# The Lord's Service September 4, 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 98.1-6

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done

marvelous things! His right hand and his holy

arm have worked salvation for him.

PEOPLE: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the

sight of the nations.

LEADER: He has remembered his steadfast love and

faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the

earth; break forth into joyous song and

sing praises!

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the

lyre and the sound of melody!

PEOPLE: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the

Lord!

\*Hymn of Adoration

From All That Dwell below the Skies

Words: based on Psalm 117, by Isaac Watts (1719) Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton (1793)

Hymnal No. 7

\*Invocation

by Elder Nick Lazor

#### 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.

# God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55.2

LEADER: Why do you spend your money for that which is

not bread, and your labor for that which does

not satisfy?

PEOPLE: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Acts 17.28, 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

Romans 8.31-33

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies."

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 begins with silent confession, followed by corporate confession as people equally in need of God's grace.

#### Assurance of Pardon

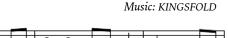
Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

# \*Hymn of Assurance

# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1899)

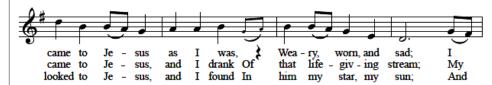
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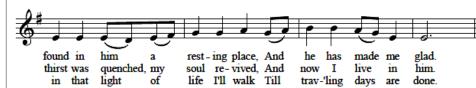


- 1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;
  2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give
- I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be hold, I free ly give The
   I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look



down. O one, lay down Your head up - on breast." wea - ry Stoop down and drink, and live." liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - v one, Ι me, your morn shall rise, all your day bright."





# God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12.13-21 (p. 871) read by Elder Jason Coffey

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Baptism

by Pastor John Jones

Brient and Stephanie Hobbs present James Dee Hobbs for baptism.

Tithes and Offerings

#### 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 Iesus. 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.

# 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 ourselves.

## Offertory

# Shalom Sanctuary Choir

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives; do not be afraid.

(Dan Forrest, 2020, Beckenhorst Press)

## \*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks.

(Henry Smith, 1978, Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

### Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

## Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 11.1-9 (p. 534)

- <sup>1</sup> A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight.
- <sup>2</sup> When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.
- <sup>3</sup> The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.
- <sup>4</sup> Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- <sup>5</sup>The righteousness of the blameless keeps his way straight,

but the wicked falls by his own wickedness.

- <sup>6</sup>The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the treacherous are taken captive by their lust.
- <sup>7</sup> When the wicked dies, his hope will perish, and the expectation of wealth perishes too.
- <sup>8</sup> The righteous is delivered from trouble, and the wicked walks into it instead.

#### 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.

# 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.

<sup>9</sup> With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor,

but by knowledge the righteous are delivered

#### Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

#### SAFETY FOR THE FUTURE

\*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words: Adas Habershon (1861-1918) Music: Matt Merker (2013)



- 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!





## The Lord's Table

\*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (AD 215)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our

Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified,

died, and was buried; He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of

God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living

and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

**GREATOREX** 

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.

#### 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.

† "catholic" -- universal

#### Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 11 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.

#### Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father.

#### Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** We lift them up to the Lord. LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor see Page 10

