

The Lord's Service

September 11, 2022

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

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 95.1-7

LEADER: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a
joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with
songs of praise!

LEADER: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King
above all gods.

PEOPLE: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

LEADER: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands
formed the dry land.

PEOPLE: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

LEADER: For he is our God,

PEOPLE: And we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn of Adoration

Creation Sings the Father's Song

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend, 2008

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*Invocation

by Elder Nick Lazor

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.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *The Valley of Vision* by Bennett (1975)

**O Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb. We remain in the foothills when we should be on the heights. We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race; sullied consciences, wasted hours, and unspent opportunities. We are blind to the light shining around us. Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our stony hearts of unbelief. Make it our highest joy to study you, to meditate on you, to gaze on you, to sit like Mary at Your feet, to lean like John on your breast, to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things but as rubbish. We believe. Help our unbelief.
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

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.

**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.

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!

***Hymn of Assurance**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Hymnal No. 498

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 5.1-16 (p. 809)

read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*If Ye Love Me
Sanctuary Choir*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,

And I will pray the Father,

And he shall give you another comforter,

That he may bide with you forever,

Ev'n the spirit of truth.

(from John 14.15-16, Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585)

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**

TALLIS CANON

Hymnal 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.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 11.10-22 (p. 535)

- ¹⁰ When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of
gladness.
- ¹¹ By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.
- ¹² Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.
- ¹³ Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing
covered.
- ¹⁴ Where there is no guidance, a people falls,
but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.
- ¹⁵ Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely
suffer harm,
but he who hates striking hands in pledge is secure.
- ¹⁶ A gracious woman gets honor,
and violent men get riches.
- ¹⁷ A man who is kind benefits himself,
but a cruel man hurts himself.
- ¹⁸ The wicked earns deceptive wages,
but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.
- ¹⁹ Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live,
but he who pursues evil will die.
- ²⁰ Those of crooked heart are an abomination to the Lord,
but those of blameless ways are his delight.
- ²¹ Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished,
but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.
- ²² Like a gold ring in a pig's snout
is a beautiful woman without discretion.

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

HAPPINESS IN COMMUNITY

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.

*Hymn of Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Words: John Fawcett, 1782

Music: DENNIS, Hans G. Nägeli, 1773-1836

Hymnal No. 359

*Confession of Faith

1 Corinthians 8.6

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: For us there is one God, the Father, from
whom are all things and for whom we exist,
and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom
are all things and through whom we exist.

*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.

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.

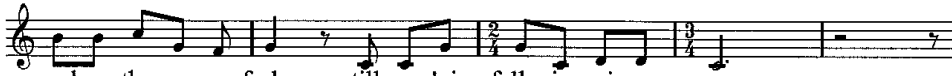
Vision Statement of CPC

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.

Creation Sings the Father's Song



1. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
2. Cre - a - tion gazed up - on His face; the age - less One in time's em - brace
3. Cre - a - tion longs for His re - turn, when Christ 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!

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 11.23-31.

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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 11

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School

Tuesday, September 13

Senior Saints Visitation - O-100 - 11:30 am
Ladies' Becoming a Woman of Grace Study -
O-105 - 7 pm

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

Marriage Retreat

Sunday, September 18

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Deacons Mtg - E-104 - 12:30 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.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

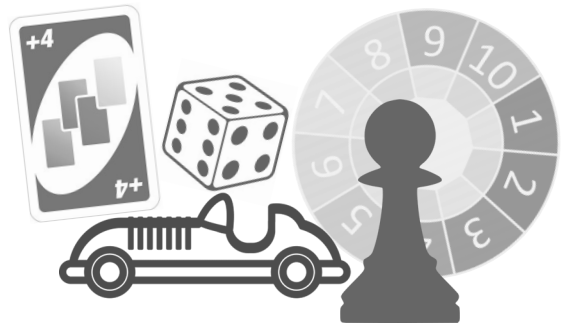
Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpccchatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

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.



Mark your calendars for an evening of games and fellowship! We will meet Saturday, September 24 at 7 pm. Bring your favorite game to play and a snack to share.



NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - SEPTEMBER 18
Front Desk: Becky Pearce	Front Desk: Bekah Gernhard
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Ellie Wright (Infant Room) Lisa Wright (Infant Room) Matt Wright (Toddler Room) Sophie Wright (Toddler Room)	Camille Ambrose (Infant Room) Iris Haywood (Infant Room) Debby Gardner (Toddler Room) Bea Sanders (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Jay & Susan Helton (Infant Room) David Gernhard (Toddler Room)	Rachel Anderson (Infant Room) Vangie Wykoff (Infant Room) Hans Anderson (Toddler Room)

COVENANT LIFE

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.

SENIOR SAINTS VISITATION

You are invited to join us as we visit our Senior Saints who are not often able to attend Covenant. We will meet at the church Tuesday, September 13 at 11:30 am to gather the gifts and goodies we plan to deliver and organize pairs to go together. If you are interested, please contact Judy Foster (423-645-1086 or grammiesno1@live.com).

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 E-111. Please contact Heather Morrison to sign up for this study.

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



Do you love to "Pass Go and collect \$200?" Or maybe you like to hear others cry, "You sank my battleship!" If you do, we are hosting a Family Board Game Night for all who are interested.

Join us for board games and pizza--the fun begins at 5:30 pm! It will be an opportunity to learn new, group board games together and meet new friends. Bring your favorite board game or just show up and join us!



EVENSONG

Our next Evensong service is Sunday, September 25 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.

THANK YOU

"Becky and I would like to extend a huge *Thank You* to every one for their generous outpouring of cards, calls, food and support surrounding my back surgery. I am feeling much better and am able to walk unassisted and can now navigate stairs. Praise God for his faithfulness."

~Tom and Becky Erndt

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Adam Cathey and his family on the loss of his father, Charles Cathey.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Susan Gunter on the loss of their wife, mother, and grandmother.

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

MIDWEEK

MIDWEEK OPPORTUNITIES

Midweek is back! Please join us on Wednesday evenings 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.



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 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)



OUTREACH

CPC MISSIONARY IN WALES



Emma Kate

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

Emma Kate serves with Pioneers and shares Christ with Muslim women in Cardiff, Wales. She is active in a strong evangelical church in the city and develops relationships with women among the large Muslim community in Cardiff. CPC's support of Emma Kate's ministry grows out

of our increased focus on evangelism and church planting in post-Christian Europe, particularly emphasizing the UK.

Please pray for her and this ministry in these particular ways:

- For her visa to be renewed in a timely manner.
- For the Spirit to soften the hearts of the women she encounters to respond to the gospel.
- For her and the ladies she works amongst to be encouraged by God's work going on in the Muslim community, despite strong opposition.



CPC MISSIONARIES WITH ELI



Dan & Susan Steere

The Steeres have served the Lord in various capacities in and outside of the United States, including Christian education as teachers and administrators, in the pastorate, and now training leaders overseas. Dan is an ordained minister in the PCA. Susan is a member of CPC and from time to time is a substitute teacher at a couple of Christian schools. The vision of Equipping Leaders International is to equip national pastors in developing countries by using the large pool of well-trained Bible teachers available in the U.S. As the West

Africa Project Director for ELI, Dan not only trains leaders in West Africa, but he also recruits part-time teachers here in this country.

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

- For Dan as he currently is ministering and teaching in Ghana.
- For recruitment of more full-time ELI missionaries
- For them as grandparents, being able to pour God's love into their young lives.
- For the expansion of financial support for the ministry.
- For wisdom in planning, future trips, safety, fruitfulness, and separation.



