The Lord's Service October 24, 2021

*Standing together is our ordinary practice, but you are welcome to remain seated.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Psalm 134.1-3

LEADER: Come, bless the Lord, all your servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

PEOPLE: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

LEADER: May the Lord bless you from Zion, **PEOPLE: He who made heaven and earth!**

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 81

O Love of God, How Strong and True

*Invocation

Elder Adam Sanders

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 5.6-21

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 on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Invocation

Call to Worship

Only God Himself can call us into worship. He sets

the terms for worship because, through His Son,

He makes worship possible.

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 see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

- PEOPLE: You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,
- LEADER: But showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- PEOPLE: Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.
- LEADER: Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son or your daughter or your male servant, or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.
- PEOPLE: You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.
- LEADER: Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.
- PEOPLE: Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

LEADER: You shall not murder.

- PEOPLE: You shall not commit adultery.
- LEADER: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- LEADER: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.
- PEOPLE: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Corporate Confession of Sin

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before you, against whom we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are truly sorry for all our sins.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to you and live. Wash us in the pure fountain of Jesus' blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Inscribe your law upon the tablets of our hearts. And give us the desire and strength to walk in your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1.18

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

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." The peace of the Lord be with you! PEOPLE: And also with you!

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. This prayer, sometimes individual and silent confession, is a corporate confession uniting our voices as people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection. *Hymn of Assurance

Nothing but the Blood

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder John Wykoff

1 Corinthians 2.1-11 (p. 952)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, That we may behold Thee walking beside us in our sorrow.

Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant! For through its portals we enter into the presence of the Living God.

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, That we may see to follow Thee, Jesus our Savior and Redeemer. Amen. (1928 G. Schirmer arr. Macfarlane)

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x) Give thanks. (1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Elder Jeremy Gaines

*Hymn

No. 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our selves.

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 elders to pray with and for God's people, not just publicly, but privately.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Word 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, He graciously sends us into our week with a blessing (good word) founded on the redeeming work of Jesus.

Scripture Lesson

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

Sermon

A COVENANT GOD

*Hymn of Response

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith. 2.2

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God?

PEOPLE: That God has all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness in and of himself. He alone is all-sufficient. He alone is the foundation of all being, of whom, and to whom are all things. He has absolute sovereignty over all things. His knowledge is infinite, his counsels holy, his works perfect, and his commands right. To him is due from angels and men, and every creature, whatever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them.

*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

Postlude

Pastor Jake Bennett

Exodus 20.1-3 (p. 61)

Pastor Jake Bennett

No. 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We are glad you chose to worship with us.

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 preaches from Mark 13.1-23.

Welcome, Hamilton Family!

CPC's new Youth Director Ryan Hamilton and his family have joined us this past week. We rejoice that the Lord has brought them to our church family. If you see him, his wife Kara, and their three boys, Benjamin, Colin, and Theo, please be sure to welcome them to Covenant.

Wedding Gift Card Collection

Join us as we anticipate the upcoming wedding of **Caroline Gunter**, daughter of Tim and Susan Gunter, and **Watson Brunson**.

You are invited to shower them with checks for their honeymoon fund or generic gift cards that can be used anywhere. Please put your card and note in a sealed envelope marked for Caroline Gunter. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Caroline Gunter. You may turn in your gift to the church office or give it to Diane Lazor. Please turn in your gift by **Tuesday, October 26**.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, October 24

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m. Children's pOpCoRn Fellowship - Courtyard Sunday School

TUESDAY, October 26

Ladies' Study: *Rising to the Call* - O-105 (FR) and Zoom - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 27

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 p.m. Reformation Celebration - Front Lawn - 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. Prayer Group - office on Admin Hallway and Zoom - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 28

Ladies' Hebrews Study - O-105 (FR) - 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, October 29

Men's Proverb Study - O -105 (FR) - 8:30 a.m.



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Midweek Menu - October 27

The Reformation Celebration menu is Pigs-in-Blankets, Chips, Coleslaw, Fruit, and Muddy Buddies. Don't miss it!

Volunteer Nursery Workers Needed

To help in the nursery on Sundays, sign up on the church website Children's Ministry page for a date that works with your schedule. Contact Stacy Collins at SCollins@cpcchatt.org for more info.

Nursery Schedule - TODAY						
Worship Service (9:15 a.m 10:45 a.m.)			Sunday School (10:45 a.m 12:15 p.m.)			
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	
Sherry Baierl	Kale Gaines	Donna Schreiner	Sherry Baierl	Sophia Cross	Domekia Gaines	
Nursery Schedule - October 31						
Worship Service (9:15 a.m 10:45 a.m.)			Sunday School (10:45 a.m12:15 p.m.)			
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	
Rebekah Gerhard	Rachel Baierl	Tim Warren	Rebekah Gerhard	Selah Cross	Debby Gardner	



CPC has started the fall/winter collection of clothing for The Salvation Army. They were so grateful for the enormous number of coats that we collected two years ago.

This year we are adding additional items for their needs. You will see a designated bin located outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Current items needed for men: coats/jackets, pants (sizes: medium and large), belts, underwear, socks (greatly needed), shower shoes/flip-flops.

Current items needed for women: coats/jackets, pants (sizes: medium and large), blouses, underwear, socks.

Miscellaneous items needed: bed-size blankets, bathroom rugs, ponchos, backpacks.

We are excited and looking forward to the same generous response that we received two years ago! If you have any questions or would like more information on this ministry, please contact Joan Denkinger at 423-605-9677 or <u>dearjoan@comcast.net</u>.

Midweek Dish Duty

Cleaning up after large scale supper on Wednesday evening goes quickly when tackled together. Volunteer for kitchen duty by signing up online.

Thank You Notes

I would really like to thank those in our church family who have sent encouraging cards, prepared meals for Gary and me, called and sent encouraging emails. It is so reassuring to have the love and support of our church family!

~ Dianne Cosby

Dear Covenant Family,

We thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls after Debby's sister went to be with the Lord. We so appreciate our church family.

~ John and Debby Gardner

Ready...Set... Pack Your Shoebox!

Please collect your shoeboxes from the church and start packing. We have a



special treat for the one who packs the most boxes – more on that later! Our goal this year is 500 boxes! We are excited to see what God will do.

We also need a more of a few items for CPC's OCC Packing Day, Saturday, November 20: **flipflops/shoes, notebook paper, toothbrush holders, glue sticks, small cars, pencil sharpeners, and crayons.** Also, if any of you would like to purchase fishing line and hooks for older boys or sewing kits for older girls, that would be great.

You can also **Build-a-Box-Online**. You choose items, pay \$25 for items including shipping, pray for the child, and it is done. The link for Covenant's Build-a-Box-Online is <u>https://sampur.se/3A5jJ6l.</u>



Reception to Honor Eric and Boo Mullinax

Nov. 14 - 12:00 p.m. - 0-100 (SFH) + Following the Sunday School Hour +

Join us for a special time to honor Pastor Eric & Boo for their faithful service at CPC.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to **David Close** and his family on the loss of his mother, Mary Close.

Christian sympathy is extended to **Janet Spruiell** and her family on the loss of her husband, Hugh Spruiell.

Christian sympathy is extended to the **family of Kathleen Borchers** on her recent passing. Kathleen was a long-time friend and attender of CPC.

Good News Club Helpers

Our church has been invited again to host a Good News Club at East Brainerd Elementary School one hour a week after school lets out.

If you are interested in helping or have any questions, email Diane Lazor at <u>dlazor7@gmail.com</u>or call her at (423) 503-0587.

evensong Service - November 21

The next evensong service will meet on Sunday, November 21 just before the week of Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar now and be sure to join us for this time of encouragement.

Church Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

Next Men's Breakfast - November 6

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages (Middle School and up) to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m. We will have a presentation from Mark Casson and Tim Busch to learn more about the focus and impact of Metanoia Prison Ministries. We will have a great time of fellowship and teaching. Cost: \$5.



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, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, 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, 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

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Paul Billy & Shirley Arnold PMI - India	Heidi MeinersICS - Budapest, Hungary
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Compassion International	Brian & Connie ShepsonMAF - USA
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Chernobyl Children's Program Belarus	David & Eowyn Stoddard MTW - Germany
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East Ridge WyldlifeEast Ridge, Tennessee	Third Millennium MinistriesGlobal
Jay & Beverly FowlerFCA - East Tennessee	Pete Vaughn Amani - Chattanooga
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