

# The Lord's Service

December 12, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Mary Caudle,  
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## 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 98.1-3

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### 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.

\*Hymn of Adoration

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Hymnal No. 194*

\*Invocation

by Elder Jon Harris

## God Cleanses Us

### 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

Psalm 25.11

LEADER: For your name's sake, O Lord,

PEOPLE: **Pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

## Corporate Confession of Sin

O Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb. We remain in the foothills when we should be on the heights. We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, sullied consciences, wasted hours, and unspent opportunities. We are blind to the light shining around us. Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our stony hearts of unbelief. Make it our highest joy to study you, to meditate on you, to gaze on you, to sit like Mary at your feet, to lean like John on your breast, to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things but as rubbish. We believe—help our unbelief. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 138.1-3

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

“I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart, before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

\*Hymn of Assurance

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*  
*Hymnal No. 195*

## 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.

# God Consecrates Us

## Scripture Lesson

Luke 1.39-56 (p. 856)

read by Elder Jim Hildebrand

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Worship

### *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

(1967 Banks Music Publications)

## \*Doxology

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

Ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King."

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

\*Hymn

*O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*  
*Hymnal No. 161*

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 62.1-4 (p. 621)

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

**FORGOTTEN**

\*Hymn of Response

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*  
*Hymnal No. 168*

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 21

**LEADER:** Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**PEOPLE:** **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures and one person, forever.**

## **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.

\*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.

## God Commissions Us

### **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

## **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 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 Bennett preaches from Psalm 16.1-11.



## 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.

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, December 12

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.  
Children's pOpCoRn Fellowship - Courtyard  
Sunday School  
Midweek Children's Teacher Lunch - O-100 (SFH) - 12:15 p.m.  
Youth Leaders Meeting - Pearce home - 12:30 p.m.  
Bradley Kitchen Shower - Rimondi home - 3 p.m.

### TUESDAY, December 14

Session Meeting - O -105 (FR) - 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, December 15

Midweek Meal - O-100 (SFH) - 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship & Small Groups - O-210 (Youth Suite) - 6:15 p.m.  
Children's Christmas Choir Presentation - Sanctuary - 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.  
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 17

Men's Proverb Study - O -105 (FR) - 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Game and Movie Night - O-100 (SFH) - 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, December 18

Christmas Choir Rehearsal and Lunch - Sanctuary - 9 a.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Children's Christmas Choir

Wednesday, December 15  
Sanctuary - 6:15 p.m.

Following the choir presentation, children will go upstairs to their regular Midweek classrooms for some Christmas crafts and activities.

CPC YOUTH

## Game & Movie =NIGHT=

DECEMBER 17  
6-8 P.M.  
O-100 (SFH)



To end a great fall semester, we will be having a youth-wide board game, movie, and fellowship night. Pizza will be provided. Be sure to bring your favorite game!



# The Great Expectation

Sunday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Presented by  
Sanctuary Choir with Orchestra

Come join with our choir along with orchestra for a night exploring The Great Expectation. As we trace the advent narrative from prophecy to fulfillment through Jesus's birth and look forward to his second coming, we will examine ourselves. We will find our only hope, peace, joy, and sacrificial love comes from our Emmanuel, the God who lives and reigns over this world and our lives. The concert is Sunday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. and is a wonderful opportunity to invite a neighbor or co-worker.

## 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	Judy Foster	Melissa Horton	Sherry Baierl	Bonnie Folkening	Bev Roop

## Nursery Schedule - December 19

Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)			NO Sunday School Today		
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Becky Pearce	Will Horton	Carson Pearce	-----	-----	-----

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## CPC Christmas Fellowship



## Meet the Hamilton Family

Sunday, December 19 at 11 a.m. in O-100 (SFH)  
Drinks and snacks will be provided.



### Last 2021 Midweek Meal

December 15 Menu: Beef Burgundy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, and Chocolate Peppermint Cake

### Christmas Card Stamps



Don't forget to save your Christmas Card stamps and bring them to the church office. Used stamps are processed and re-sold with the proceeds going to finance Spanish language Sunday School curriculum in Latin America.

### Budget Report

Through December 8

Annual Budget Need:	\$1,941,197
Giving To Date:	\$1,338,135
Needed By Year-end:	\$ 603,062

### Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

The December calendar is available outside the Church Office.

### Wedding Gift Card Collection Ends Today

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.

# 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 - UTC
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		