Words: Anne Steele (1716-1778) Music: Brian T. Murphy

Ministry in Music

William McDaniel, guitar

Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

\*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

# **God Commissions Us**

\*Benediction

by Pastor Jake Bennett

#### 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.

Postlude

# SERMON NOTES

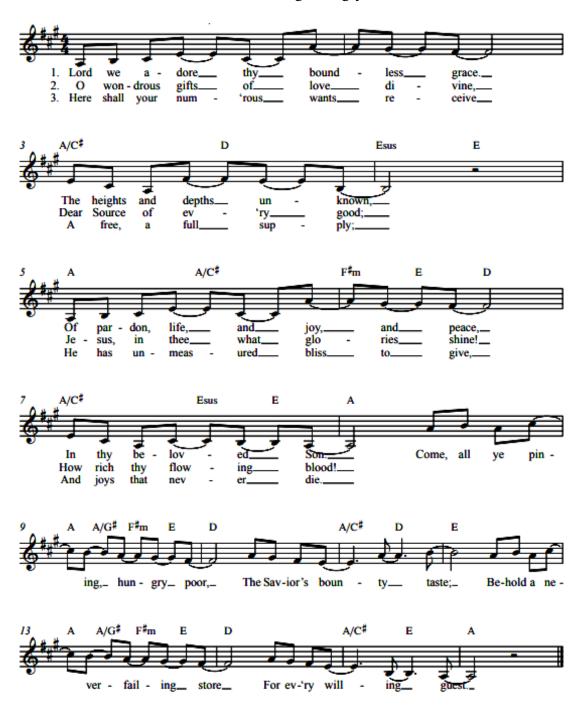
## **Mission Statement of CPC**

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.

# Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor



## WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning!

Join us in the lobby for coffee and fellowship before Sunday school. If you are visiting or are newer to Covenant, there is a class designed for you that meets in the Sanctuary.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor John Jones preaches from Proverbs 11.10-22.

#### For those with children:

Here at Covenant your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Understandably, little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. We have bulletins designed for preschool and elementary ages that are available in the narthex (don't forget the crayons!). A window-enclosed Family Worship Room (on the right side of the sanctuary) is also available for you to use. It is a place for children to be a little louder and more active. You will find resources there to help your children know how to participate in a worship service. A family restroom and a nursing mothers' room are located in the back of this room. A nursery is also available for children 2 years-old and under. Any deacon can direct you there.

# ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients: garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour, and palm oil

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, September 4

Lord's Supper Celebrated Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Sunday School

#### Monday, September 5

Labor Day - Church Offices Closed

#### Tuesday, September 6

Women's Ministry Team Mtg - E-111 - 6:30 pm Ladies' Becoming a Woman of Grace Study -O-105 - 7 pm

#### Wednesday, September 7

CPC Blood Drive - Bloodmobile (Parking Lot) - 4:30 pm Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes Session Mtg - O-105 - 8:15 pm

## Thursday, September 8

Ladies' Timothy and Titus Study - O-105 - 10 am

#### Friday, September 9

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am Five Love Languages of Teens Study - O-105 -10 am

#### Saturday, September 10

Men's Breakfast - O-100 - 8:30 am

#### Sunday, September 11

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Sunday School

# 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.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

# COVENANT LIFE

# CPC BLOOD DRIVE

CPC is partnering with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot this Wednesday, September 7 from 4:30-8:30 pm.



# MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday,
September 10 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
CPC member Steve Hudson will be our featured speaker. Steve's topic: A Look From Inside:
Working on the Early Manned Spaceflight
Program. What was it like to graduate from college and join the Apollo Program team two years before the first moon landing? What were some of the biggest challenges, particularly related to the computers, to reach the moon?
Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this encouraging time of fellowship. All young men from the youth ministry are invited to join us as well. Cost: \$5.

# CONNECT GROUPS

This fall, our Connect groups are restarting to meet regularly! We hope that you will consider being a part of this shepherding ministry.

To help us discern interest, would you please let us know by filling out a Connect form on our website at cpcchatt.org/connect.

If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Jake Bennett or Jon Harris.

# GOOD NEWS CLUB VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Two or three teachers/helpers are needed for Good News Club at Ooltewah Elementary School (K-2) from approximately 3-5 pm on Thursday afternoons.

Please contact John Herberich or Diane Lazor if you would like to be on the team. If you are a returning volunteer please register on the CEF website.

Also, there will be a new volunteer training on September 17 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. The training will take place at New Covenant Fellowship (1326 North Moore Road, Chattanooga). Register online at www.cefchattanooga.org/volunteer.

# COVENANT LIFE

# WM FALL SEMINAR

Ladies, save the date for our Fall Seminar. It will be on Saturday, October 8. We will gather here to enjoy an amazing guest speaker, fellowship, and yummy food. Invite your friends from other churches, neighbors, or coworkers to join us. It will be a special time together.

