The Lord's Service October 11, 2020

Please wear a mask if you intend to read responsively and sing while standing. As you exit our service today, please be sure to wear your mask as you exit the sanctuary.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Psalm 99.1-3,9

- LEADER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- PEOPLE: The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.
- LEADER: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He! Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain; PEOPLE: For the Lord our God is holy!

*Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy! see Page 7

*Invocation

Our Father, you who breathed into the dust of the earth to spring out a living man, you who promised to Abraham to make his children as innumerable as the dust, and who, through your Spirit, breathes into the dust of our souls to make Spiritual life where before there was none, fulfilling that promise. We come before you now, many of us dry from the week that has passed. But in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Man who did not see corruption nor return to the dust of the first Man, but rose again as the First Fruit and Guarantee of life everlasting, we ask you

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. to receive our worship today. Feed and assure us of your favor and, by your Spirit, make springs in the deserts of our hearts. Blessed are you, life giving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 3.7

LEADER: Be not wise in your own eyes; **PEOPLE: Fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before You our many sins. We have transgressed Your holy laws; we have neglected Your Word; we have walked in our own ways and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts. We have injured others, hurt our own souls, and grieved Your Holy Spirit.

Gracious God,

Who pardons all that repent and believe Your Gospel; show Your mercy upon us, and for the sake of Your beloved Son, our only Mediator, forgive us of our sins. Increase in us the grace of repentance, that we may not only confess our sins, but forsake them with our whole heart, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5.17,21

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

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.

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. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness See Page 8

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 64.1-8

¹ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence - 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson

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

Choral Worship

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

We shall walk in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace. We will meet our loved ones there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace There will be no trials there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace. (2001 Hall Leonard Corp.)

Doxology

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

<u>Adoration</u>: (Psalm 93.1-2)
For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small
For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty
For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness
For God's goodness, His power, His grace
<u>Thanksgiving</u>: (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
<u>Intercession</u>: (Philippians 4.6-7)
For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to

the nations

No. 731

Doxology A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

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. 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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 3.1-6

¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Sermon

Scripture Lesson We hear and read Holy

Scripture through the service, but this lesson

(reading) guides the

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.

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.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

WHY ALL THE DRAMA?

*Hymn of Response

All Authority and Power see Page 9

Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.3

Leader: Christian, what do you believe about Christ? People: Christ, by His obedience and death, fully discharged the debt of all those who are justified. He made full satisfaction to His Father's justice on their behalf. Yet, because He was freely given by the Father for them, and because His obedience and satisfaction were freely accepted in their stead, and not for anything in them, the justification of sinners is only of free grace.

*Gloria Patri

No. 734

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

Pastor Jones

Benediction Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of

the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into

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

Closing Greetings

Postlude



Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739 Tr. by John Wesley, 1740; alt. GERMANY L.M. William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies. 1815

All Authority and Power



Christopher Idle, 1973

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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.
- October 14 Wednesday Night Meal 5:00-6:15 p.m. Join us for another night of fellowship around the table. This week's menu is Spaghetti and Caesar Salad, with Cheesecake for dessert. Be sure to sign-up on online by Monday, October 12 to help us plan for a great time of fellowship.
- 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.
- October 23 Middle School Bonfire 6:30 p.m. Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship at the Cathey's home in Ringgold.
- November 6-7 Youth Fall Retreat This is the last week to register for the Youth Fall Retreat. Registration can be done on the church website and is due October 18. Contact Jeremiah with any questions at JHill@cpcchatt.org. 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.
- 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.
- Midweek Class Cancellations October 28-29 classes (Wednesday and Thursday) will be cancelled due to our church-wide Reformation Celebration on October 28. November 3 classes (Tuesday) will be cancelled due to the election.
- 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.

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 University	Uganda	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Agape Puppets	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	
Amani Ya Juu	Global	John & Kathy Lesondak	MTW - Slovak Republic
Paul Billy Arnold	PMI - India	Luke & Amanda McAuley	SIM - Kenya
James & Karen Ashley	Wycliffe - Global	Heidi Meiners	
Marc & Denise Atchley	TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth Mitchell	MTW - France
Tom & Ann Austin	MTW - Global	Randy & Joan Nabors	MNA - Mercy
NoNo & Kate Beale	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	Andy & Kathy Napier	TWR - North Carolina
Mark Casson	MNA - Prison Ministry	PCA Agencies	Atlanta, Georgia
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Chattanooga	John Mark & Caroline Scruggs	RUF - UTC
Compassion International		Jamie & Bethany Sexton	IDEAS - China
Chattanooga Sports Ministries	Chattanooga	Brian & Connie Shepson	MAF - USA
Chernobyl Children's Program		Frank & Cindy Sindler	MTW - Enterprise
Choices	Chattanooga	Teresa Snow	
Matt & Annette Cummings	WEC - Japan	Stepan & Alla Solodukha	Belarus
East Ridge Wyldlife	East Ridge, Tennessee	Dan & Susan Steere	ELI - Global
Jay & Beverly Fowler	FCA - East Tennessee	David & Eowyn Stoddard	MTW - Germany
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz	CRU - Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha	Nireekshana - India
Dan & Mako Gilchrist	ELI - Global	Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague		Third Millennium Ministries	Global
Haitian American Friendship Found	Haiti	Jeff & Heather Vaughn	MTW - Global
Harvest USA		Pete Vaughn	Amani - Chattanooga
Andrew & Julie Halbert	UWM - Costa Rica	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic	Chattanooga
Christine Harrison	Wycliffe - East Africa	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker	Third Mill - Global
Russ & Amanda Hightower	LA Church Plant	Josiah & Miriam Walters	MTW - Chad
Hope for the Inner City		Bruce & Barb Wannemacher	MTW - South Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	UWM - Costa Rica	Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico