

The Lord's Service

December 19, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Eric and Dawn Reynolds
and Ardeth West

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

1 Chronicles 16.23-25

LEADER: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,

PEOPLE: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

LEADER: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

PEOPLE: And he is to be feared above all gods.

*Hymn of Adoration

*O Come, All Ye Faithful
Hymnal No. 208*

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

by Elder Jon Harris

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Matthew 7.3-5,12

LEADER: "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

PEOPLE: Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye' when there is the log in your own eye?"

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: You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

PEOPLE: **So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."**

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save.

Help us to see this in Jesus, the friend of sinners. As we have received him, strengthen us to walk in him, depend on him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Give us the experience of grace in the face of our sin that makes us bold for others, that we might tell our friends and neighbors of your saving mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.1-5

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn of Assurance

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Hymnal No. 211*

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.

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

Luke 2.1-21 (p. 857)
read by Elder Ernie Brown

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

Light Beyond Shadow

Light beyond shadow,
Joy beyond tears,
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;
deeper the Peace when the storm is around,
nearer the Hope to the lost who is found.

Light of the world, ever shining, shining!
Hope in our pain and our dying,
in our darkness, there is Light,
in our crying, there is Love,
in the noise of life imparting
Peace that passes understanding.

Light beyond shadow,
Joy beyond tears,
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;
deeper the Peace when the storm is around,
nearer the Hope to the lost who is found.

(2021 The Music of Dan Forrest)

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.

*Doxology

Hymnal 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

by Pastor John Jones

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 16.1-11 (p. 453)

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”
- ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall
multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
- ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

ALONE

*Hymn of Response

Once in Royal David's City
Hymnal No. 225 vs. 1-2, 4-5

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 26

LEADER: How is Christ a King?

PEOPLE: As a King, Christ brings us under his

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.

power, rules and defends us, and
restrains and conquers all his and all our
enemies.

*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

by Pastor Jake Bennett

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.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Text: Psalm 16.1-11

We may experience loneliness and yet we belong to Christ.

Belonging to Christ means:

A Delight in His people

A Beautiful Inheritance

A Complete Connection

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 Jones preaches from Joshua 1.1-9.

Budget Report

Through December 13

Annual Budget Need: \$1,941,197

Giving To Date: \$1,382,718

Needed By Year-end: \$ 558,478

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, December 19

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

Christmas Fellowship and Meet the Hamilton Family - O-100 (SFH) - 11 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program - Sanctuary - 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 22

Caroling and Dessert - 5 p.m.

Prayer Group - Zoom - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 24

Church Offices Closed - Christmas holidays

Lessons and Carols Service - Sanctuary - 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 26

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

NO Sunday School



CPC Christmas Fellowship



Meet the Hamilton Family

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.)			NO Sunday School		
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Becky Pearce	Will Horton	Carson Pearce	-----	-----	-----

Nursery Schedule - December 26

Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)			NO Sunday School		
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Bekah Gernhard	Ellie Wright	Sophie Wright	-----	-----	-----

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All end-of-the-year contributions need to be in the offering or locked offering box in the Lobby by noon on Friday, December 31 (or postmarked by December 31) to be counted as tax-deductible for 2021 contributions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Becky Pearce at bpearce@cpcc chatt.org.

This year, all giving statements will be sent via e-mail to the e-mail address we have on record in ShelbyNext. If you would like your giving statement to be mailed, please contact Becky Pearce at BPearce@cpcc chatt.org.

Missing Newsletters and Holiday Schedule


Our weekly newsletter changed to a new format in early November. It has made it more interactive and informative. If you have noticed you are not receiving the newsletter, the email may potentially show up in your 'junk' email folder. If so, please check your 'junk' or sometimes 'spam' folder and add it to your 'safe senders' list. If you continue to have difficulty, please contact the church office for assistance.

The newsletter will not be published during the next 3 weeks due to the shortened work week during the Christmas season. The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday, January 11.

Caroling & Desserts

**Wednesday, December 22
Meet at 5:30 p.m.**

**Join us at the church to go caroling.
Bring a dessert to share when we
return to the church!!**



Lessons
- AND -
Carols

A SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Friday, December 24
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

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

Thank You

We would like to thank our church family for their continued prayers for on our behalf. Your care for us is a wonderful blessing.

Chung Shik & Suni Kim



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.

Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

The January calendar is available outside the Church Office.



Christmas Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed for Christmas on Friday, December 24, and Monday, December 27. The Office will be closing early for New Year's on Friday, December 31, and will be closed on Monday, January 3. No Newsletter will be published those weeks.

ALL WOMEN OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY ARE INVITED*



January 29, 2022

9^{AM} - 3^P

\$10

lunch included!

NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED

HIXSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH //1450 JACKSON MILL DR., HIXSON, TN 37343

- STEPHANIE FORMENTI -

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, COVENANT SEMINARY; CHAPEL ASSOCIATE FOR DISCIPLESHIP AT COVENANT COLLEGE

will guide us through 3 sessions in this one-day workshop where we will learn and practice how to faithfully study the Bible as well as discover the great delight that comes from knowing God through His Word.

Session 1

THE PRIVILEGE AND THE PROBLEM

We worship a God who has made himself known through His Word. And yet, it is far too easy to find ourselves crafting God into our own image or to find our hearts drawn to other things. Why does this happen? In this session we will study the immense privilege of knowing God through His Word and how that brings about true heart transformation. And then we will explore why we don't read our Bibles or dangerous ways that we do.

Session 2

THE PROCESS

In our daily devotional time, or in preparing for Bible study, or in teaching God's Word to our kids, "handling accurately the Word of truth" is an important skill. But sometimes we can be intimidated by the process. In this session, we will discuss two elements involved in the study of God's Word: comprehension and interpretation.

Session 3

THE PRACTICE AND THE PROMISE

Like any skill, studying Scripture requires practice, but that practice is fueled and fanned into flame by the promises of God that we find written in its pages. In this session, we will take a look at how we apply the truth found in God's Word to our daily lives and habits as well as what difference the overarching narrative of redemption makes in our understanding of God's work in this world.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
JAN 14

[HTTPS://1STPRESBYTERIAN.TPSDB.COM/ONLINEREG/307](https://1stpresbyterian.tpsdb.com/onlinereg/307)

You may pay your \$10 registration via credit card or check using the above link.

!! Payment due by January 14.

Please put "Sweeter than Honey" on the memo line of your check.

MAIL TO: First Presbyterian Church, "Sweeter than Honey", 554 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37402

QUESTIONS? Contact Leah Dean at 423.718.6804 | *Please invite friends, family & neighbors ages 11+

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
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Marc & Denise Atchley.....	TEAM - Greece	Randy & Joan Nabors	MNA - Mercy
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NoNo & Kate Beale.....	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	PCA Agencies.....	Atlanta, Georgia
Mark Casson.....	MNA - Prison Ministry	John Mark & Caroline Scroggs	RUF - UTC
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Chattanooga	Jamie & Bethany	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		