# PARENTS OF TEENS STUDY

Tracy Horton is leading a study of Gary Chapman's book *The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers*. Socially, mentally, and spiritually, teenagers face a variety of pressures and stresses each day. Despite these pressures, it is still parents who can influence teens the most. Tracy wants to help equip parents to make the most of that opportunity.

This study begins Friday, September 9 at 10 am in O-105. Please contact Heather Morrison to sign up for this study.

# MARRIAGE RETREAT

We still have a few available spaces for the Marriage Retreat (September 16-18). Don't miss this incredible opportunity to be encouraged and to fellowship with other couples. To register, visit cpcchatt.org. Scholarships are available. Contact Heather Harris at jeh1224@aol.com for more information

# COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESS

If you have a student who is in college or a technical school, would you please send us their college address or let us know if they live at home? We are updating our list of college students and would love to make sure that their address is current in order that their church family can send them a note of encouragement.

# OCC SEPTEMBER COLLECTION

We are collecting these supplies this month. The collection cart is in the Admin Hallway.

- Plastic bowls
- Spoons
- Forks
- Small cups
- Water bottles
- Small containers for food

# CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

# CHILDREN'S REGISTRATION

Fall classes are beginning! Every child from 3 years-old through entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade must be registered before attending a Sunday School or Midweek class. If you have any questions, contact our Children's Ministry Director Sarah Southard at SSouthard@cpcchatt.org.

To access the form:

- Visit cpcchatt.org/ ministry/children to find a link to the form
- Scan the QR code



# NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpcchatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

NURSERY – TODAY	NURSERY – SEPTEMBER 11			
Front Desk: Leanna Cathey	Front Desk: Becky Pearce			
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am				
Connie Hildebrand (Infant Room) Melissa Horton (Infant Room) Jim Hildebrand (Toddler Room) Carson Pearce (Toddler Room)	Ellie Wright (Infant Room) Lisa Wright (Infant Room) Matt Wright (Toddler Room) Sophie Wright (Toddler Room)			
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm				
Lauren Warren (Infant Room) Mindy Haywood (Toddler Room)	Jay & Susan Helton (Infant Room) David Gernhard (Toddler Room)			

# MIDWEEK

# MIDWEEK MEAL INGREDIENTS

In an effort to simplify Wednesday evening meal prep for our kitchen staff and avoid possible allergic reactions, we are asking those with allergy issues or dietary restrictions who wish to know the ingredients of meals beforehand to sign up for a weekly email. This email will include the ingredients used in preparing the meal and if any adaptations are available (gluten free, dairy free, etc.).

Even if a particular meal doesn't work for you, please feel free to bring a meal that does and join us for fellowship. If you wish to be added to this list, please email Nicky Lewin, our Kitchen Services Coordinator, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

# SUGGESTED DONATION

Our Midweek Meal is a great way to connect during the week. The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can. If you are able to donate more as a blessing to others, it is appreciated. Visitors enjoy a free meal.

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online (cpcchatt.org/give or scan QR code)





**September 7:** Chicken Gyros, Grilled Flatbread, Greek Salad Bar, Chocolate Pudding

September 14: Cobb Salad Bar (Chicken Nuggets for Kids), Rosemary Sourdough Bread, Banana Pudding

**September 21:** Sesame Noodles with Grilled Chicken, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Brownies & Ice Cream

September 28: Stromboli with Marinara, Creamed Spinach, Italian Salad Bar, Fruit Crumble Bars

# MIDWEEK OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us for a meal, fellowship, and learning around God's Word.

Visit cpcchatt.org/covenant-life/midweek for a full list of classes, opportunities, and schedule.

# FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Children's Classes

Nursery: newborn to 36 months (led by Bekah Gernhard)

2 & 3 Year-Olds (led by Millie Sanders, Nursery)

**4Year-olds - Fifth Grade** are located 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Education Wing (E-201-E212)

- 4 Year-Old and Kindergarten Class (led by Jon Arbuckle, Esther McEachern, & Sarah Wade)
- 1st Grade Class (led by Chris & Tara Rimondi)
- 2nd Grade Class (led by Tammy Knotts & Brenda Keith)
- 3rd Grade Class (led by Jean Marshall & Allison Colberg)
- 4th Grade Class (led by Timothy Gambrell & Anna Yonkofski)
- 5th Grade Class (led by Woody & Sharon Brauer)

# Youth Classes Middle School (Grade 6-8) & High School (Grade 9-12)

Middle School Boys (led by volunteer teachers, O-205)

Middle School Girls (led by Emily Calloway, O-203)

High School (led by Ryan Hamilton, Justin Martin, Diane Lazor, & Heather Morrison, O-210)

#### **Youth Classes**

- **Essentials** (led by Pastor John Jones, Sanctuary) This class is an overview of Covenant Presbyterian Church, as well as the Presbyterian Church in America, designed for visitors and those considering membership.
- **College -Age Fellowship** (led by Tim & Bonnie Schoap, O-207) Study: The Truth Project The years from high school graduation through the mid-20s are a pivotal time in life, a time of greater freedom and openness as well as deeper challenges and struggles, and we want to come alongside you for the journey.

Galatians (led by Dr. Lamar Allen, O-105) In-person and Zoom option available.

- **Five Points of Calvinism** (led by Ernie Brown & Dee Hobbs, E-106) *The Five Points of Calvinism* is an excellent introductory work on "The Doctrines of Grace" also generally referred to as Calvinism. This doctrine explains God's design of how sinners are saved.
- **Hosea** (Ladies class led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, & Lois Crenshaw, E-111) Hosea makes clear its repetitious theme: though God will bring judgment on sin, He will always bring His people back to Himself.
- **Every Good Endeavor** (led by Jason Coffey, Choir Room) *Every Good Endeavor*, by Tim Keller, views our pre-fall mandate to work and how we do that for the glory of God by applying work theology to everyday life as workers, employers, etc.
- **Second Corinthians** (led by Ken Henry, O-104) 2 Corinthians encourages believers to embrace and follow the way of Jesus that transforms lives and values generosity, humility, and weakness.

# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES IN SENSITIVE AREA



Kevin & May

Due to the sensitive areas in which these missionaries serve, their picture and last names are withheld.

Kevin and May serve with Pioneers. Pioneer missionaries use innovative and creative means to bring the gospel to hard to reach countries. Kevin and May worked for a number of years among a Muslim people group in a large Asian nation. They had to leave that country but continued working with that people group here in the US. Recently, they finished language training in Jordan to enhance their ability to minister among Muslims. They are exploring

opportunities to serve displaced Uyghurs.

Who are the Uyghurs? There are about 12 million Uyghurs, mostly Muslim, living in Xinjiang (northwest China). It is a region that is considered autonomous, in theory (like Tibet). In recent years it has been reported that China has systematically begun targeting the Uyghurs--detaining, interning into re-education camps, imprisoning, sterilizing, and even executing them.

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

- For God to give them strength and wisdom in learning and communicating in foreign languages
- For God to prepare and soften the heart of those they share the gospel with
- For health, safety when traveling, and strength from the Lord when encountering spiritual warfare

## HARVEST USA

Harvest USA brings the truth and mercy of Jesus Christ by helping individuals and families affected by sexual struggles and by providing resources that address biblical sexuality to individuals and churches. They partner with and equip the Church in bringing the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of those affected by sexual sin. Harvest USA seeks to be a resource to the local church, equipping individual congregations and the Church at large to better care for and disciple those affected by sexual brokenness. They provide excellent resources through blogs, videos, seminars, presentations, and books to support and strengthen the Church.

Visit their website to see a full listing of available resources: www.harvestusa.org

Pray for this agency as it pursues God's glory in our current culture.

