

# The Lord's Service

January 1, 2023

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle - The Phil Wade Family

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

Revelation 19.6-7

**LEADER:** Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

**PEOPLE:** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
*Words: James Montgomery (1816, 1825)*  
*Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart (1867)*  
*Hymnal No. 218*

### 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 Woody Brauer

# God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.10-12

**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.

## Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Book of Common Prayer*, London, 1552

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.1-4

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in

## 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.

the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

\*Hymn of Assurance

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

*Words: English carol, 18<sup>th</sup> century*

*Music: GOD REST YOU MERRY, English melody (18<sup>th</sup> century)*

*Hymnal No. 211*

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22.34-39 (p. 828)

read by Elder Dee Hobbs

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild*

*Melody: J.S. Bach*

*Arranged: Rebecca Groom te Velde*

*Evangeline Wykoff, organist*

\*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.

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Ken Henry

### Scripture Lesson

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

### 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.

### 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.

<sup>21.41</sup> The cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the people of Israel were in all forty-eight cities with their pasturelands. <sup>42</sup> These cities each had its pasturelands around it. So it was with all these cities.

<sup>43</sup> Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. <sup>44</sup> And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. <sup>45</sup> Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

<sup>22.1</sup> At that time Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “You have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you. <sup>3</sup> You have not forsaken your brothers these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the Lord your God. <sup>4</sup> And now the Lord your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them. Therefore turn and go to your tents in the land where your possession lies, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan. <sup>5</sup> Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.” <sup>6</sup> So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

<sup>7</sup> Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half Joshua had given a possession beside their brothers in the land west of the Jordan. And when Joshua sent them away to their homes and blessed them, <sup>8</sup> he said to them, “Go

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

back to your tents with much wealth and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.”<sup>9</sup> So the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home, parting from the people of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, their own land of which they had possessed themselves by command of the Lord through Moses.

<sup>10</sup> And when they came to the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of imposing size.<sup>11</sup> And the people of Israel heard it said, “Behold, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that belongs to the people of Israel.”<sup>12</sup> And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war against them.

<sup>13</sup> Then the people of Israel sent to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,<sup>14</sup> and with him ten chiefs, one from each of the tribal families of Israel, every one of them the head of a family among the clans of Israel.<sup>15</sup> And they came to the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they said to them,<sup>16</sup> “Thus says the whole congregation of the Lord, ‘What is this breach of faith that you have committed against the God of Israel in turning away this day from following the Lord by building yourselves an altar this day in rebellion against the Lord?’<sup>17</sup> Have we not had enough of the sin at Peor from which even yet we have not cleansed ourselves, and for which there came a plague upon the congregation of the Lord,<sup>18</sup> that you too must turn away this day from following the Lord? And if you

too rebel against the Lord today then tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. <sup>19</sup> But now, if the land of your possession is unclean, pass over into the Lord's land where the Lord's tabernacle stands, and take for yourselves a possession among us. Only do not rebel against the Lord or make us as rebels by building for yourselves an altar other than the altar of the Lord our God. <sup>20</sup> Did not Achan the son of Zerah break faith in the matter of the devoted things, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? And he did not perish alone for his iniquity.”

<sup>21</sup> Then the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh said in answer to the heads of the families of Israel, <sup>22</sup> “The Mighty One, God, the Lord! The Mighty One, God, the Lord! He knows; and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith against the Lord, do not spare us today <sup>23</sup> for building an altar to turn away from following the Lord. Or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings or peace offerings on it, may the Lord himself take vengeance. <sup>24</sup> No, but we did it from fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, ‘What have you to do with the Lord, the God of Israel? <sup>25</sup> For the Lord has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you, you people of Reuben and people of Gad. You have no portion in the Lord.’ So your children might make our children cease to worship the Lord. <sup>26</sup> Therefore we said, ‘Let us now build an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, <sup>27</sup> but to be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we do perform the service of the Lord in his presence with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings, so your children will not say to our children in time to come, “You have no portion in the Lord.”’ <sup>28</sup> And we thought, ‘If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we should say, “Behold, the copy of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifice, but to be a witness between us and you.”’ <sup>29</sup> Far be it from us

that we should rebel against the Lord and turn away this day from following the Lord by building an altar for burnt offering, grain offering, or sacrifice, other than the altar of the Lord our God that stands before his tabernacle!”

<sup>30</sup> When Phinehas the priest and the chiefs of the congregation, the heads of the families of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh spoke, it was good in their eyes. <sup>31</sup> And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh, “Today we know that the Lord is in our midst, because you have not committed this breach of faith against the Lord. Now you have delivered the people of Israel from the hand of the Lord.”

<sup>32</sup> Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs, returned from the people of Reuben and the people of Gad in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought back word to them. <sup>33</sup> And the report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. And the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them to destroy the land where the people of Reuben and the people of Gad were settled. <sup>34</sup> The people of Reuben and the people of Gad called the altar Witness, “For,” they said, “it is a witness between us that the Lord is God.”

### 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 Dr. Render Caines, *Pastor Emeritus*

## ASSUMING AND IMAGINING

\*Hymn of Response

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Words: Isaac Watts (1719)*

*Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft (1678-1727)*

*Hymnal No. 30*

# The Lord's Table

\*Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism, 1*  
(1563)

**LEADER:** Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**PEOPLE:** That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## 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 13 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.*

## 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.**

## 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.

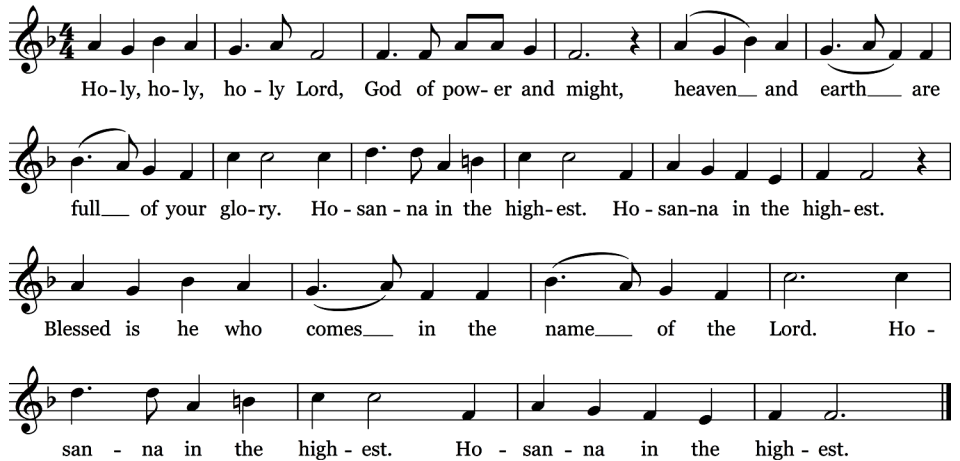
## Sursum Corda

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



## Song of Ascent

## Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven\_ and earth\_ are  
full\_ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.  
Blessed is he who comes\_ in the name\_ of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Institution and Prayer

### Hymn for Distribution

### *When Love Came Down to Earth*

*Words and Music: Stuart Townend (2001)*

*see Page 12*

### 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 Dr. Render Caines

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.*

When Love Came Down to Earth



1. When love came down to earth and made His home with  
2. When ev - ery un - clean thought, and ev - ery sin - ful  
3. Come lay your heav - y load down at the Mas - ter's



men, the hope - less found a hope, the sin - ner found a  
deed wasscourged up - on His back and ham - mered through His  
feet; your shame will be removed. Your joy will be com -



friend. Not to the pow - er - ful but to the poor He  
feet. The in - no - cent is cursed, the guilt - y are re -  
plete. Come cru - ci - fy your pride, and en - ter as a



came, and hum - ble hun - gry hearts were sat - is - fied a  
leased; the pun - ish - ment of God, on God, has brought us  
child; For those who bow down low He'll lift up to His



gain.  
peace. What joy, what peace has come to  
side.



us! What hope, what help, what love! \_\_\_\_\_

## WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please take a moment to fill out one of the Connection Cards located in each pew.

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

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Jake Bennett preaches from 2 Corinthians 1.1-2.

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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 a special bulletin designed for these Little Theologians. They 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. A family restroom and a nursing mothers' room are located in the back of this room. A nursery is available to children who were born after September 1, 2019. Any deacon can direct you there.

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## ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients:  
tapioca starch, water, potato starch, potato flakes, palm oil, honey, egg yolks, natural vinegar, salt

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, January 1** - *New Year's Day*

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

### **Monday, January 2**

Church Offices Closed

### **Tuesday, January 3**

Youth Girls Fellowship - O-210- 11 am

### **Wednesday, January 4**

Youth Guys Fellowship - O-210- 11 am  
Young Adult Fellowship - O-100 - 6 pm  
Session Mtg - O-105 - 7 pm

### **Friday, January 6**

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am  
First Friday Fellowship - Panda Express - 11:30 am

### **Sunday, January 8**

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Town Hall Meeting - Sanctuary - following worship

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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.

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

# COVENANT LIFE

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Please join us in the Sanctuary next Sunday, January 8 as the Session and staff host a townhall meeting during the Sunday School hour. Nursery will be available.

