

# The Lord's Service

## November 1, 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

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.

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 95.1-7

**LEADER:** Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**PEOPLE:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**LEADER:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**PEOPLE:** In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

**LEADER:** The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

**PEOPLE:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**LEADER:** For He is our God,

**PEOPLE:** And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
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#### 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

Our Father, our Mighty Fortress, our Bulwark who never fails, our Helper, not just from the flood of mortal ills, but amid them, we come, weak as we are apart from you, to worship you through the strength given to us in the name

of your Son, Jesus Christ, the right Man, the One who is the same from age to age. Accept our worship in Jesus' holy and precious name. Today, help us find our present help in time of trouble as we center our hearts on you. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One. Amen.

## Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 6.8-13

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." <sup>11</sup> Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, <sup>12</sup> and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Worship

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Now let us all praise God and sing  
Our great Redeemer's praise;  
That we may all with one accord  
Our joyful voices raise.  
Sing alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever.  
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

(1956 Galaxy Music)

## Scripture Lesson

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

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

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.

### Prayer of the Church

#### Adoration: (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

#### 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

### Scripture Lesson

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

### Scripture Lesson

Mark 4.1-12

<sup>1</sup> Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things

in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:

<sup>3</sup> “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

<sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that ““they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.””

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## LET IT SINK IN

\*Hymn of Response

*Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*  
*see Page 9*

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 5.6-10

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PEOPLE: **You shall have no other gods before Me.**

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting

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.

the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

### **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.

### **Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)**

*Martin Luther  
(1483-1546)*

**O Righteous God, we are comforted in our hearts that You do not will the death of a sinner. You have sworn and confirmed with an oath that You will not be angry with us forever, nor yet forever punish us. You call and entice all that are weary, oppressed, comfortless, sorrowful of heart and conscience. You call them to You and to Your holy Word. You name Yourself a heavenly physician. You take upon You our woes and miseries, wherein we see through sin we are fallen. You bring to us Your everlasting help and refreshing, by the preaching of Your holy Gospel, with which we may be helped forevermore. Upon such gracious promises we come to You; and we pray to You from the bottom of our hearts ... to be merciful to us poor sinners, as You have promised such mercy. 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.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 103.8-13**

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

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him, as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our

transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

\*Confession of Faith (in unison) 1 Corinthians 8.6

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**...for us there is one God, the Father, from Whom are all things and for Whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things and through Whom we exist.**

\*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.

Instruction and Prayer

*Please approach the table from the outer aisles and return  
to your pew through the middle aisle.*

The Institution

Distribution Hymn *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

### 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.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

(1989 Word Music)

Distribution Hymn

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
*see Page 10*

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.

### **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.

\*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Closing Greetings

Postlude

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.



# Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of  
 2. Let your love my heart in - flame; keep your fear be -  
 3. Foun - tain of o'er - flow - ing grace, free - ly from your  
 4. Firm - ly trust - ing in your blood, noth - ing shall my  
 5. Thus, O thus, an en - trance give to the land of

all my joy, still in you may I be found, still for  
 fore my sight; be your praise my high - est aim; be your  
 • ful - ness give; till I close my earth - ly race, may I  
 heart con - found; safe - ly I shall pass the flood, safe - ly  
 cloud - less sky; hav - ing known it "Christ to live," let me

you my pow'rs em - ploy, still for you my pow'rs em - ploy.  
 smile my chief de - light, be your smile my chief de - light.  
 • prove it "Christ to live," may I prove it "Christ to live."  
 reach Im - man - uel's ground, safe - ly reach Im - man - uel's ground.  
 know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

Ralph Wardlaw, 1817  
Mod.

HENDON 7.7.7.7.rep.  
Henri A. César Malan, 1827

# Fairest Lord Jesus

Capo 1: ♯ (D) (Em) (A) (D) ♯ (Bm) (B<sup>7</sup>) (Em) (A) (D)

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

(G) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (B<sup>7</sup>) (Em)

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,  
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

(B<sup>7</sup>) (Em) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ♯ (Bm) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ♯

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677  
 Tr. 1850, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8.  
 Silesian folk song  
 Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

Each shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him through our discipleship program called The Greatest Journey.

