

# The Lord's Service

January 8, 2023

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

## Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

*We Three Kings  
Bell Choir*

## 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 92.1-4

**LEADER:** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing  
praises to your name, O Most High; to declare  
your steadfast love in the morning, and your  
faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute  
and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**PEOPLE:** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by  
your work; at the works of your hands I  
sing for joy.

**\*Hymn of Adoration**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

*Words: William C. Dix, 1860*

*Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838;  
arranged by William H. Monk, 1861*

*Hymnal No. 226*

### 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

Psalm 33.16-17

**LEADER:** The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
**PEOPLE:** The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

## Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Strassburg Liturgy* (1539)

**Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great.  
Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1-2

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”  
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 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning***

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Tune: "Star in the East" from The Southern Harmony, 1835

see Page 8

## 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

Isaiah 56.1-8 (p. 616)

read by Elder Dee Hobbs

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

### 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.

### Sacrament of Baptism

by Pastor Jake Bennett

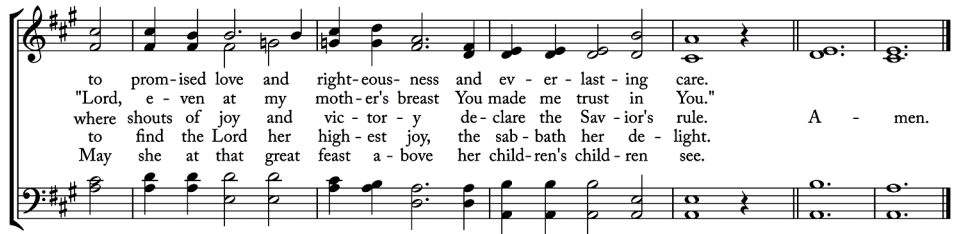
*Wesley and Grace Durgin present Lydia Margaret for baptism.*

### Hymn

*This Lamb, Good Shepherd*



1. This lamb, Good Shep - herd, is Your own, a ho - ly one, an heir  
2. May she in awe of cove - nant grace sing Da - vid's song a - new:  
3. Make her's a home where love pro - vides a shel - ter, temp - le, school,  
4. O let the Chur - ch's love and zeal in - spire this child of light  
5. In - cline her heart to God - ly fear that she from sin might flee;



to prom - ised love and right - eous - ness and ev - er - last - ing care.  
"Lord, e - ven at my moth - er's breast You made me trust in You."  
where shouts of joy and vic - tor - y de - clare the Sav - ior's rule. A - men.  
to find the Lord her high - est joy, the sab - bath her de - light.  
May she at that great feast a - bove her child - ren's child - ren see.

Richard Hannula

BRYONIE  
John Wykoff

### 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

### *Three Kings From Persian Lands Afar*

*Words and Music: Peter Cornelius, 1824-1874*

*Arranged by Ivor Atkins, 1930*

*Chancel Choir*

Solo:

Three kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travelers three,  
Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.

Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou, child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The kings are traveling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not  
bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant king.

Choir:

How brightly shines the morning star!  
With grace and truth from heaven afar  
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.  
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,  
My soul with love o'erfloweth.  
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

## \*Doxology

### *TALLIS' CANON*

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 Elder Ken Henry

### **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.

## 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.

## Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 1.1-2 (p. 964)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the  
saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

## TO A NEEDY CHURCH

### \*Hymn of Response

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Words: *Ada Habershon, 1861- 1918 (vs. 1-2)*  
and *Matt Merker, 2013 (vs. 3)*

Music: *Matt Merker, 2013*

*see Page 9*

### \*Confession of Faith      Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.1 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **It pleased God in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world. Unto whom He did from all eternity give a people to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

### \*Gloria Patri

*MEINEKE*

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

2 Corinthians 13.14  
by Pastor Jake Bennett

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of  
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

**Title:** To a Needy Church

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 1.1-2\*

The Lord loves hurting sinners.

By delivering grace and peace to sinners (vs. 2)

By declaring sinners as saints (vs. 1)

*\*For additional historical information about the city of Corinth in Scripture, see Acts 18.1-18, Acts 19.1, 1 Corinthians 1.1-2, 1 Corinthians 5.9, 2 Corinthians 1.23-2.4, and 2 Corinthians 7.8-12.*

## **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.*

## Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing  
 2. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 3. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,



dawn - on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 myrrh from the for - est, and the gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

### REFRAIN



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



# He Will Hold Me Fast



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!

## Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

## 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 1.4-7.

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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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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

All Sunday School classes resume next Sunday, January 15. Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) and navigate through the Covenant Life tab to the Sunday school page for the complete listing of upcoming classes and topics.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 8

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Town Hall Meeting - Sanctuary - following worship

### Tuesday, January 10

WM Team Mtg - E-111- 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, January 11

Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - 6:45 pm

### Friday, January 13

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

Five Love Languages of Teens Study - E-111 - 10 am

### Sunday, January 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School Resumes

Connect Facilitator Meeting - O-100 - 12:15 pm

Deacons Mtg - O-105 - 12:30 pm

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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 & BREAKOUTS

Please join us immediately following the service for a brief Town Hall Meeting in the Sanctuary. The Session will give an update on our pastoral transition and plans for moving forward.

Following the Session update, we will have smaller Ministry Breakout Sessions to discuss plans for the Spring Semester. Please review the list below and choose a session to attend. If there is a second breakout that you would like to have attended, please contact that ministry leader directly for any updates.

- Children's Ministry - Room E-104  
(Led by Sara Southard)
- Men's Ministry - Room O-207  
(Led by Jay Fowler)
- Missions Ministry - Room O-105  
(Led by Dan Steere)
- Music Ministry - Choir Room  
(Led by John Wykoff)
- Shelby Next Questions/Info - Becky Pearce's office (led by Becky Pearce)
- Women's Ministry - Room E-106  
(Led by Bev Fowler)
- Youth Ministry - Room O-210  
(Led by Ryan Hamilton)

While parents are attending the breakouts, children should be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall, if not attending a session with their parents. Teens are encouraged to meet with Heather Morrison in her office for doughnuts and further instructions.

## 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).

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Suni Choi-Kim and her family on the loss of her husband, Chung Shik Kim. They had been recently living near a daughter in New Jersey.

## THANK YOU

“To our Covenant family, thank you so much for all of your love through cards, texts, phone calls, meals, and prayers during my recent recovery and our home difficulties. Your concern and practical care have meant so much and been a daily reminder of God’s sweet provision for us.

-- Barbara Vandergriff

## CONVERSATIONAL MEETINGS

Scan the QR Code to sign-up for a Conversational Meeting with an elder. More information will be given during the Town Hall Meeting.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MIDWEEK CLASSES RESTART

Sunday School for all ages resume next week, January 15 following worship. Midweek classes will begin on January 18.

While we have enjoyed a brief time for celebrating and recharging, the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry leaders are eager to start back.

Following the all-church Town Hall Meeting this morning, these ministries will each have breakout meetings to discuss what to expect this coming semester.

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

It is almost time to start registering for Youth Summer Camps. How is this even possible!!

Dates and details for the Middle and High School camps will be posted soon. Be watching for more information.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - JANUARY 15
Front Desk: Bekah Gernhard	Front Desk: Lauren Warren
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Babs Leach (Infant Room) Solstice Wilson (Infant Room) Danielle Doran (Toddler Room) Grace Doran (Toddler Room)	Camille Ambrose (Infant Room) Betta Cook (Infant Room) Capps Brown (Toddler Room) Ezra Harris (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Lorelei Bradley Emily Calloway	Catherine Coffey (Infant Room) Bonnie Folkening (Infant Room)

# MIDWEEK

## MIDWEEK IN THE NEW YEAR

Choir rehearsal resumes this Wednesday, January 11 at 6:45 pm.

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

Visit the Midweek page on [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for a full listing of all offered activities.

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## IRON MAN CLASS

Men are invited to join us for a time of prayer and study in O-207 at 6:45 pm. Scott Barber will facilitate a discussion on the book *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. The book looks at the question, “*Have Christians lost a sense of the seriousness of sin by becoming so focused on major sins of our culture that we fail to address our own, more subtle sins?*” Books will be made available during the first class meeting.

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## SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

Join us for a unique class on Temperaments, Character, and Spiritual Gifts led by Dr. Lamar Allen. He is trained and certified in temperament assessment. Class material is based on Scripture, the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator, and the Keirsey Temperament Sorter. Everyone is welcome. This class will meet in O-105 and will begin at 6:45 pm. It will also be available via Zoom.

## 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](http://bloodassurance.org/covenant).

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



**January 18 Soup Night:** Cream of Tomato Soup, French Onion Soup, Cheesy Dipping Bread, Salad Bar, Chocolate Bread Pudding

**January 25:** Honey Mustard Baked Chicken, Creamy Polenta, Green Beans, Homemade Sourdough Bread, Chocolate Pudding

# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN



**Matt & Annette Cummings**

Matt and Annette have served with World Evangelization for Christ (WEC) in Japan since 2013. In 2016, they began church planting in Sendai, Japan, the site of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Matt grew up in Sendai and his parents ministered there for 30 years, giving them history and relationships in this city of 1.2 million. They run a ministry called the Joy Center on the first floor of their large home. They host English classes, children's events, a cooking class, seasonal and special events, and various Bible studies. A single missionary assists them. Please pray with them for people from their

Bible studies to come to faith and for a community of faith to be born.

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

- For God's blessing on our various outreaches and ministries
- For more teammates
- For spiritual health, protection, and blessing on their five children

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## TRINITY CHURCH IN ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND



**David Gibson,  
pastor**

Trinity Church in Aberdeen Scotland has become a center for training UK church planters and is part of the UK Partnership. Trinity is currently remodeling a historic church building in the center of the city, and we have agreed to help support their pastor, David Gibson, for two years so that his salary can be used for work on the building.

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

- To be able to integrate the different age groups together - for hospitality lunches to help foster community
- Wisdom for the Session in handling pastoral matters and discussing how best to shepherd the flock
- Building project - at a key point of getting the go-ahead, meaning finding funds

