

The Lord's Service

November 15, 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 66.1-4

LEADER: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

PEOPLE: **Sing the glory of His name; give to Him
glorious praise!**

LEADER: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So
great is your power that your enemies come
cringing to you."

PEOPLE: **All the earth worships you and sings praises
to you; they sing praises to your name.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of your voice.

Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus:

You're the author of creation,

You're the Lord of ev'ry man,

And your cry of love rings out

Across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,

And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea.

Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free.

(Chorus)

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own,
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.
(Chorus)

(2002 Thankyou Music)

*Invocation

Father God, Creator of the rolling spheres, we come
before you today unworthy to be in your presence, yet,
through the blood of your Son we are led home, sinners
saved by grace. Lord, let the skies declare your glory. Let
the lands and seas rejoice. Send your Spirit to help us sing
the glory of your Name and give to you glorious praise.
Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever Three
and ever One. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Romans 13.8-9

LEADER: Owe no one anything, except to love each other,
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the
law.

PEOPLE: **For the commandments, “You shall not
commit adultery, You shall not murder, You
shall not steal, You shall not covet,”**

LEADER: And any other commandment, are summed up
in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as
yourself.”

PEOPLE: **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore
love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful Father;
we acknowledge and confess before you our many sins.
We have transgressed your holy laws;**

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.

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.

we have neglected your Word and ordinances;
we have walked in our own ways
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.
By our neglect and selfishness we have injured others,
hurt our own souls and grieved your Holy Spirit.

Most gracious God,
who pardons and forgives 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 our offenses.
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 holiness and righteousness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 130.3-4

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

“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O
Lord, who could stand? But with you there is
forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

Arise, My Soul, Arise
see Page 7

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

Ezekiel 17.22-24

²² Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from
the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break
off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On
the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may

bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

Praise His Holy Name

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.

Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for every one and there's a cross for me.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Praise Him!

(1988 earthsongs)

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.

Doxology

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

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

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.

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 4.21-34

²¹ And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." ²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which,

when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

WHAT IS COURAGE?

*Hymn of Response

Lead On, O King Eternal
see Page 8

Confession of Faith

Romans 11.36

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

...from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

*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

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.

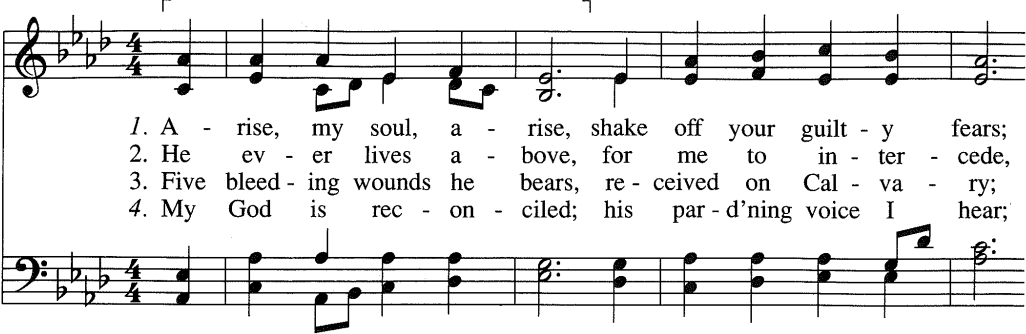
Confession of Faith

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.

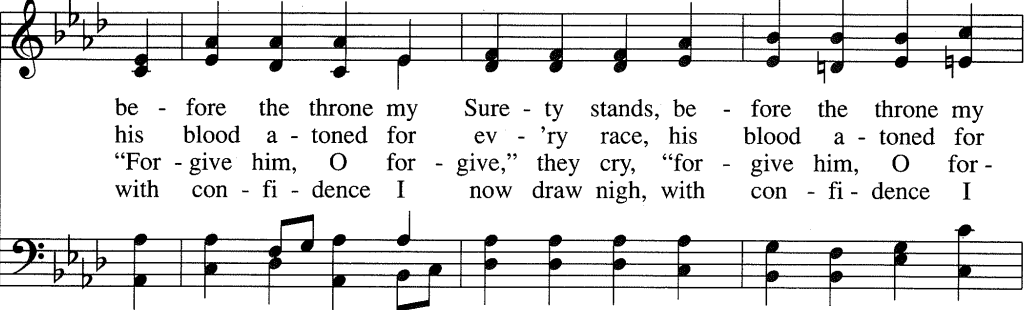
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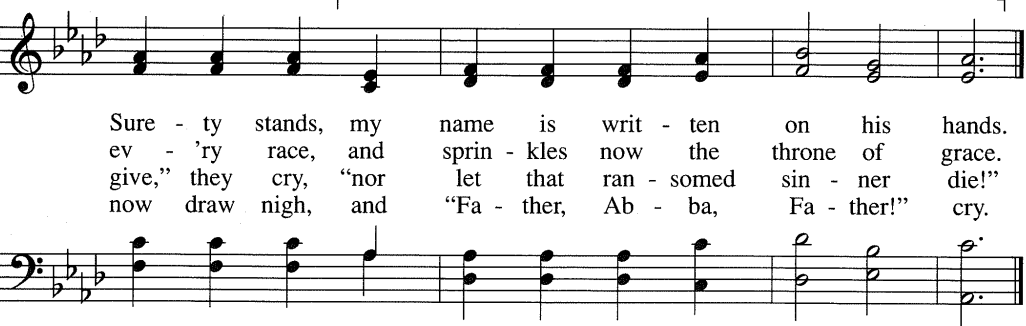
1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Children's Ministry



Outdoor Film Festival

Nov. 18 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
CPC - Front Lawn

Don't forget to bring a chair or blanket to sit on!

High School Bonfire



Nov. 20 - 7 - 9 p.m.
Duane & Mindy
Horton's Home

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 1 Peter 5.6-11.
- **TODAY - Children's Advent Calendar** - Be sure to pick up a calendar in the Foyer.
- **November 16-23 - OCC Collection Week**
- **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 - Wednesday Night Meal - 5:30-6:30 p.m.** - Before the Children's Ministry Outdoor Film Festival, we will have a pizza dinner. Be sure to sign-up on online by Monday, November 9 and plan to join us for a great time of fellowship.
- **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 - 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 21 - Thanksgiving Pounding - 12:00-2:00 p.m.** - ONLY ONE WEEK REMAINS to collect donations 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). If you know someone in need or if you could use a hand this year, please contact an Elder or the Church Office.
- **November 29 - Service Time Shift** - We will begin our new morning service times at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The 8:30 a.m. service will be Live Streamed.
- **December 11-12 - SAVE THE DATE for the Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner.** More details to come next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

December 6 - 10:00-10:30 a.m. Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary. During this time we will receive a report from our pastoral staff and vote on four trustees of the 2021 CPC Board of Directors. According to the church constitution these serve one year terms and represent the church on legal transactions. Our current 2020 trustees have agreed to serve an additional term in 2021 if elected again by the congregation. These individuals are Mr. Doug McEachern, Mrs. Lynda Brown, Mr. Duane Ferrel, and Mr. Larry Miller. In addition to those elected, the Executive Pastor, Clerk of Session, Chairman of the Diaconate, and Church Treasurer also serve on the Board of Directors. This meeting will be live streamed, however, you must be physically present to participate in the meeting.

Needed: Part-time Facilities Helper

A part-time helper is needed for a few hours each week over the next month to assist with church facility needs. If you know of anyone looking for a few hours of part-time work, please have them contact Shannon Ratliff at sratliff@cpchatt.org.

Budget Report

Through November 9:

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| Annual Budget Need: | \$1,941,427 |
| Giving To Date: | \$1,320,597 |
| Needed By Year-end: | \$620,830 |



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

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| 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 | PCHA 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 |

