

# The Lord's Service

May 29, 2022

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

*A Friend for Sinners*

*arr. by Nicole Doran*

## 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 150.1-6

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!

**PEOPLE:** Praise Him for his mighty deeds;  
praise Him according to his excellent  
greatness!

**LEADER:** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him  
with lute and harp!

**PEOPLE:** Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!

**LEADER:** Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him  
with loud clashing cymbals!

**PEOPLE:** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Words: 1851, Matthew Bridges*

*Music: 1868, George Elvey*

*Hymnal No. 295*

### 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

Matthew 6.24

**LEADER:** No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

**PEOPLE:** **You cannot serve God and money.**

## Corporate Confession of Sin

from Acts 17.28, written by Martin Bucer

**Heavenly Father, hear the prayer we make before you. Drive from our heart and soul all those things that displease you. Enable us to understand that we live and move and have our being in you; and that our sins are so great and so offensive before you, that neither your grace nor your life ever could have been restored to us except through the death of your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

## 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!**

## 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.

## 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 *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord*  
Words: 1987, Edmund Clowney (based on Psalm 24)  
Music: 1904, Charles Stanford  
Hymnal No. 292

## 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

John 14.21-27 (p. 901)  
read by Elder Jason Brown

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

*Bright Morning Stars*

Bright morning stars are rising,  
bright morning stars are rising,  
bright morning stars are rising,  
and day is a-breaking in my soul.

O where are our dear mothers?  
O where are our dear mothers?  
O where are our dear mothers?  
They are sowing seeds of gladness,  
and day is a-breaking in my soul.

O where are our dear fathers?  
O where are our dear mothers?  
They have crossed the river shouting,  
and day is a-breaking in my soul.

Bright morning stars are rising,  
bright morning stars are rising.  
They are all by the streams a-dancing,  
and day is a-breaking in my soul.  
(Parker, 2018 Walton Music Corporation)

### 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.

\*Doxology

*OLD HUNDRETH*

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.

### 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.

Tithes and Offerings

## Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

## Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 3.13-35 (p. 528)

- <sup>13</sup> Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,  
and the one who gets understanding,  
<sup>14</sup> for the gain from her is better than gain from silver  
and her profit better than gold.  
<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
<sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.  
<sup>17</sup> Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called blessed.  
<sup>19</sup> The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;  
by understanding he established the heavens;  
<sup>20</sup> by his knowledge the deeps broke open,  
and the clouds drop down the dew.  
<sup>21</sup> My son, do not lose sight of these—  
keep sound wisdom and discretion,  
<sup>22</sup> and they will be life for your soul  
and adornment for your neck.  
<sup>23</sup> Then you will walk on your way securely,  
and your foot will not stumble.  
<sup>24</sup> If you lie down, you will not be afraid;  
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.  
<sup>25</sup> Do not be afraid of sudden terror  
or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes,  
<sup>26</sup> for the Lord will be your confidence  
and will keep your foot from being caught.  
<sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,  
when it is in your power to do it.  
<sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,  
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.  
<sup>29</sup> Do not plan evil against your neighbor,  
who dwells trustingly beside you.

## 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>30</sup> Do not contend with a man for no reason,  
when he has done you no harm.
- <sup>31</sup> Do not envy a man of violence  
and do not choose any of his ways,
- <sup>32</sup> for the devious person is an abomination to the Lord,  
but the upright are in his confidence.
- <sup>33</sup> The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked,  
but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.
- <sup>34</sup> Toward the scorers he is scornful,  
but to the humble he gives favor.
- <sup>35</sup> The wise will inherit honor,  
but fools get disgrace.

### 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.

### Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

### WISDOM'S VALUE

\*Hymn of Response

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

*Words and Music : 1657, George Neumark*

*Hymnal No. 670*

\*Confession of Faith

*Westminster Larger Catechism 70*

(1647)

### 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.

**LEADER:** Christian, what is justification?

**PEOPLE:** It is the act of God's free grace to sinners by which he pardons all their sins and accepts and looks on them as if they were righteous, not because of anything worked in them or done by them, but because God imputes to them the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, that can only be appropriated by faith.

\*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.*

## 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 4.1-9.

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## MERCY COORDINATOR

Please celebrate with us in the hire of John Spalding as our part-time Mercy Coordinator. John will be handling all of our Mercy Case walk-ins and will assist Pastor Jones and the Mercy Committee with processing mercy requests. You can reach out to John Spalding directly at [JSpalding@cpccchatt.org](mailto:JSpalding@cpccchatt.org).

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, May 29**

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School

### **Monday, May 30**

Church Offices Closed - Memorial Day

### **Wednesday, June 1**

Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - 7 pm  
Session Mtg - O-105 - 8:15 pm

### **Friday, June 3**

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

### **Saturday, June 4**

Men's Breakfast & Yard Game Olympics - O-100  
and Front Lawn - 8:30 am

### **Sunday, June 5**

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

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## MORE INFORMATION

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

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at [office@cpccchatt.org](mailto:office@cpccchatt.org) to make an appointment.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## PART-TIME SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER

We are looking for an additional helper for the 4-year-old + Kindergarten Sunday school class. This helper would be in a rotation with others and would only be committed to one week per month. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpccchatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpccchatt.org).

