# The Lord's Service October 4, 2020

Please wear a mask if you intend to read responsively and sing while standing.

Please know that your participation in our service today may be recorded in our live stream.

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 65.4

LEADER: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!PEOPLE: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

\*Hymn of Adoration

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord see Page 7

#### \*Invocation

Our Father, you who searched us out from all eternity that we might know you. You who, though content in the eternal, dynamic, exciting fellowship you have always enjoyed with your Son and Spirit, decided to make men in your own image, to bring them into that same fellowship. You, who breathed into the dust of the earth to spring out a living Man, and You, who more miraculously still, breathes into the dust of our souls to make Spiritual life where before there was none. In the name of your son, Jesus, the first one raised, but not the last, receive our worship today and, by your Spirit, would you take our worship, flawed as it will be, and make it pleasing in your sight? Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To you be glory forever. Amen.

#### Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

#### 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.

## Scripture Lesson

#### 1 Samuel 21.1-6

<sup>1</sup> Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?" <sup>2</sup> And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. <sup>3</sup> Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here." <sup>4</sup> And the priest answered David, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women." <sup>5</sup> And David answered the priest, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?" 6 So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away. LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Worship

Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; Like a child that is quieted is my soul. O Israel, O hope in the Lord from this time, From this time forth and forevermore. (Van, 2007 Birnamwood Publications)

Doxology

No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

## Tithes and Offerings

#### 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 pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

#### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

| Prayer of the Church   |
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| <u>Adoration</u> : (Psalm 93.1-2)<br>For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great<br>and small<br>For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty<br>For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness |
| For God's goodness, His power, His grace   |
| Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)  |
| For our salvation full and free in Jesus   |
| For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially,   |
| spiritually)   |
| For our church, family, friends, counselors, community   |
| Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)  |
| For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the nations  |
| For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority, healthcare workers   |
| For containment and reversal of COVID –19  |
| For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in plenty and want   |
| For specific requests for others, ourselves  |
| For God's glory alone in all matters   |
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## Scripture Lesson

Mark 2.23-3.6

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>26</sup> how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" <sup>27</sup> And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

<sup>1</sup> Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. <sup>2</sup> And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup> And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." <sup>4</sup> And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup> And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup> The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## SABBATH EXERCISE

\*Hymn of Response

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder see Page 8

Call to Confession

Psalm 24.3-4

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? **PEOPLE: And who shall stand in His holy place?** LEADER: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, **PEOPLE: Who does not lift up his soul to what is** false and does not swear deceitfully.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison) Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

O merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering and of great pity, make me earnestly repent, and truly be sorry for all my misdoings; make the remembrance of them so burdensome and painful that I may flee to You with a troubled spirit and a contrite heart; and, O

#### Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace. merciful Lord, visit, comfort, and relieve me; excite in me true repentance; In this world give me knowledge of Your truth and confidence in Your mercy, and, in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

Psalm 40.11

Assurance of Pardon

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News: "As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me, Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!" The peace of the Lord be with you! PEOPLE: And also with you!

\*Confession of Faith (in unison) Apostles' Creed LEADER: Christian, what do you believe? 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.

#### Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

#### **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.

<sup>†</sup>"catholic" -- universal

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| Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;<br>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,<br>World without end. Amen, amen. |   |  |
| Instruction and Prayer   |   |  |
| Please approach the table from the outer aisles and return<br>to your pew through the middle aisle.  |   |  |
| The Institution  |   |  |
| Distribution Hymn  | Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!<br>see Page 9 |  |
| Distribution Hymn  | This Is My Father's World<br>see Page 10        |  |
| Hymn   | Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6                       |  |
| Amazing grace! How sweet the sound<br>That saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost, but now am found,<br>Was blind, but now I see.                      |   |  |
| 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,<br>And grace my fears relieved;<br>How precious did that grace appear<br>The hour I first believed!              |   |  |
| Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,<br>I have already come;<br>'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,<br>And grace will lead me home.                 |   |  |
| *When we've been there ten thousand years,<br>Bright shining as the sun,<br>We've no less days to sing God's praise<br>Than when we've first begun.        |   |  |

