

# The Lord's Service

October 31, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

## God Calls Us

### 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.

### \*Call to Worship

Isaiah 12.2-6

**LEADER:** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

**PEOPLE:** **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

**LEADER:** And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

**PEOPLE:** **Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.**

**LEADER:** Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

**PEOPLE:** **For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

No. 92

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

### \*Invocation

Elder Adam Sanders

Great You are, O lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite. You would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in Your

### 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.

praise, for You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in You; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen. – St. Augustine

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Luke 6.27-28, 31, 35-36

**LEADER:** But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

**PEOPLE:** Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

**LEADER:** And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

**PEOPLE:** But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great,

**LEADER:** And you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

**PEOPLE:** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Corporate Confession of Sin

written by Martin Luther

**O Righteous God, we are comforted in our hearts that you do not will the death of a sinner. You have sworn and confirmed with an oath that you will not be angry with us forever, nor yet forever punish us. You call and entice all that are weary, oppressed, comfortless, sorrowful of heart and conscience. You call them to you and to your holy Word. You name yourself a heavenly physician. You take upon you our woes and miseries, wherein we see through sin we are fallen. You bring to us your everlasting help and refreshing, by the preaching of your holy Gospel, with which we may be helped forevermore.**

**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.

**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.

Upon such gracious promises we come to you;  
and we pray to you from the bottom of our hearts to  
be merciful to us poor sinners, as you have promised  
such mercy. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

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

### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.1-4

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“There is therefore now no condemnation for  
those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the  
Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from  
the law of sin and death. For God has done what  
the law, weakened by flesh, could not do. By  
sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful  
flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,  
in order that the righteous requirement of the  
law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not  
according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

### \*Hymn of Assurance

No. 469

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*

## God Consecrates Us

### Scripture Lesson

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

### Scripture Lesson

Elder John Wykoff

Micah 7.1-9 (p. 780)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### Choral Worship

*O How Amiable*

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
My Heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;  
They will be always praising thee.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

(1940 Oxford University Press arr. Williams)

\*Doxology *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (vs. 5)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church Elder Jeremy Gaines

\*Hymn No. 94

*How Firm a Foundation*

Scripture Lesson Mark 13.1-23 (p. 849)

<sup>1</sup> And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.

<sup>7</sup> And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not

### **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.

be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet.  
<sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup> And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

<sup>14</sup> “But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup> Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, <sup>16</sup> and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>17</sup> And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>18</sup> Pray that it may not happen in winter. <sup>19</sup> For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. <sup>20</sup> And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. <sup>21</sup> And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>22</sup> For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. <sup>23</sup> But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

## TEMPERED EXPECTATIONS

\*Hymn of Response

No. 347

*The Church's One Foundation*

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.3

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about Christ?

PEOPLE: **That Christ, by his obedience and death, fully discharged the debt of all those who are justified. He made full satisfaction to his Father's justice on their behalf. Yet, because he was freely given by the Father for them, and because his obedience and satisfaction were freely accepted in their stead, and not for anything in them, the justification of sinners is only of free grace.**

\*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 John Jones

Postlude

### 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.

# 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 13.24-37.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
**8:30 A.M. IN SFH** **COST: \$5**  
**SPECIAL SPEAKERS:**  
Mark Casson and Tim Busch will present the focus and impact of Metanoia Prison Ministries.  
All men (Middle School age and up) are invited to come for fellowship and encouragement.



Remember  
*Daylight Savings Time*  
ends November 7.  
Set your clocks back  
1 hour next Saturday  
before bed.

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, October 31

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.

Children's pOpCoRn Fellowship - Courtyard  
Sunday School

### MONDAY, November 1

Women's Ministry Team Meeting - O-105 (FR)

### TUESDAY, November 2

Mothers Encouragement Group - E-111 (Parlor) - 10 a.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 3

Midweek Meal - O-100 (SFH) - 5:30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship & Small Groups - Front Lawn - 6:15 p.m.

Children's Choir - Older in E-102 & Younger in E-104 (Perseverers) - 6:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.

Prayer Group - office on Admin Hallway and Zoom - 7 p.m.

Ladies' Study: *Hope in Times of Fear* - E-111 (Parlor) - 7 p.m.

Adult Class: *Shakespeare, Tragedy, and the Christian* - E-104 (Perseverers) - 7 p.m.

Children's Classes - E-201 - E-212 (2nd floor Ed Wing) - 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, November 4

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

### FRIDAY, November 5

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

Youth Fall Retreat

### Saturday, November 6

Men's Breakfast - O-100 (SFH) - 8:30 a.m.

Youth Fall Retreat

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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.

We are grilling for the Mullinax Reception and would like you to bring a hot or cold side dish to share. Nicky Lewin will send an online sign-up link this week. Food should be dropped off that Sunday morning in a presentable serving dish. It can be kept warm if needed. Please mark your dish with your name and pick it up after the event!

## Midweek Menu - November 3

The menu for this Wednesday is Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, and Cheesecake. Don't miss it!

## evensong: A Service of Thanksgiving - November 21

The next evensong service will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 21 before the week of Thanksgiving. A light dinner will follow the service. Mark your calendar now and be sure to join us for this time of thanksgiving and encouragement.

## 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](mailto:SCollins@cpcchatt.org) for more info.

## 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.

## 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
Rebekah Gerhard	Rachel Baierl	Tim Warren	Rebekah Gerhard	Selah Cross	Debby Gardner

## Nursery Schedule - November 7

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
Tammy Bacon	Emily Calloway	Susan Helton	Tammy Bacon	Amy Creamer	Bonnie Folkening

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# CPC Clothes Closet

The Collection Bins have moved to the alcove at the bottom of the stairs just off the lobby. Signs are posted.

**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 [dearjoan@comcast.net](mailto:dearjoan@comcast.net).

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Tom Runkle and his family on the loss of his mother, Beverly Runkle.

## 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 [dlazor7@gmail.com](mailto:dlazor7@gmail.com) or call her at (423) 503-0587.

## Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

for November is available in the Narthex.

## Thank You Notes

The many expressions of love and sympathy that have come to me through emails, texts, and cards have truly warmed my heart. I am grateful my Dad is finally home. Thank you.

~ Marilyn Struthers



Thank you so much for the cards and prayers that you have so kindly offered during this time of loss for our family in losing my mother.

~ David Close

## Church Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at [office@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:office@cpcc chatt.org) to make an appointment.



# Important OCC Information

As this outreach is hitting its busy time for the year, please consider how you can participate to send the gospel around the world and to serve in our community.

## Needed Gift Items for CPC's OCC Packing Day, Saturday, November 20

flip-flops/shoes	small cars
notebook paper	pencil sharpeners
toothbrush holders	crayons
glue sticks	

**Special Items:** fishing line and hooks (older boys)  
sewing kits (older girls)

## Fill and Pack a Shoebox

Please collect your shoeboxes from the church and start packing. Ask friends or coworkers to join in too. Our goal this year is 500 boxes!

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

## Fill the Most Boxes and Win a Prize

Whoever packs the most boxes will win a homemade Christmas Chocolate Peppermint Cake. If you are asking others to pack boxes, you CAN count those in YOUR total if you are picking them up and bringing them to CPC. Please sign in at the OCC table in the lobby with the number of boxes you have brought. The prize will be decided on Saturday, November 20.

## Multiple Volunteer Opportunities

- **OCC Shoebox Collection Site - November 15-22** - The sign-up list for volunteers is available in the Narthex and online at <https://bit.ly/2ZDuOzt>. Sites are open for 8 consecutive days, 2-4 hours each day. A brief volunteer training is scheduled on Saturday, November 13 at 9 a.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.
- **CPC's Packing Day - November 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** - Volunteers of all ages will meet in Schum Fellowship Hall to fill shoeboxes with the items collected throughout 2021.
- **OCC Processing Center - November 24 and December 7 - 1 - 6 p.m.** - Help prepare boxes to be loaded into shipping containers. Contact Judy Foster ASAP at 423-645-1086 or [grammiesno1@live.com](mailto:grammiesno1@live.com). She must register you, and then you are sent an invitation and waiver to be completed in advance. You must be at least 14 years old.

# 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, 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, John Spalding, 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	Luke & Amanda McAuley .....	SIM - Kenya
Paul Billy & Shirley Arnold .....	PMI - India	Heidi Meiners.....	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
James & Karen Ashley.....	Wycliffe - Global	Pete & Ruth Mitchell .....	MTW - France
Marc & Denise Atchley .....	TEAM - Greece	Randy & Joan Nabors.....	MNA - Mercy
Tom & Ann Austin.....	MTW - Global	Andy & Kathy Napier.....	TWR - North Carolina
NoNo & Kate Beale .....	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	PCA Agencies .....	Atlanta, Georgia
Mark Casson.....	MNA - Prison Ministry	John Mark & Caroline Scruggs .....	RUF - UTK
Child Evangelism Fellowship.....	Chattanooga	Jamie & Bethany Sexton .....	IDEAS - China
Compassion International .....	Global	Brian & Connie Shepson .....	MAF - USA
Chattanooga Sports Ministries.....	Chattanooga	Dan & Susan Steere .....	ELI - Global
Chernobyl Children's Program .....	Belarus	David & Eowyn Stoddard.....	MTW - Germany
Choices .....	Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha.....	Nireekshana - India
Matt & Annette Cummings .....	WEC - Japan	Tennessee Valley Presbytery.....	Church Plants
East Ridge Wylldlife .....	East Ridge, Tennessee	Third Millennium Ministries .....	Global
Jay & Beverly Fowler .....	FCA - East Tennessee	Pete Vaughn .....	Amani - Chattanooga
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz .....	CRU - Chattanooga	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic .....	Chattanooga
Dan & Mako Gilchrist .....	ELI - Global	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker .....	Third Mill - Global
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague.....	Harvestime - France	Mario & Keila Xaco .....	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico
Haitian American Friendship Foundation .....	Haiti	Christine .....	Wycliffe - East Africa
Harvest USA .....	USA	Frank & Cindy .....	MTW - Enterprise
Andrew & Julie Halbert.....	UWM - Costa Rica	Stepan & Alla .....	Belarus
Russ & Amanda Hightower .....	CA Church Plant	Jeff & Heather .....	MTW - Muslim Ministries
Hope for the Inner City.....	Chattanooga	Josiah & Miriam .....	MTW - Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter .....	UWM - Costa Rica		