**MUSIC  CAMP**

**June 6-10**

**Register online  
at [cpccchatt.org](http://cpccchatt.org)**

**SAMSON**  
THE DAY GOD BROUGHT DOWN THE HOUSE!

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - JUNE 5
Front Desk: Stacy Collins	Front Desk: Leanna Cathey
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Emily Calloway (Infant Room) Mac Brown (Toddler Room) Babs Leach (Toddler Room)	Judy Foster (Infant Room) Heather Harris (Infant Room) Adam & JT Cathey (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Sarah McCurry (Infant Room) Maggie Wade (Toddler Room)	David Gernhard (Infant Room) Bonnie Folkening (Toddler Room)

# COVENANT LIFE

## MEN'S BREAKFAST JUNE 4

Join us as the Men's Ministry will host a morning of inspiration and competition. Brian Dennett from AMG International will be the speaker for our Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am. Brian left a very successful career in corporate leadership to move his family to Guatemala where they served on the mission field with AMG for twelve years. Following the breakfast (around 10 am), we hope that all men and boys in Middle School and up will join us for the 2nd annual CPC Men's Ministry Yard Game Olympics. We will compete in two-man teams for great prizes so get your corn hole, ladder ball, and badminton games in order and make plans to join us. Cost: \$5.

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY SURVEY

Please take our short survey. Ladies of ALL ages and stages of life are asked for their feedback, ideas, and suggestions. We want hear from you. Are there gaps or needs? What are we doing that we need to do more of? Scan the QR code to go to the survey or go online to [cpchatt.org/ministry/women](http://cpchatt.org/ministry/women).



## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The June birthday/anniversary calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 26

Members of CPC will be asked to vote on one candidate for the office of deacon and one candidate for the office of elder. These candidates were nominated from the church body during the most recent nomination period. They have spent time engaged in a curriculum of reading, discussion, examination, and prayer in order to prepare themselves for their interview with the elders and their potential service alongside current CPC elders and deacons. The elders have interviewed these men and are now recommending them to you.

Our candidate for deacon is Tim Warren. Our candidate for elder is Rex Wagner.

Visitors are encouraged to attend the congregational meeting. Communing members age 16 and over are invited to take place in the vote.

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Don Sullins on his recent passing.

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Christian sympathy is extended to Steve Knotts and his family on the loss of his brother, Tom Knotts.

# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

## CHATTANOOGA SPORTS MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

Chattanooga Sports Ministries are running an 8 week sports camp for 16 girls and boys teams. They are looking for small groups or families to "adopt-a-team" for the summer. This commitment includes: 1) praying for coaches and players of one team throughout the season and 2) coordinating with the team coach to plan one fun outing, party, or picnic for the team!

Contact **Stefan Arroyo** at 205-907-0985 for more information. He is their Director of Events and Summer Programs.

## Swim Days... at the May's Pool

Each Thursday (June 16 - August 11)  
11 am - 4 pm - Open to all CPC families



Parents, you are responsible for the supervision of your children and for clean-up.

## GOOD NEWS CLUB HELPERS

The team at Good News Club is looking for help this summer as they minister to children throughout Chattanooga. The **specific need is for drivers** to transport youth volunteers to clubs. Summer Good News Clubs run from June 13 – end of July. Each club is 5 days long so they are asking for volunteers that are willing to sign up for one week of driving. Drivers are needed from 9 am -1pm for each week and would transport 2-3 youth volunteers.

If you are interested, please **reach out to Steve Whiting** of Good News Club Chattanooga at 423-622-1736.

## WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY

All ladies are invited to a facilitator led study and discussion of Dr. Gary Yagel's book *Anchoring Your Child to God's Truth in a Gender-Confused Culture*.

It is designed to equip Christians to wisely engage the culture that is shaping youth and children's views of sexuality, so they can help them respond to the gender fluidity taking place in our culture with gospel grace.

We'll meet at CPC on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm beginning June 14. The book is available in paperback as well as Kindle via Amazon.

Contact Alayne Griffin at [alaynes88keys@gmail.com](mailto:alaynes88keys@gmail.com) or 423-400-6226.

# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO



**NoNo & Kate Beale**

Kate and Nono (Nolton) Beale are serving as missionaries with Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico. They each work closely with schools for the deaf. Nono works with students teaching them vocational skills (welding, construction, etc.) Kate and Nono work closely with the school staff, students, and parents by sharing the Gospel, mentoring, and discipling. They also offer ESL classes, Vacation Bible School, sports ministry and medical missions.

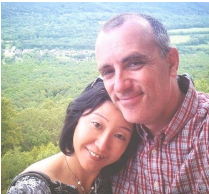
Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- For many volunteers to help
- For safety, especially since Reynosa is considered to be a dangerous area recently
- For more finances to continue to expand the school for the deaf
- That many deaf people in Mexico would learn the Gospel through sign language and come to know Christ



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## CPC MISSIONARIES WITH ELI



**Dan & Mako  
Gilchrist**

Dan and Mako Gilchrist serve with Equipping Leaders International (ELI). Dan serves full-time with the primary responsibility for three training partnerships in Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. He is also responsible for receiving and processing requests from prospective faculty members as well as Christian leaders seeking leadership training partnerships. In addition to her full-time responsibilities as a mother and registrar at a local school, Mako is responsible for ELI's social media communications.

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

- For the nearly 100 Christian leaders and their families in the three leadership networks we serve in Kenya who are struggling in the midst of an on-going drought, now exacerbated by adverse economic effects of Russia's war in Ukraine
- For our upcoming summer trip to Kenya to present a conference to nearly 1000 church leaders. Our son, Tomo, will accompany me on this trip.
- For our work to re-establish the Ghana MINTS program at three study centers; particularly as we return to in-person teaching--scheduled for September 2022
- For fruitful conversations with prospective faculty at the upcoming PCA General Assembly