#### Pastor Jones

\*Benediction

#### Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into

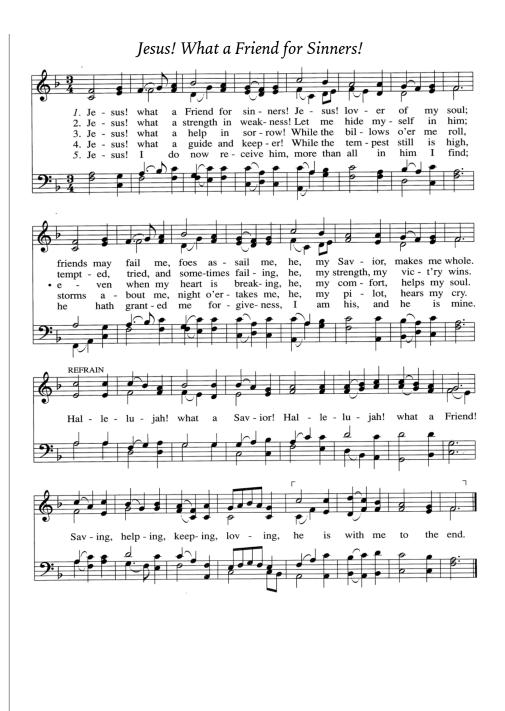
Benediction

our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.

## 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WELCOME! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service. If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Jones is preaching on Mark 3.7-21.
- Check-In for Worship Is Ending Beginning Sunday, October 11, the church will no longer be utilizing our online check-in. Thank you for being willing to use this system over the last few months in order to assist us in preparation for Sunday morning.
- October 6 Mother's Encouragement Group 7:00 p.m. New Location: Schum Fellowship Hall Sharing and prayer time for moms. Led by Connie Hildebrand.
- October 7 Children's Ministry Arty Party 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dress for a mess because we are having an Arty Party! Families are invited to bring their children for an evening of art fun decorate cupcakes, design pumpkins, participate in a "colorful" balloon toss, and much more!
- October 8 (Each Thursday) Brown Bag Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m. Join us for a virtual (Zoom) fellowship lunch on Thursdays during the noon hour. Pastor Mullinax will host. (Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches in a brown bag are not mandatory to participate.) We'll share information, swap some TALL tales, and enjoy one another's cyberspace company. Contact Ruth Fox at RFox@cpcchatt.org if you'd like to join.
- October 18 Annual Church Picnic 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendars! The annual Church Picnic is just around the corner. We'll picnic on the CPC lawn beginning around 11:30 am. BYOPB (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket). Drinks, ice, and desserts will be provided. (Measured) activities for everyone! Bring a picnic blanket and/or chairs.
- November 6-7 Youth Fall Retreat This year's retreat will not be an overnight retreat, but will involve day activities at the church on Friday the 6th and at Ponderosa Bible Camp on Saturday the 7th. Stay tuned for more details and registration!
- The October birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.
- Thanksgiving Pounding We are once again collecting donations of canned goods and staples for our Thanksgiving Pounding. Donations may be placed on the designated table in the Lobby. Monetary donations are also welcome (please place in the offering designated "Thanksgiving Pounding") and are needed to purchase perishable items the day of delivery on November 21. If you know someone in need or if you could use a hand this year, please contact an Elder or the Church Office.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CEF GOOD NEWS CLUB VIA ZOOM

Beginning Thursday, October 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. CPC is hosting a Child Evangelism Fellowship's (CEF) Good News Club for children attending East Brainerd Elementary School via Zoom. This is an opportunity to share the love of Christ to children in our community. We are looking for five or more men or women from juniors in high school and older to participate in a team to rotate and share the teaching of a Bible story, memory verses, songs, missionary stories and games using Zoom. Our club will meet on Thursday afternoons and follow the Hamilton County School calendar. You will need to register at: http://cefchattanooga.org. Email John Herberich if you are interested or have any questions at johnherberich@gmail.com.

