

The Lord's Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 20, 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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

8:30 a.m. Service

The Pearce Family

11:00 a.m. Service

The Bandy Family

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 95.1-2

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!

*Hymn of Adoration

O Come, All Ye Faithful
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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

Holy Father, Most High God, for you nothing is impossible. Through a poor young woman in a small town you gave birth to your realm of endless glory. By your Holy Spirit, help us to worship you today. Fill us with new life and hope and overshadow us with your power and grace so that we, like Mary, might be your servants, bearing witness to the promise of your Word. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Jeremiah 3.20-21

LEADER: Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so have you been treacherous to Me, O house of Israel, declares the Lord.

PEOPLE: A voice on the bare heights is heard, the weeping and pleading of Israel's sons because they have perverted their way; they have forgotten the Lord their God.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
But we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1,6

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."

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.

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

Matthew 2.19-23

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

Brightest and Best

Casie Runkle, violin | Bryan Holland, bass

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger,
lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Refrain: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him, in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all. (Refrain)

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and offerings divine,
gems of the mountains, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine? (Refrain)

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Doxology

Angels, from the Realms of Glory, vs. 5

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

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
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

Hosea 11.1-4

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt
I called my son. ² The more they were called, the more
they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and
burning offerings to idols. ³ Yet it was I who taught

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

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.

Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

RESTORATION

*Hymn of Response

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
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Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus?

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself - which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God - has fully satisfied the justice of His Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance of the kingdom of heaven for all those the Father has given Him.

*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

Closing Greetings

Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN

born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far the sound - ing joy.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders the curse is found.
 heav'n and na - ture sing, love.

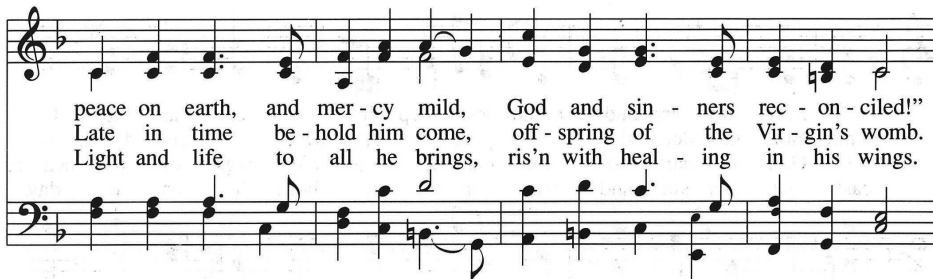
Based on Psalm 98
 Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.
 George Frederick Handel, 1742
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



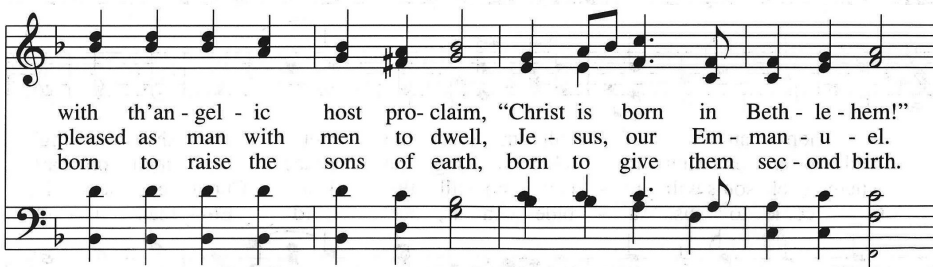
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt.

MEDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D.ref.
 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840
 Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856



Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary Choir presents

THE NEW DAY

*CELEBRATING THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST WHILE LOOKING FORWARD TO
HIS SECOND ADVENT*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
6:00 P.M.

*SOCIAL DISTANCING LIMITS ATTENDANCE TO 300
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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 Timothy 1.12-17.
- **December 20 - "The New Day" Sanctuary Choir Presentation - 6:00 p.m.** - Social distancing will limit attendance to 300. The presentation will be live streamed via Facebook and our website.
- **December 24 - Lesson and Carols - 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.** - Join us for this service of scripture and song as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus!
- **The January birthday and anniversary calendar** is available for pick up in the Narthex.
- **Church Office Holiday Closures** - The Church Office will be closed for Christmas on Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25. The Office will be closing early for New Year's on Thursday, December 31, and will be closed on Friday, January 1. There will be no eNewsletter either of those weeks.
- **Year-End Contributions** - All end-of-the-year contributions need to be in the offering or locked offering box in the Lobby by noon on Thursday, December 31, (or postmarked by December 31) to be counted as tax-deductible for 2020 contributions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Becky Pearce at bpearce@cpcchatt.org.

Nursery Schedule - Today

First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
Tammy Higgins	Becky Pearce	Bekah Gernhard	Babs Leach	Sandi Schreiner	Patrick Joyner

Nursery Schedule - December 27, 2020

First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
Tavis Brown	Capps Brown	Mac Brown	Tammy Knotts	Carla Stevenson	Volunteer Needed

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, December 23

No PM Activities

THURSDAY, December 24

Church Offices Closed

Lessons & Carols - 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Offices Closed

SUNDAY, December 27

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School to Return February 21

Many have asked about our plans for Sunday School, originally scheduled to return January 10. Our elders have decided to postpone our spring Sunday School kick-off to the first Sunday of Lent, which is February 21. Our nursery re-opened on November 29, and we plan to continue this ministry for both morning services, without interruption. The discipleship opportunities in our church that would ordinarily take place Sunday morning, will be shifted to Midweek. We are happy to announce that, beginning January 13, our Midweek ministry will include a weekly meal and ministry for all ages. Please stay tuned for a schedule of upcoming events.

Budget Report

Through December 14:

Annual Budget Need: \$1,941,427

Giving To Date: \$1,617,817

SBA Forgiven Loan: \$ 149,700


Needed By Year-end: \$ 173,910

Staff Announcement

CPC is grateful for the years of service that Crystal Middleton has contributed as our Children's Ministry Director. At the end of 2020, Crystal will be stepping down from her position. For more than two years she has cared for our Little Theologians, pointing them to Jesus. Crystal has also been a leader to the many volunteers that strengthen our Children's Ministry. Please thank Crystal for her ministry to Covenant during both a season of pastoral transition and the unexpected challenges of 2020. Our elders and staff are working to replace this role in the life of our church. Please continue to keep the Children's Ministry of our church in your prayers.

Coffee Between Services

We invite you to fellowship with each other. Be aware that there is higher risk involved in eating and drinking together. If you already are at greater risk, please exercise abundant caution and good judgment.



Lessons - AND - Carols

A SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Thursday, December 24
4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

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, 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, 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	RUF - 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

