

# The Lord's Service

December 27, 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 99.1-3,9

LEADER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PEOPLE: **The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.**

LEADER: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He! Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

PEOPLE: **For the Lord our God is holy!**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice  
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

Our Father, you who alone have done the mighty acts of creation. From speaking out spinning galaxies no mortal eye has ever spotted, to whispering into being those tiny galaxies of atoms, whose tiny infinities are too vast for us to comprehend. And you who have done the still mightier acts of re-creation, joining Him who is uncreated with His creation, putting the immortal to death so that the dead might live and death might die. We, your creatures, bless you today, able to do so only because you, by your Spirit, have given us eyes of faith to see the beauty of your Son

Jesus Christ. For the sake of your Son, and in His name,  
we ask that you would please receive our worship today.  
Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Luke 12.8-9

**LEADER:** And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges  
Me before men, the Son of Man also will  
acknowledge before the angels of God,

**PEOPLE:** But the one who denies Me before men  
will be denied before the angels of God.

### Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to You that we have sinned against You  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart  
and mind and strength;  
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;  
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved You  
by wasting Your gifts,  
by wandering from Your ways, by forgetting Your love.  
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,  
and free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength  
of Your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

### 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.

## Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2.4-5

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

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

## Hymn of Assurance

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray;

*Refrain:*

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

## 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

Zechariah 9.9-11

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

# 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

## 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!

## Scripture Lesson

1 Timothy 1.12-17

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer,

## 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.

## Doxology

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

## Scripture Lesson

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

persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

### 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.

### Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## KING OF YOUR PERSONAL IDENTITY

### \*Hymn of Response

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*see Page 8*

### Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, 45

LEADER: Christian, how is Jesus our King?

PEOPLE: **In calling out of the world a people to himself and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them. In bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings. In restraining and overcoming all their enemies and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good. And in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.**

\*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

### 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.

Closing Greetings

Postlude

## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

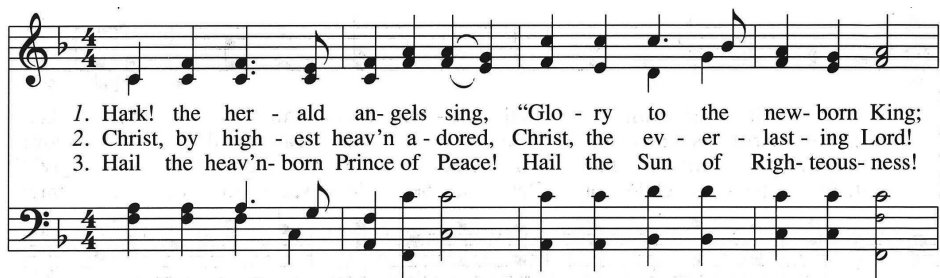
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

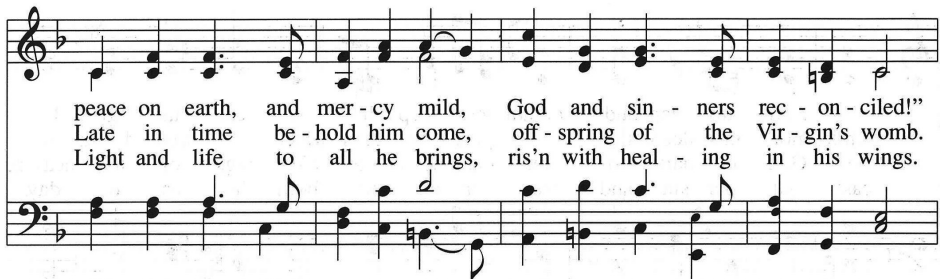
earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

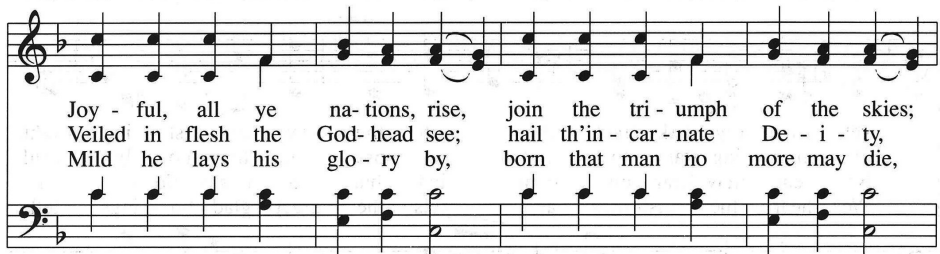
## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



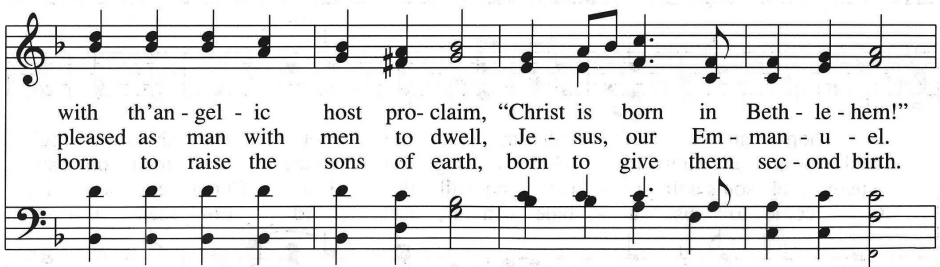
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



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



# 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 Galatians 5.16-26.
- The January birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up in the Narthex.
- **Church Office Holiday Closures** - The Church 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 this week.
- **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](mailto:bpearce@cpcchatt.org).
- **2021 Giving Envelopes** - Envelopes are available in the Narthex and will continue to be available throughout the year. They have a place for your name and any special designations for your giving. Please take as many as you would like for the year ahead or take one as you need one.

## 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
Tavis Brown	Capps Brown	Mac Brown	Tammy Knotts	Carla Stevenson	Madeline Hill

## Nursery Schedule - January 3, 2021

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	Domekia Gaines	Jeremiah Hill	Lisa Wright	Sophie Wright	Ellie Wright

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **This Week at a Glance**

**WEDNESDAY, December 30**

No PM Activities

**THURSDAY, December 31**

Church Offices Close Early

**FRIDAY, January 1**

New Year's Day

Church Offices Closed

**SUNDAY, January 3**

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 21:

Annual Budget Need: \$1,941,427

Giving To Date: \$1,726,503

SBA Forgiven Loan: \$ 149,700

Needed By Year-end: \$ 65,224

## **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.

# 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