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## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Monday, January 2 for New Year's. Also, no newsletter will be published this week due to the shortened holiday work schedule.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

All Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 15.

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## MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION

The Men's Ministry is hosting a Winter Retreat at Johnston Woods on January 20-21. We will focus on *Who We Are in Christ*. Dr. Herb Ward will be our special guest speaker.

Sign up online at [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org). The cost is \$50 to attend. Scholarships are available. High school boys are invited to join us, and their attendance is FREE.

Make plans to join us for this rich weekend of teaching and fellowship.

## CHRISTMAS CARD STAMPS

Please remember to save your Christmas Card stamps. Bring them to the church office. Used stamps are trimmed and sent to be processed and re-sold with proceeds going to finance Spanish language Sunday School curriculum in Latin America.

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## 2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

Like last year, all giving statements will be sent digitally to the e-mail address we have on record in ShelbyNext. If you would like your giving statement to be mailed or have any questions, please contact Becky Pearce at [BPearce@cpcchatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpcchatt.org).

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## BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The January calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

# MIDWEEK

## COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

College students and young adults are invited to come together for a night of fellowship on January 4 at 6 pm. We will meet at La Altea (8644 East Brainerd Road, Suite 120 - in Publix shopping center). Dinner provided!

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## MIDWEEK IN THE NEW YEAR

All regular Midweek activities and classes are paused until mid-January.

Choir rehearsal will resume Wednesday, January 11 at 6:45 pm.

Midweek will begin again on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 pm with our regular meal.

Be watching for details about the upcoming activities and classes that will be offered in 2023.

## CPC BLOOD DRIVE

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot on Wednesday, January 18 from 4:30-8:30 pm.

Please be sure to sign-up for your appointment time by visiting [bloodassurance.org/covenant](https://bloodassurance.org/covenant).

You can also scan this QR Code or contact Sherry Baiert (email: [love2walk@comcast.net](mailto:love2walk@comcast.net) or call: 423-899-5377).



On the day of donation, don't forget to eat a good meal, avoid energy drinks, drink extra water, and to bring your ID with you.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## CPC YOUTH FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

All Youth homeschool students are invited to join us for a time of fellowship. We will plan to meet the first Friday of each month and get lunch. Parents are welcome! We will meet at Panda Express (2260 Gunbarrel Road) on Friday, January 6 from 11:30 am - 1 pm.

## JANUARY GET TOGETHERS

Before students head back to school in the New Year, we want you to be able to fellowship and laugh together. On Tuesday, January 3 at 11 am, Youth girls will get an opportunity to meet together for lunch and games. The Youth guys are invited to come for lunch and games on Wednesday, January 4 at 11 am.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at [nursery@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:nursery@cpcc chatt.org) and let her know when you are available to serve.

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - JANUARY 8
Front Desk: Bekah Gernhard	Front Desk: Bekah Gernhard
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Mindy Haywood (Infant Room) Stephen Haywood (Infant Room) Debby Gardner (Toddler Room) Iris Haywood (Toddler Room)	Babs Leach (Infant Room) Solstice Wilson (Infant Room) Danielle Doran (Toddler Room) Grace Doran (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
----- No Sunday School -----	Jason Collins (Infant Room) Stacy Collins (Infant Room) Emily Calloway (Toddler Room)



# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES WITH MTW



**Tom & Ann Austin**

Tom and Ann have been with Mission to the World since 1983, when they answered God's call to life-long missions in Africa. They are now bringing their 25 years of experience in Africa to an MTW team of international missionaries. This team is committed to developing innovative strategies in training and theological education in order to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century Church around the world. Tom's primary responsibility is to coordinate this work in Africa.

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

- For Global Training and Development's (GTD) newer, innovative leadership program
- For international traveling mercies
- For their adult daughters (Anna and Becca) and their families
- For physical health and spiritual vigor

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## CPC MISSIONARIES TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS



**James & Karen  
Ashley**

James and Karen serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators and live and work among the Sa'a people on the island of Small Malaita in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. They learned the Sa'a language and worked with national partners to translate the New Testament. As a translation consultant, James checks translations for accuracy and clarity, helping translation teams find ways to improve their translations and continually develop their skills. Karen works as a linguistics specialist assisting their colleagues in nailing down a conscious understanding of the unique grammar system of the language in which they are working, providing a good foundation for Bible translation work.

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

- For continuing culture, linguistic, and administrative challenges in the field
- For encouragement, well-being, and faithfulness in the sometimes arduous work of Bible translation
- For their grown (State-side) children and separation issues
- For effectiveness in helping language groups within the Solomons reach their goals

