The Lord's Service October 18, 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 149.1-4

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

- PEOPLE: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- LEADER: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

PEOPLE: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

*Hymn of Adoration

Come, People of the Risen King see Page 7

*Invocation

Our Father, who planned from before the world was made to create and grow to maturity an abundant harvest of people, worshippers, to fill your great hall, and who sent your own Son to redeem and restore those people when they were lost, unfruitful, diseased, and who will not allow even one of yours to be lost. In the name of that Son, we ask that you would receive our worship today, bruised reeds though we are. May your Spirit cause our prayers, songs, and words to be perfect in your sight, as we anticipate the day when the Lord of the harvest will return to safely bring his harvest home. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 53.6

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way;

PEOPLE: And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

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

Colossians 1.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News: "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 24.1-8

¹ Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of

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.

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon. Israel, and worship from afar.² Moses alone shall come near to the Lord, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him." ³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Luke Forrest Bennett

Choral Worship

With a Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name; Make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia! Alleluia! Declare ye this and let it be heard. Alleluia! (1923 J. Curwen & Sons)

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

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

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Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)
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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

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

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 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.

Scripture Lesson

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Pater); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

NOT JUST ANY CROWD

*Hymn of Response

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord see Page 8

Confession of Faith Westmin

Westminster Shorter Catechism 21

Leader: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? People: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures and one person, forever.

*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

Postlude

Closing Greetings

Pastor Jones

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.

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.



Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord



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 3.22-35.
- **TODAY Annual Church Picnic 11:30 a.m.** We hope you've made plans to join us as we picnic on the CPC lawn. 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 20 OCC Preparation Workday 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. We will meet in SFH and will need lots of volunteers to come for an hour (or more throughout the day) to help us...
 - \rightarrow count & separate the hundreds of items already received (to help us know what additional supplies are needed).
 - \rightarrow fold all remaining OCC shoeboxes in preparation for packing (about 250).
 - \rightarrow put up the Christmas tree with OCC pictures and decorations.
- October 23 Middle School Bonfire 6:30 p.m. Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship at the Catheys in Ringgold.
- October 25 Van der Merwe Baby Shower 11:00 a.m. Join us for a "Garden Party" Baby Shower on the front lawn of CPC in honor of Adelaide Reta van der Merwe, daughter of Chris and Andra, born August 21. The shower will take place immediately following the morning service at approximately 11:00 a.m. The van der Merwes are registered at Target and Amazon.
- October 28 Children's Ministry Reformation Celebration 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us for our Reformation Celebration and Hot Dog Supper. Bring your friends and neighbors! Costumes are optional.
- October 30 Zoom Bridal Shower for Kelly Close 7:00 p.m. Join us for a zoom bridal shower for Kelly Close, the fiancé of Christopher Scholbe. Kelly and Christopher are not registered but would appreciate gift cards from Amazon, Target, or Lowes. Contact Judy Foster at 423.645.1085 for more information. Zoom invitations will follow.
- October 31 Newlywed Shower for Josh and Kaylee Baierl 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join us for a newlywed shower for the Baierls at CPC. Josh and Kaylee are registered at Target and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 1 Bridal Shower for Tori Heyworth 3:00-5:00 p.m. Join us for a church bridal shower for Tori Heyworth, the fiancé of Eli Rogers, son of Andrew and Lori Rogers. It will be at the home of Susan Helton. Tori and Eli are registered at Amazon, Bed, Bath and Beyond, and Target.
- November 6-7 Youth Fall Retreat TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to register for the Youth Fall Retreat. Registration can be done on the church website. Don't miss this wonderful time for faith, fellowship, and fun! Contact Jeremiah with any questions at <u>JHill@cpcchatt.org</u>.
- 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 Children's Ministry 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.



OCC October Collections - CPC is continuing to collect year-round for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of October, we are continuing to collect school supplies, but we are also collecting hair bows, hair barrettes, hair clips, watches, and jewelry. For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of 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	e	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	0
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Amani Ya Juu		John & Kathy Lesondak	
Paul Billy Arnold		Luke & Amanda McAuley	
James & Karen Ashley		Heidi Meiners	
Marc & Denise Atchley		Pete & Ruth Mitchell	
Tom & Ann Austin		Randy & Joan Nabors	,
NoNo & Kate Beale		Andy & Kathy Napier	
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	Belarus	Frank & Cindy Sindler	MTW - Enterprise
Choices	Chattanooga	Teresa Snow	CRU - City - Austin, Texas
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	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	
Hope for the Inner City	Chattanooga	Bruce & Barb Wannemacher	MTW - South Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	UWM - Costa Rica	Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico