

The Lord's Service

December 5, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Andrew van der Merwe,
John Spalding,
and Daniel Trask

*Call to Worship

Psalm 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing
praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the
heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: **Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty
voice.**

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over
Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God
of Israel -

PEOPLE: **He is the one who gives power and strength
to his people. Blessed be God!**

*Hymn of Adoration

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Hymnal No. 196*

*Invocation

by Elder Jon Harris

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1.26-38 (p. 855)
read by Elder Jim Hildebrand

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Choral Worship

Carol of Joy

Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry;
Brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;
Lengthening shadows, dark closing in;
Then through the stillness, carols begin.

O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast, and night tarries long.
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; sweet to your ears, a carol of joy!

Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow;
Cold barren hillside shrouded in snow.
Deep empty valley, veiled by the night:
Hear angel music, hear angels hopeful and bright.

O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound. Carol of joy- a Savior is found!

Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes,
Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.
Look up, sad-hearted! Witness God's love;
Join in the carol swelling above!

O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven's joy to you may belong!
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn:
Now unto you, O fallen, fearful, friendless world.
A Savior is born!

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*Doxology

Hymnal No. 732

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor John Jones

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 1.17-2.10 (p.774)

^{1.17} And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up
Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days
and three nights.

^{2.1} Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly
of the fish, ² saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my

Doxology

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

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.

distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. ³ For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ ⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head ⁶ at the roots of the mountains, I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. ⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. ⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. ⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!”

¹⁰ And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

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.

Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

OVERWHELMED

*Hymn of Response

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
 whose forms are bending low,
 who toil along the climbing way
 with painful steps and slow,
 look now! for glad and golden hours
 come swiftly on the wing:
 O rest beside the weary road
 and hear the angels sing.

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.

Call to Confession

Daniel 9.4-6

LEADER: I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and

steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

PEOPLE: We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

LEADER: We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.8-13

**LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him, as far as the east**

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.

is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*
Hymnal No. 198 vs. 1, 4-6

*Confession of Faith (in unison) *Apostles' Creed*

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.

[†]"catholic" -- universal

*Gloria Patri

Hymnal 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.

*The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is good and right so to do.**

*Song of Ascent

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___ Ho - ly,
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;___ Heav'n and earth are
 full,___ full_ of Your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na
 in the high - est! Bles-sed is He that comes___ in the Name of the Lord.
 ___ Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Gluten free bread is available next to the tray.

The Institution and Prayer

**Celebration of
The Lord's Supper**
In the Lord's Supper, Jesus meets Christians in spiritual communion. Coming in faith, they reflect on the instruction from Holy Scripture, remember His atoning work for them on the cross, and receive nourishment and comfort through the Holy Spirit.

Hymn for Distribution

Though Troubles Assail Us

see page 9

Ministry in Music

by Nicole Lewin

from Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:

For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath shew'n strength with his arm, he hath scatter'd the proud

In the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty

From their seats and exulted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; which he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy;

As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we've first begun.

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.

*Benediction

by Pastor John Jones

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Text: Jonah 1.17-2.10

Overwhelmed and Loved...

A planned appointment...

The LORD who listens...

The prophet who obeys...

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.

Though Troubles Assail Us

G C Am D Em G D⁷ G

1. Though trou - bles as - sail us and dan - gers af - fright,
 2. The birds, with - out gar - ner or store - house, are fed;
 3. When Sa - tan as - sails us to stop up our path,
 4. No strength of our own and no good - ness we claim;

C Am D Em G D⁷ G

though friends should all fail us and foes all u - nite,
 from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
 and cour - age all fails us, we tri - umph by faith.
 yet, since we have known of the Sav - ior's great name,

G D G Em G D

yet one thing se - cures us, what - ev - er be - tide,
 His saints what is fit - ting shall ne'er be de - nied
 He can - not take from us, though oft he has tried,
 in this our strong tow - er for safe - ty we hide:

C Am D Em G D⁷ G 7

the prom - ise as - sures us, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 so long as 'tis writ - ten, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 this heart - cheer - ing prom - ise, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 the Lord is our pow - er, "The Lord will pro - vide."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We are glad you joined us this morning.

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 Isaiah 62.1-4.

Congregational Meeting Today

Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary. We will receive a report 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.

The 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.

No Sunday School Today

Due to the Congregational Meeting following the Worship Service, no Sunday School classes will meet for any age group. Nursery is still available.

This Week at a Glance

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.

MONDAY, December 6

WM Team Meeting - O -105 (FR) - 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 8

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.
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 10

Men's Proverb Study - O -105 (FR) - 8:30 a.m.
Women's Christmas Dinner - O-100 (SFH) - 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 12

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.
Children's pOpCoRn Fellowship - Courtyard
Sunday School
Youth Leaders Meeting - Pearce home - 1 p.m.

Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

for December is available in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WM Christmas Dinner
December 10, 2021 - 6 p.m. - 0-100 (SFH)

Jesus
The Light of the World

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

Our mission focus this year is Christine who serves with SIL, a ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Her current focus is on Scripture engagement within East African refugee camps. A Wish List of items to support this ministry is available online or at the WM table in the Lobby. Monetary donations are welcome.

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
Lauren Warren	Emily Calloway	Bonnie Folkening	Lauren Warren	-----	-----
Nursery Schedule - December 12					
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	Judy Foster	Melissa Horton	Sherry Baierl	Bonnie Folkening	Bev Roop

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Bridal Shower - TODAY - 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.

EXTENDED 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 December 12.



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!



Kitchen Shower for Kansas Bradley - December 12 - 3 p.m.

You are invited to a Kitchen Replacement Shower for Kansas Bradley. The Bradley home was severely damaged by the April 2020 tornado.

Their home is restored, but their insurance company is not going to cover the cost of replacing small kitchen appliances, tools, and utensils. Kansas is registered at Target and Amazon.com. Join us at the home of Tara Rimondi, 9137 Stoney Mountain Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421. Please contact Vangie Wykoff for any questions.

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Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program - December 19

Please join us on Sunday evening, December 19 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the much anticipated annual Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program. This program is a wonderful opportunity to invite your family, neighbors, coworkers, and friends to attend. Our hearts will be drawn afresh to worship our Savior this Advent season. Don't miss it!



December Midweek Menu

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

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

Youth Game and Movie Night - December 17

To end a great fall semester, we will be having a youth-wide board game, movie, and fellowship night on Friday, December 17 from 6-8 pm at the church. Pizza will be provided. Be sure to bring your favorite game!



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.



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.

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@cpccchatt.org for more info.



Christmas Card Stamps

Please remember to save your Christmas Card stamps. Bring them to the church office. Used stamps are processed and re-sold with proceeds going to finance

Spanish language Sunday School curriculum in Latin America.

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 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		

