

The Lord's Service

November 28, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - The Ryan Hamilton Family

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

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

No. 193

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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

Elder Jay Spalding

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 32.3-5

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

PEOPLE: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

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.

LEADER: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

PEOPLE: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
see Page 5

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Tracy Wright

Luke 1.5-25 (p. 855)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Ministry in Music

Jeremy Gaines

*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.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Jake Bennett

*Hymn

No. 576

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12.1-2 (p. 1008)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

PURPOSELESS

*Hymn of Response

No. 338

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 31

LEADER: Why is he called “Christ”, meaning “anointed”?

PEOPLE: **Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel**

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.

and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

*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 John Jones

Postlude

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.

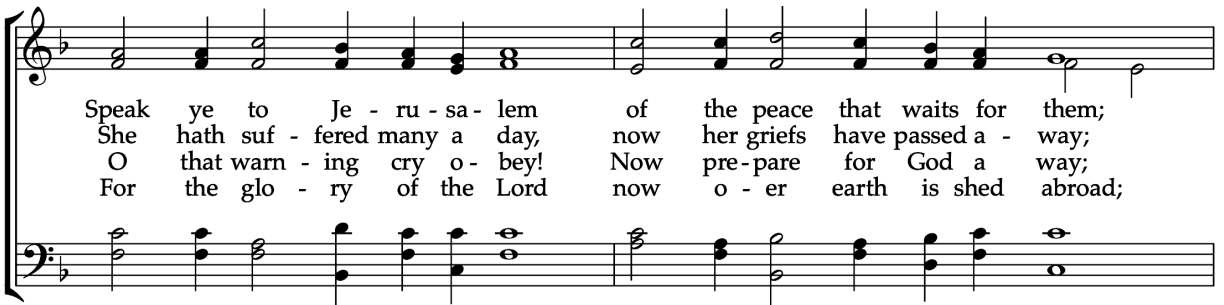
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near;
Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
She hath suf - fered many a day, now her griefs have passed a - way;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o - er earth is shed abroad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring glad ness.
let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

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.

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 Bennett preaches from Jonah 2.1-10.



Families of children ages 2 years old through 5th grade are invited to pick up an Advent Calendar card. They are located in a box in the lobby. Let's count down together!

WM Christmas Dinner
December 10, 2021 - 6 p.m. - O-100 (SFH)

Jesus
The Light of the World

Cost: \$8 (adults) / \$5 (ladies under 12)
Register by Dec. 5 at cpchatt.org or the WM Table in the Lobby

The registration deadline to attend this special dinner is Sunday, December 5.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, November 28

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

Children's pOpCoRn Fellowship - Courtyard
Sunday School

WEDNESDAY, December 1

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.

Mothers Encouragement Group - E-106
(Playroom) - 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.

FRIDAY, December 3

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

Middle School Progressive Dinner - 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 4

Men's Breakfast - SFH - 8:30 a.m.

SHINE Sewing Tutorial - E-104 - 10 a.m.

High School Progressive Dinner - 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 5

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

Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary - 11 a.m.

Connect Facilitator Meeting - O-100 (SFH) -
12 p.m.

Fowler Bridal Shower - D. Horton home - 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:30 A.M. IN SFH **COST: \$5**

SPECIAL SPEAKER:
 Ryan Hamilton, CPC's new Youth Director, will introduce himself and share what is on his heart. Come and welcome him.

All men (Middle School age and up) are invited to come for fellowship and encouragement.



Wedding Gift Card Collection - Aaron Crawford, son of Linda and Tom Crawford, will marry Olivia Morrison on December 18, 2021. We would like to shower them with cards from Amazon; Target; Bed, Bath & Beyond; and Barnes & Noble. Of course, checks would be appreciated as well. Please give your items to Pat Barber, Jean Mauroner, or the church office by November 29.

Bridal Shower - December 5 - 3-5 p.m. - You are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of Kelsey Fowler, bride-to-be of Jason Jonckheere. Kelsey is Jay and Bev Fowler's daughter. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.com. Join us at the home of Mindy Horton, 1715 Oakbrook Trail Ooltewah, TN 37363.

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@cpchatt.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
Anna Yonkofski	Heidie Armao	Babs Leach	Anna Yonkofski	Kristin Sotelo	Vangie Wykoff

Nursery Schedule - December 5

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
Lauren Warren	Emily Calloway	Bonnie Folkening	Lauren Warren	-----	-----

All music printed under CCLI No. 447727.

COVENANT YOUTH

PROGRESSIVE DINNERS

Middle School
Dec. 3 - 6-9p
Meet at CPC - 5.45p

High School
Dec. 4 - 6-9p
Meet at CPC - 5.45p

December Midweek Menu

December is full of appointments, programs, activities, and errands. Plan to recharge and refocus on Wednesdays during Midweek.

- December 1 Menu:** Chicken Pot Pie with Biscuit Topping, Tossed Salad, and Chocolate Bread Pudding
- December 8 Menu:** Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Artisan Bread, Salad, and Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream
- December 15 Menu:** Beef Burgundy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, and Chocolate Peppermint Cake

URGENT Clothes Closet Needs

Men's and Women's Winter Coats
Blankets
Socks

The Collection Bins are located at the bottom of the stairs just off the lobby.

Birthday/Anniversary Calendar
for December is available in the Lobby.



OCC Update

Thank you, Covenant Family!

Because of you, we packed 210 shoeboxes at our packing party on Saturday, November 20! Additionally, you brought 205 more boxes, totaling 415 shoebox gifts for 415 precious children around the world. THANK YOU!

The OCC Collection Site at CPC collected 1,679 shoeboxes this year--the most we have ever collected. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the collection site, baked cookies, helped on Packing Day, helped on Prep Day, packed boxes, folded boxes, helped with cleanup, helped with the kids on Sunday, colored or put verses in box lids, walked boxes down the aisle, donated money, AND PRAYED!

Please continue to pray for these children who will receive these boxes, especially over the month of December as the gifts are delivered to these precious ones. God bless you.

With many thanks, Judy Foster



**We need
YOU!!**

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.

Congregational Meeting - December 5

Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting after the Worship Service in the Sanctuary. During this time we will receive a report from our pastoral staff about the life and ministries of our church and vote on the trustees for the 2022 CPC Board of Directors.

According to the church constitution these trustees serve one-year terms and represent the church on legal transactions.

Our current 2021 trustees have agreed to serve an additional term in 2022 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.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATTANOOGA Congregational Meeting ✧ December 5, 2021

SAMPLE BALLOT

All candidates may be elected - no number limit.

For Election to a Director (Trustee) of CPC, Inc.:

Name:	Yes	No
Lynda Brown		
Duane Ferrel		
Doug McEachern		
Larry Miller		

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	RUF1 - 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 Wyldlife	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		

