

The Lord's Service

November 27, 2022

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle - The Adam Sanders Family

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

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

Isaiah 6.1-3

LEADER: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the
Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up;
and the train of his robe filled the temple.
Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six
wings: with two he covered his face, and with
two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
And one called to another and said:

PEOPLE: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the
whole earth is full of his glory!"

*Hymn of Adoration

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Words: Olearius, 1671; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Music: Genevan Psalm tune, 1551

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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 Mike Walker

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Exodus 20.2-11, 2

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PEOPLE: **You shall have no other gods before me.**

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

PEOPLE: **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

LEADER: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days, the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

PEOPLE: **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

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**

We sin in thought, word,
and deed every week. This
prayer begins with silent
confession, followed by
corporate confession as
people equally 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.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Family Prayers*, Henry Thornton, London (1837)

**We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before
you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of
our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives,
and the prevalence of worldly affections within us.
Too often have we indulged the tempers which we
ought to have subdued, and have left our duty
unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son
Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance,
and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our
sins, and risen again for our justification.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.9-10

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Since, therefore, we have now been justified
by his blood, much more shall we be saved by
him from the wrath of God. For if while we
were enemies we were reconciled to God by
the death of his Son, much more, now that we
are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

***Hymn of Assurance**

*Alleluia! He is Coming
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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11.1-10 (p. 575)
read by Elder Dee Hobbs

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*God is Seen
Chancel Choir*

Tune: Captain Kidd, arranged by Alice Parker

Through all the world below
God is seen all around,
Search hills and valleys through,
There He's found.
The growing of the corn,
The lily and the thorn,
The pleasant and forlorn,
All declare, God is there,
In meadows drest in green, God is seen.

See springing waters rise,
Fountains flow, rivers run,
The mist that veils the sky
Hides the sun.
Then down the rain doth pour,
The ocean, it doth roar
And beat upon the shore,
And all praise, in their ways,
The God who ne'er declines His designs.

The sun with all his rays
Speaks of God as he flies
The comet in her blaze 'God' she cries;
The shining of the stars,
The moon, when she appears,
His awful name declares;
See them fly through the sky,
And join the solemn sound
All around, all around.

Scripture Lesson

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

**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 ourselves.

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.

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.

***Doxology**

Now Thank We All Our God
Words: Martin Rinckart, 1636; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1858
Music: NUN DANKET, Johann Crüger, 1647
Hymnal No. 98 verse 3

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven—
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1.19-20 (p. 983)

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

WONDERFUL FULLNESS

***Hymn of Response**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
Words: 5th century hymn, adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864
Music: Traditional French melody, arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Hymnal No. 193

***Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.3
(1647)**

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **The Lord Jesus, in His human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety. This office He took not unto Himself, but was called by His Father, who put all power and judgment into His hand and gave Him commandment to execute the same.**

***Gloria Patri**

CORONAE

Glory be to God the Father!
Glory be to God the Son!
Glory be to God the Spirit!
God Almighty, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

God Commissions Us

***Benediction**

by Pastor John Jones

Postlude

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.

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

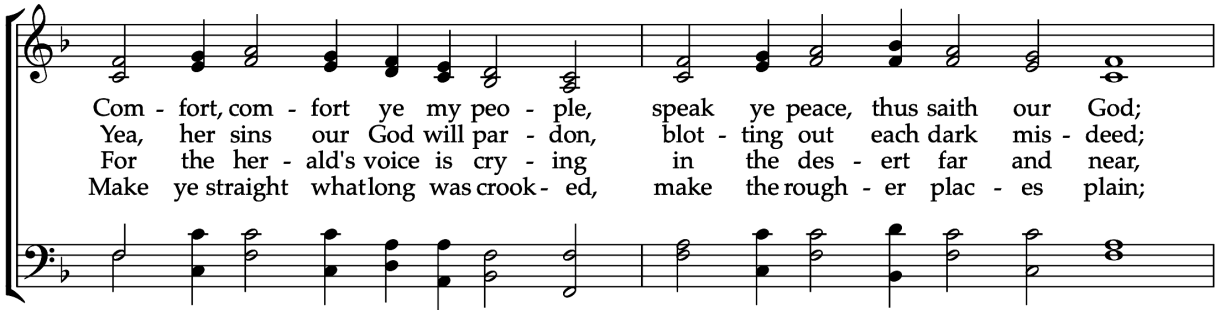
Mission Statement of CPC

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.

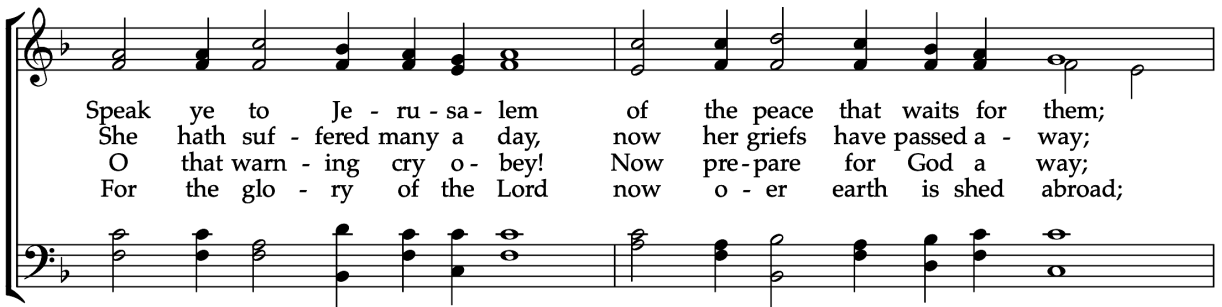
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



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 - springing 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.

Alleluia! He is Coming

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some lines having multiple verses. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 7, 14, and 27 indicated at the beginning of their respective systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the next two lines. The fourth system contains the final line of the lyrics. The lyrics are: 'I looked up and I saw my Lord a-com-ing, I looked up and I', 'I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weep-ing, I looked up and I', 'I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing, I looked up and I', 'I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing, I looked up and I', 'saw my Lord a-com-ing down the road. Al - le -', 'saw my Lord a-weep-ing for my sins.', 'saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the cross.', 'saw my Lord a - ris - ing from the grave.', 'lu - ia, he is com-ing, al - le lu - ia, he is here.', 'Al - le - lu - ia, he is com-ing, al - le - lu - ia, he is here.'

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I looked up and I saw my Lord a-com-ing, I looked up and I
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weep-ing, I looked up and I
I looked up and I saw my Lord a - dy - ing, I looked up and I
I looked up and I saw my Lord a - ris - ing, I looked up and I

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saw my Lord a-com-ing down the road. Al - le -
saw my Lord a-weep-ing for my sins.
saw my Lord a - dy - ing on the cross.
saw my Lord a - ris - ing from the grave.

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lu - ia, he is com-ing, al - le lu - ia, he is here.
Al - le - lu - ia, he is com-ing, al - le - lu - ia, he is here.

WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please take a moment to fill out one of the Connection Cards located in each pew.

Join us in the lobby for coffee and fellowship before Sunday school. If you are visiting or are newer to Covenant, consider visiting the Essentials class designed for you that meets in the Sanctuary.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Jake Bennett preaches from Isaiah 52.7-15.

For those with children:

Here at Covenant your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Understandably, little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. We have a special bulletin designed for these Little Theologians. They are available in the narthex (don't forget the crayons!). A window-enclosed Family Worship Room (on the right side of the sanctuary) is also available for you to use. It is a place for children to be a little louder and more active. A family restroom and a nursing mothers' room are located in the back of this room. A nursery is also available for children 2 years-old and under. Any deacon can direct you there.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting on December 4 after worship in the Sanctuary. During this time we will vote on the trustees for the 2023 CPC Board of Directors and Pastor Jones' resignation.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 27

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School

Tuesday, November 29

Women's Ministry Team Mtg - E-111 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 30

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
see website for class list

Friday, December 2

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am
Five Love Languages of Teens Study - E-111 -
10 am
Youth First Friday Fellowship - Panda Express -
11:30 am

Saturday, December 3

Men's Breakfast & Work Day - O-100 - 8:30 am

Sunday, December 4 - *First Sunday of Advent*

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Congregational Mtg - Sanctuary - 11 am

MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit cpcchatt.org for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church.

Contact the church office to request access to our online directory.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpcchatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

All Youth homeschool students are invited to join us for a time of fellowship. We will plan to meet the first Friday of each month and get lunch. Parents are welcome! We will meet at Panda Express (2260 Gunbarrel Road) on Friday, December 2 from 11:30 am - 1 pm.

Advent Calendars for Children

Families of children ages 2 years old through 5th grade are invited to pick up an Advent Calendar card to share as a family. They are located in the Narthex next to the adult Advent Reading Guides. Let's count down together!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4: No Sunday School
Wednesday, December 14: Christmas Party
Sunday, December 18: Last Sunday School Class of 2022
Wednesday, December 21: Churchwide Caroling

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - DECEMBER 4
Front Desk: Stacy Collins	Front Desk: John Pearce
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Ann Kistner (Infant Room) Esther McEachern (Infant Room) Sophie Wright (Infant Room) Heather Harris (Toddler Room)	Emily Calloway (Infant Room) Jeannie Hall (Infant Room) Tammy Knotts (Toddler Room) <i>Volunteer Needed</i> (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Hans Anderson (Infant Room) Rachel Anderson (Infant Room) Melissa Horton (Toddler Room)	---- No Sunday School ----

COVENANT LIFE

ADVENT READING GUIDES

Advent Reading Guides are available in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy for your family as you leave today. They have golden yellow covers this year. A digital version is also available on the our website's home page. The button for it is located below the scrolling advertisements

MEN'S BREAKFAST & WORK DAY

The Men's Ministry is inviting men of all ages to a light breakfast on Saturday, December 3 at 8:30 am to be followed by a work day. We plan to tackle a few projects at the church and may also have a few crews who will be sent to widows' homes as needed. Please plan to join us!

BUDGET REPORT

Through November 20:

Giving To Date:	\$1,168,304
Annual Budget Need:	\$1,984,930
Needed By Year-end:	\$ 816,626

MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION

The Men's Ministry is hosting a Winter Retreat at Johnston Woods on January 20-21. We will focus on *Who We Are in Christ*. Dr. Herb Ward will be our special guest speaker.

Sign up online at cpccchatt.org. The cost is \$50 to attend. Scholarships are available. High school boys are invited to join us, and their attendance is FREE.

Make plans to join us for this rich weekend of teaching and fellowship.


KNOTTS NEWLYWED SHOWER

You are invited to a Newlywed Shower in honor of Michael and Katie Knotts. Michael is the eldest son of Steve and Tammy Knotts. Let's celebrate with them as they begin their lives together! Michael and Katie are registered on Amazon.

The shower will be at Becky Pearce's home on Sunday, December 11 from 2-4 pm. Join us!



Katie & Michael
Knotts



Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and encouragement as we celebrate Jesus' promised coming. We will gather on Saturday, December 10 at 4 pm as we seek to "*stir up one another to love and good works*" during this Advent season. We want to focus on "*encouraging one another*" as well as some of our missionaries as they take the good news of Jesus' Advent around the world.

Registration is open online but ends on Sunday, December 4. The cost is \$8 per person. If scholarship help is needed, please contact the office.

ADVENT GATHERING

4 - 6 PM | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

LADIES OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED
REGISTRATION ENDS ON DECEMBER 4

COST: \$8

Visit [cpcchatt.org/ministry/
women](https://cpcchatt.org/ministry/women)



MIDWEEK

SUGGESTED DONATION

Our Midweek Meal is a great way to connect during the week. The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can. If you are able to donate more as a blessing to others, it is appreciated. Visitors enjoy a free meal.

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online (cpcchatt.org/give or scan QR code)



MIDWEEK MEAL INGREDIENTS

In an effort to simplify Wednesday evening meal prep for our kitchen staff and avoid possible allergic reactions, we are asking those with allergy issues or dietary restrictions who wish to know the ingredients of meals beforehand to sign up for a weekly email. This email will include the ingredients used in preparing the meal and if any adaptations are available (gluten free, dairy free, etc.).

Even if a particular meal doesn't work for you, please feel free to bring a meal that does and join us for fellowship. If you wish to be added to this list, please email Nicky Lewin, our Kitchen Services Coordinator, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

NOVEMBER MIDWEEK MENU

November 30: Soup and Bread Night:
Turkey Mulligatawny, Potato Chowder, Salad Bar, Apple Crisp and Ice Cream

December Midweek Menu



December 7: Lasagna, Roasted Garlic Sourdough Bread, Roasted Veggies, Salad Bar, Berry Cheesecake

December 14: Beef Burgundy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate Candy Cane Cake

OUTREACH

ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY

For many years now, during the Christmas season especially, we remind you to save the stamps from you receive in the mail. Some members save throughout the year . The stamps sometimes trickle in by fives or tens, but sometimes they come in by bulging sandwich bags full. Do you ever wonder what becomes of those stamps that the church asks you to collect?

Some people love to collect stamps as a hobby, but the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Meyers, Florida, has found a way to turn ordinary postage stamps into resources for spreading the gospel. They turn what most of us throw away as trash into a treasured resource to help advance God's Kingdom. This ministry is based out of Shell Point Retirement Community. Below are an edited excerpts from a Fort Meyers' *The News Press* article that will explain how this started and happens:

For 50 years, Shell Point volunteers have gathered, sorted, clipped, and placed untold numbers of canceled stamps into plastic bins. Now this sounds like busy work and a way for a bunch of senior citizens to get out and socialize. "You can't believe the number of problems we've solved in here," joked group leader Treva Crump. They've also solved a big one when it comes to spreading God's Word.

By doing this simple yet laborious task, the Alliance Stamp Ministry passed the \$1 million mark in money raised for the publication of Sunday School material and sharing of God's Word on radio in Central and South America. Ben Crump, Treva's husband, calls it doing the Lord's work.

Shell Point has a long history of being a haven for religious and spiritual leaders. The community has been home for retired pastors and missionaries almost from its opening 54 years ago.

Dr. Robert Searing, the stamp ministry's original founder, came to Shell Point in 1971. He brought his business with him. In the old days, he and his employees soaked the licked stamps off paper, sorted, and sold them. Working with the H.R. Harris Stamp Company, profits made supported H.C.J.B., a Christian radio station that reached into Central and South America. A total of \$4,100 was raised that first year. Word quickly spread to local and national churches as well as other organizations, which sent canceled stamps to the group's headquarters.

Radio time became so expensive that missionaries in Argentina asked if the monies sent could be used for the publication of Sunday School material. They agreed, and Publicaciones Alianza in Buenos Aires now prints the materials.

The trimmed and sorted stamps are now sold to collectors in 25-pound boxes. "They used to be 50, but I can't lift them anymore," said Treva. So how many stamps do they go through? "My goodness," she said. "What? Millions. What's after that? Billions. But people want them because they're looking for that special stamp."



**Ben & Treva Crump,
current organizers**