In a new initiative, we are going island to island in the Pacific to take the Gospel to a half a million children over the next few years, as part of our commitment to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15, ESV).

In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to-reach places to make His Name known.

This has resulted in more than 2 million children making decisions for Christ and over 1,000 churches being started in one year! For example, there's now a church in a remote village in Namibia among the Himba unreached people group.

"Before we had never heard of Jesus," said Pastor Kuyelia, leader of the new church. "Now, we have abandoned witch doctors and seek God alone in prayer and worship."

We're thankful for all those who have faithfully prayed for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project. You can join us in packing shoeboxes so that more children in the remote corners of the world can hear the Good News of the Gospel. May God bless you.

~ Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan's Purse



# SHARING GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY!



## THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU



# 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 4.13-20.**
- **Volunteer Opportunity** - Do you enjoy children and have an hour to spare once a quarter? Our Nursery is in need of volunteers and can use your help. Please email Stacy Collins ([scollins@cpcchatt.org](mailto:scollins@cpcchatt.org)) to sign up.
- **TODAY - 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 3 - Election Day** - All classes on campus have been rescheduled/cancelled.
- **November 14 or 15 - OCC Collection Site Training** - Training for OCC Collection Site volunteers will be held on Saturday, November 14 - 9:00-9:45 a.m. in SFH and on Sunday, November 15 from 10:45-11:10 a.m. in SFH.
- **November 20 - High School Bonfire - 7:00-9:00 p.m.** - Join us for a High School bonfire at the home of Duane and Mindy Horton. Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship!
- The November birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.
- **Budget Report** - Through October 25:

Budget:	\$1,941,427
Actual:	\$1,164,794
Shortfall:	\$776,633
- **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 and are needed to purchase perishable items the day of delivery on November 21 (please place monetary donations in the offering - designated "Thanksgiving Pounding" or choose "Other Giving" and "Thanksgiving Pounding" on our website: [cpcchatt.org/give](http://cpcchatt.org/give)). If you know someone in need or if you could use a hand this year, please contact an Elder or the Church Office.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TWO BIG CHANGES COMING FOR OUR ADVENT SEASON

The Season of Advent is always a special marker of two truths so easily neglected or easily buried underneath ordinary life: Jesus has come, and Jesus will come again! The Season of Advent is always a special time of reflection for our church family here at Covenant. Unique for this Advent season, we will be introducing two new changes on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent.

One change is that our nursery will return to operation for both services. We will do so with a check-in process and special practices to protect the health and safety of Little Theologians and adults. You will receive more details in the next couple of weeks.

The other change to be introduced on November 29 will be a change to two morning services rather than one in morning and one in the evening. We will have two identical hour-long services: one at **8:30 a.m.** and one at **11:00 a.m.** Sunday evenings will be kept free for special events like our Evensong services and concerts.

These changes will begin on November 29 and continue into the new year.

In the midst of change, isn't it reassuring to know that King Jesus is reigning, even now? We look forward to celebrating Advent with you and your family at CPC.

~ Pastor Jones



## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**OCC November Collections** - For the month of November, **the needed items to complete our shoeboxes are toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, pens, and glue sticks.** We could also use flashlights with batteries, soccer balls (deflated, with pumps, flip flops, toys for boys, and kids scissors. For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office. **You may also pick up OCC Shoeboxes in the lobby at any time.** Monetary donations are also welcome. Please place monetary donations in the offering designated "OCC" or choose "Other Giving" and "Operation Christmas Child" on our website: [cpcchatt.org/give](http://cpcchatt.org/give)). When boxes are complete, return and place them under the Christmas Tree. Our goal is to beat our 365 boxes from last year. Your help is welcome!!

# 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.*

# 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.....	RUF1 - UTK
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 .....	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
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 .....	Global	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 .....	Harvestime - France	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.....	MTW - Chad
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