## **Children's Ministry**

DECORATE

WATCH A BALLOON ARTIST



# OCTOBER 7 - 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Bring your children for an evening of art fun! Dress for a mess!

#### **ELDERS AND DEACONS**

#### Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Kent Brown, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, Mark Griggs, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor, Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Tom Schreiner, Todd Smith, Jay Spalding, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

#### Active Diaconate

Geff Adams, Jeremy Armao, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mark Donaldson, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall (*Clerk of Diaconate*), Vanna Ker, Steve Leach, Mike Mason (*Chairman of Diaconate*), Richard Mauroner, Doug McEachern, John Morrison, John Pearce, Caleb Ray, Charlie Ray, Chris Rimondi, Tim Sotelo, Mark Stevenson, Phil Wade

#### MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

| African Bible UniversityUga               | da Love's Arm Outreach MinistriesChattanooga     |
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| Agape PuppetsGlo                          |  |
| Amani Ya JuuGlo                           | bal John & Kathy LesondakMTW - Slovak Republic   |
| Paul Billy ArnoldPMI - In                 | dia Luke & Amanda McAuleySIM - Kenya             |
| James & Karen AshleyWycliffe - Glo        | bal Heidi Meiners ICS - Budapest, Hungary        |
| Marc & Denise Atchley TEAM - Gre          | ece Pete & Ruth MitchellMTW - France             |
| Tom & Ann AustinMTW - Glo                 | bal Randy & Joan Nabors MNA - Mercy              |
| NoNo & Kate BealeIsaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mex | ico Andy & Kathy Napier TWR - North Carolina     |
| Mark CassonMNA - Prison Minis             | try PCA AgenciesAtlanta, Georgia                 |
| Child Evangelism FellowshipChattanoo      | ga John Mark & Caroline ScruggsRUF - UTC         |
| Compassion InternationalGlo               | bal Jamie & Bethany Sexton IDEAS - China         |
| Chattanooga Sports MinistriesChattanoo    | ga Brian & Connie ShepsonMAF - USA               |
| Chernobyl Children's ProgramBela          | rus Frank & Cindy SindlerMTW - Enterprise        |
| Choices                                   | ga Teresa SnowCRU - City - Austin, Texas         |
| Matt & Annette Cummings WEC - Jap         | an Stepan & Alla Solodukha Belarus               |
| East Ridge WyldlifeEast Ridge, Tennes     | ee Dan & Susan SteereELI - Global                |
| Jay & Beverly FowlerFCA - East Tennes     | see David & Eowyn StoddardMTW - Germany          |
| Aubrey & Jerri Fritz CRU - Chattanoo      | ga Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha Nireekshana - India  |
| Dan & Mako GilchristELI - Glo             | bal Tennessee Valley Presbytery Church Plants    |
| Jean-Baptiste Gueracague Harvestime - Fra |  |
| Haitian American Friendship FoundH        | aiti Jeff & Heather Vaughn MTW - Global          |
| Harvest USAU                              | SA Pete VaughnAmani - Chattanooga                |
| Andrew & Julie HalbertUWM - Costa R       | ica Volunteers in Medicine ClinicChattanooga     |
| Christine HarrisonWycliffe - East Afr     | ica Gary & Phyllis Waldecker Third Mill - Global |
| Russ & Amanda Hightower LA Church Pl      | ant Josiah & Miriam Walters MTW - Chad           |
| Hope for the Inner CityChattanoo          | ga Bruce & Barb Wannemacher MTW - South Africa   |
| Jonathan & Maggie HunterUWM - Costa R     | ica Mario & Keila Xaco Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico |