

The Lord's Service

November 8, 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

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 145.1-3

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless
your name forever and ever.

PEOPLE: Every day I will bless you

LEADER: And praise your name forever and ever.

PEOPLE: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

*Hymn of Adoration

*Come, Thou Almighty King
see Page 7*

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

Father, all glorious, Ancient of Days, we come to worship you today, knowing without your aid we are powerless to do so. Help us to praise. Help us to sing your name. Send your Spirit to comfort us, bear witness to us, and enable us to sing your praises forevermore. Blessed are you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the great One in Three. May we love and adore you now and through eternity. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

John 13.34-35

LEADER: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

PEOPLE: **By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 32.1-2

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

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.

Hymn of Assurance *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (vs. 4)

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

(William Kethe, 1561)

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 6.8-13

⁸ 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.” ⁹ And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ 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, ¹² and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³ 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

Do Not Fear

from Isaiah 43.1-5

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are Mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
The rivers shall not cover you.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your own from the east and from the west;

When you walk through the fire, it shall not burn you,
Nor shall you be consumed by the flame.

I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel.
You are precious in My sight, and I love you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are Mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
The rivers shall not cover you.

(Gramann 2013 E.C. Schirmer Music Company)

Doxology

No. 733

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, alleluia!

Tithes and Offerings

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

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 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 4.13-20

¹³ And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰ But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

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.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

NOT JUST FARMING

*Hymn of Response

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
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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.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 27

LEADER: What do you understand by the providence of God?

PEOPLE: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures

and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain
and drought, fruitful and lean years, food
and drink, health and sickness, prosperity
and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us
not by chance but from His fatherly hand.

*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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

Closing Greetings

Postlude

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.

Come, Thou Almighty King

F Gm F C F C F C7 F C 7

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

F C C F C7 F C F C7

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

F F Gm F C7 F 7

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Anon., ca. 1757

TRINITY 6.6.4.6.6.8.4.
 Felice de Giardini, 1769

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home:
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown;
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied:
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear:
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-bide:

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child - Things To Remember

- **November 16-23 - OCC Collection Week - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We need volunteers to pick-up boxes from cars (using carts), to count boxes, have forms completed and signed by the donors, and to pray for the children receiving their boxes. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby or you can email Judy Foster to sign up at grammiesnol@live.com. We'll only be open to receive boxes a few hours each day. There will be a brief training on November 14 or 15.
 - ◇ **November 14 or 15 - OCC Collection Site Training** - Training for OCC Collection Site volunteers will be held on Saturday, November 14 - 9:00-9:30 a.m. in SFH and on Sunday, November 15 from 10:45-11:15 a.m. in SFH.
- **November 21 - OCC Shoebox Assembly - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** - We'd love to have your help packing the shoeboxes with the donations CPC has made throughout 2020. Join us in SFH to pack the boxes and get them ready for shipping.
- **November 23 - OCC Boxes Taken to Regional Dropoff** - Trucks and helpers are needed to get boxes to the regional drop-off site. Email Judy Foster to sign up – grammiesnol@live.com.
- **November Collections - 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. A collection box is located just off the Lobby near the restrooms. **You may also pick up OCC Shoeboxes in the lobby at any time.** Monetary donations are welcome. Place monetary donations in the offering designated "OCC" or choose "Other Giving" and "Operation Christmas Child" on our website: cpcchatt.org/give). Return completed boxes and place them under the Christmas Tree. Our goal is to beat our 365 boxes from last year. Your help is welcome!!

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 4.21-34.
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
 - ◇ **Nursery Volunteers:** 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 to sign-up at scollins@cpcc chatt.org.
 - ◇ **OCC Collection Site, Packing, and Regional Dropoff** - We'll need many volunteers! See page 9 for details on how you can get involved.
- **November 11 - Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-6:15 p.m.** - Mark your calendar for another night of fellowship around the table. This week's menu is chili, cornbread, and spice cake for dessert. Be sure to sign-up on online by Monday, November 9 to help us plan for a great time of fellowship.
- **November 17 - Mom's Encouragement Group - 7:00-8:00 p.m.** - Moms, join Connie Hildebrand for a time of encouragement, sharing, and prayer in the Frederick Room.
- **November 18 - Children's Ministry Outdoor Film Festival - 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Please bring your blankets or chairs, and we will provide the popcorn.
- **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!
- **November 21 - Thanksgiving Pounding - 12:00-2:00 p.m.** - We are 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: cpcc chatt.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

- **Budget Report** - Through November 1:
Annual Budget Need: \$1,941,427
Giving To Date: \$1,197,491
Needed By Year-end: \$743,936
- **Thank You** - “Dear Church Family, thank you so much for the calls, cards, and kind messages during Skip’s recent home going. I felt your love and encouragement.” ~ Sherre Stuckey
- **Thank You** - “We would like to ‘Thank’ our CPC brothers and sisters in the Lord for their kind calls, cards, texts, emails, and prayers during my brother Michael’s illness and passing to be with his Lord and savior Jesus Christ, September 19, 2020. He loved his Lord and served Him faithfully. He was a devoted husband and father and passed his love of the Lord to his two sons and daughter and to his 12 grandchildren. God bless each of you.” ~ Michele and Kent Brown
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to Patty Liner and her family on the loss of her mother, Susan Porter.
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Barbara Tapley on her recent passing.

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

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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

