. ¹⁶ So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words,

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. ¹⁷ who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God;
¹⁸ for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the departed;
¹⁹ none who go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life.
²⁰ So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous.
²¹ For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it,

²² but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

BE SAFE

*Hymn of Response

How Firm a Foundation Words: 1787, John Rippon, England Music: ca. 1830, trad. American Melody Hymnal No. 94

*Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism 41 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, why was our Mediator called Jesus? **PEOPLE:** Because He saves his people from their sins.

*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

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me



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 3.1-12.

EVENSONG

Evensong service is Sunday, May 22 at 5 pm followed by a light supper. 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, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 18

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm Children's Ministry Event - O-100 - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - 7pm Session Mtg - O-105 - 8:15 pm

Friday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 21

Erica Hausler Baby Shower - E-104 - 2:30 pm

Sunday, May 22

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Senior Recognition and Reception Sunday School 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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

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



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@cpcpchatt.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 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 22
Front Desk: John Pearce	Front Desk: Stacy Collins
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Sarah Wade (Infant Room) Teva Wooten (Infant Room) Capps Brown (Toddler Room) Melissa Horton (Toddler Room)	Tim & Lauren Warren (Infant Room) Jay & Susan Helton (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Rachel Anderson (Infant Room) Jason Collins (Toddler Room)	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> (Infant Room) Diane Lazor (Toddler Room)



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 18: Good News Club May 25: Water Day (Front Lawn)

GOOD NEWS CLUB

On Wednesday evening, May 18, Good News Club will be holding a club meeting for our own



CPC children. Join us for a fun-filled evening of singing, games, Bible stories, and more.

Be sure to invite a classmate from school or a neighbor to hear the Gospel.



May Midweek Menu

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



CONGRATULATIONS

The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Elianna Eufrasia Gutierrez , daughter of Sam and Lindsey Gutierrez, born May 5.



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

CONVERSATIONS POSTPONED

The Conversations ministry event *The Church in the Age of TikTok* has been postponed due to speaker scheduling conflicts. Be watching for when it is rescheduled and registration is reopened.



BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a Baby

HILL

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.



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



SHINE CAMP VOLUNTEERS

If you are a high schooler who would like to be a camp counselor for the week, or you are a woman who would like to share your enthusiasm and creative talents, we would love to have your help.

Please email Rebekah Bennett at Rebekahjbennett@gmail.com. if you have any questions or want to volunteer.



AMANI YA JUU

Amani ya Juu (*peace from above* in Swahili) is a sewing and training program for marginalized women established in Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, and Liberia. Women at Amani centers come from different circumstances. Some are living as refugees, others have lost family, some are sick with HIV/ AIDS, and most all are widowed. The women are learning to work together through faith in God who provides a peace that transcends all cultural and ethnic differences. Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

• For God's sustaining hand and transformational peace on each center and the women

- For Becky Chinchen and her leadership role with Amani in Nairobi, Kenya
- For Pete and Joanna Vaughn and their leadership roles in Chattanooga
- For a broader and greater client list for Amani products



CHOICES

Choices is a Chattanooga-based ministry seeking to lovingly influence women to choose life-giving alternatives for crisis pregnancies by communicating both God's plan for sexuality and the sanctity of the lives of unborn children. They minister to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Choices also offers confidential counseling, 24-hour hotline, post-abortion counseling, maternity clothes, baby clothes and equipment, educational ultrasounds, medical referrals, childbirth and parenting classes, and a men's ministry.

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For good opportunities with clients, that they make God-honoring decisions
- For strong relations with area churches and fruitful outreach to UTC's campus
- For wisdom for ministry decisions (staff, expansion, finances)
- For more volunteer staff

