

# The Lord's Service

December 26, 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

Psalm 100.1-5

**LEADER:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**PEOPLE:** **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

**LEADER:** Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**PEOPLE:** **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

**LEADER:** Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**PEOPLE:** **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice  
Hymnal No. 207*

#### \*Invocation

by Elder Jeremy Gaines

#### 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.

### God Cleanses Us

#### Call to Confession

Leviticus 19.18

**LEADER:** You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,

**PEOPLE:** **But you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.**

#### 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

Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to you that we have sinned against you  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart  
and mind and strength;  
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;  
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved you  
by wasting your gifts,  
by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love.  
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,  
and free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength  
of your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.  
Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 4.14-16

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Since then we have a great high priest who has  
passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of  
God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do  
not have a high priest who is unable to  
sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in  
every respect has been tempted as we are, yet  
without sin. Let us then with confidence draw  
near to the throne of grace, that we may receive  
mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

\*Hymn of Assurance    *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*  
*Hymnal No. 227*

## 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.

## 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.

## Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2.1-15 (p. 807)  
read by Elder Ernie Brown

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## \*Doxology

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising  
to th'eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

## Tithes and Offerings

## Prayer of the Church

by Pastor John Jones

## Hymn

*What Child Is This*  
*Hymnal No. 213*

## Scripture Lesson

Joshua 1.1-9 (p. 178)

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit

the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

## LOSING

\*Hymn of Response

*Rejoice, All People, Homage Give  
Hymnal No. 73*

\*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe of God?

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;**

### 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 the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>†</sup> and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† "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.

## 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 Jones preaches from Psalm 86.1-17.

## Budget Report

Through December 20

Annual Budget Need: \$1,941,197

Giving To Date: \$1,470,358

Needed By Year-end: \$ 470,839



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@cpcchatt.org](mailto:bpearce@cpcchatt.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@cpcchatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpcchatt.org).

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, December 26

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

NO Sunday School

### MONDAY, December 27

Church Offices Closed - Christmas holidays

### SUNDAY, January 2

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

NO Sunday School

### MONDAY, January 3

Church Offices Closed - New Year's holiday

## 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.

## Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

The January calendar is available outside the Church Office.

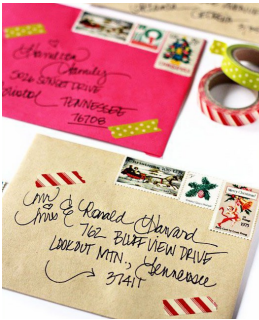
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## Christmas Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed 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.

### 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.

### Upcoming Winter/Spring Semester

Watch for information to mark on your calendars about upcoming 2022 fellowship opportunities, Bible studies, and special gatherings. Sunday school resumes on January 9, and Midweek meals and activities begin on January 12.



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

### Nursery Schedule - TODAY

### Nursery Schedule - January 2

Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)

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Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Bekah Gernhard	Ellie Wright	Sophie Wright	Stacy Collins	Bryonie Wykoff	Colleen Bailey



# ALL WOMEN OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY ARE INVITED\*



January 29, 2022

9<sup>AM</sup> - 3<sup>P</sup>

\$10

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lunch included!

NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED

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## - 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,  
 Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor,  
 Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Todd Smith, 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 .....	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		







