

The Lord's Service

February 12, 2023

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

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 12.5-6

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

PEOPLE: **Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text: Walter Chambers Smith, 1867

Music: JOANNA, Traditional Welsh hymn melody

Hymnal No. 38

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 Adam Sanders

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 32.3-5

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

PEOPLE: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Romans 8.33, Philip Melancthon

Almighty, Eternal God of Truth, we confess, and we are deeply sorry, that we are sinful and have so often sinned against you. We implore you to forgive us all our sins, be gracious to us, and justify us for the sake of your beloved Son, whom you have made our Redeemer. With your Holy Spirit, purify our hearts and guide our souls that we may truly know, adore, and be obedient to you, O God of Truth, Eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.24

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn of Assurance

Not What My Hands Have Done

Text: Horatius Bonar , 1861

*Music: LEOMINSTER, Henry Purcell, 1862 ;
arranged by Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874*

Hymnal No. 461

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103.1-14 (p. 502)

read by Elder Nick Lazor

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Oh! For a Closer Walk with God

Text: William Cowper

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford
Sanctuary Choir*

Oh! for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav’nly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame:
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Jason Coffey

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 2.5-13 (p. 964)

⁵ Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. ⁶ For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, ⁷ so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹ For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

¹² When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, ¹³ my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

Sermon

by Pastor Render Caines

A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE

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.

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.

*Hymn of Response

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834

Music: ANDREWS, Mark Andrews, 1930

Hymnal No. 77

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, 15
(1563)

LEADER: Christian, what manner of Mediator and Redeemer must we seek?

PEOPLE: **One who is a true and sinless man, and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is at the same time, true God.**

*Gloria Patri

GREATOR EX

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 Render Caines

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.

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 Mullinax preaches from Hebrews 2.1-4.

Finding your way:

Please scan the QR code to view a map of our facilities. There are also printed maps on the bulletin board just off the Information Center and outside the Nursery.



For those with children:

Your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. Please take advantage of these helpful tools:

- **Special bulletin** - designed for our Little Theologians (available in Narthex)
- **Family Worship Room** - where children can be a little louder and more active (windowed room in Sanctuary.)
- **Family Restroom and Nursing Mother's Room** (in Family Worship Room)
- **Nursery** - available to children born after September 1, 2019 (deacons can direct you)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 12

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Missions Committee Mtg - O-105 - 12:30 pm

Tuesday, February 14

Aging Faithfully Women's Study - E-106 - 10 am

Wednesday, February 15

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
see website for class list
Session Mtg - O-105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, February 16

Ladies' Titus Study - O-105 - 10 am

Friday, February 17

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am

Sunday, February 19

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Congregational Mtg - Sanctuary - following
Worship
Sunday School
Lackey/Calloway Bridal Shower - O-100 - 2 pm

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.

COVENANT LIFE

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of Sarah Lackey, bride-to-be of Carey Calloway. Sarah is the youngest daughter of Jim and Amy Lackey, and Carey is Jonathan and Emily Calloway's son. These two have grown up at Covenant. Let's celebrate them getting married! The couple is registered on Amazon. Sarah would love if you would share a family favorite recipe to help fill her recipe box.

The shower will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 19 from 2-4 pm. Join us!



CPC PRAYER CALENDAR

A new CPC Prayer Calendar is available. It divides missionaries, ministries, and members of CPC into daily blocks. It also includes areas of the world to pray for and things to pray for personal spiritual growth. These guides are available outside the church office.

THANK YOU

"We want to thank the Covenant family for all of your prayers and love in recent days. The calls, texts, cards, and visits were much appreciated."

-- Domekia Gaines and family

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting scheduled for February 19 after worship in the Sanctuary. During this time we will vote to "receive TE Dan Steere's retirement and, pending Presbytery's review and approval, to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Dan Steere and Covenant Presbyterian Church." We will also vote on a motion to declare the session as the pulpit committee.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance during our services, we now offer a hearing assistive technology called Listen Everywhere. Download the app from the iOS App Store or Android Google Play Store or scan this QR Code to be directed to download the app. Your phone or tablet can connect to a special Wi-Fi network where you can listen via your personal headphone, earbuds, or hearing aids that are connected to that device.



Once you have launched the app, please see one of our deacons in the Narthex to finish configuring your connection.

We also have a small number of hearing assistance devices available in the Narthex, please see a deacon if you need one.

COVENANT LIFE



MISSIONS *Awareness Week*

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 5

Special Guests, Meetings, and Activities

RENT - A - YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Church members will have the opportunity to "hire" the youth to tackle various projects including babysitting, yard work, or cleaning. The funds help our students raise money for their summer camps and fall retreat. What an opportunity to be a blessing to each other!

Be thinking now of those spring projects you always want a few extra hands to complete quickly.

CPC members will need to complete an online form when requesting to hire a youth. Be watching for that link to be published. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Morrison at HMorrison@cpcchatt.org.

MISSIONS BREAKFAST

One highlight of our Missions Awareness Week will be a churchwide breakfast on Saturday, March 4 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear from several Chattanooga ministries that we financially support and then depart on "field trips" to tour or work at these locations. Please mark your calendars now for your whole family to join us!

Further details will be published in a special booklet available next Sunday.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. For your convenience, you may also sign-up on the Children's Ministry page of the website. You may also contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpcc chatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

EDGE REGISTRATION

The Middle School students (grades 6-8) are headed back to The Edge on Lookout Mountain for summer camp on June 19-23. Online registration is open. The cost is \$315. Spots are limited.

CPC YOUTH FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Homeschool students (and parents) are invited to join us for a time of fellowship at Five Guys (2020 Gunbarrel Road) on Friday, March 3 from 11:30 am -1 pm.

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - FEBRUARY 19
Front Desk: John Pearce	Front Desk: Sherry Baierl
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Jeannie Hall (Infant Room) Emily Calloway (Infant Room) Esther McEachern (Toddler Room) Donna Schreiner (Toddler Room)	Lauren Warren (Infant Room) Tim Warren (Infant Room) Rachel Baierl (Toddler Room) Teva Wooten (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Lorelei Bradley (Infant Room) Diane Lazor (Infant Room)	Amy Creamer (Infant Room) Ann Kistner (Infant Room)

MIDWEEK



February 15 Valentine's Feast: Coq au Vin, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Brioche, Chocolate Valentine's Cake

February 22 Mardi Gras: Cajun Red Beans, Sausage, and Rice, Salad Bar, Beignets

MISSIONS AWARENESS MIDWEEK

On Wednesday, March 1, the Missions Committee invites you to a special Missions Awareness Night.

The Midweek meal will include Meatballs From Around the World, a Salad Bar, and an International Ice Cream Bar. During the meal, everyone will be able to participate in a fun Missions Kahoot Quiz for prizes.

After the meal, all ages will learn about various ministries and missionaries that we support.

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

If you have food allergies/dietary restrictions and want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Kitchen Services Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

This email will include the ingredients used in preparing the meal and if any adaptations are available (gluten free, dairy free, etc.).

OUTREACH

CPC MISSIONARY TO PRISONERS



Mark Casson

Mark Casson, the Executive Director of Metanoia Ministries, spent 11 years in one prison and never saw a Reformed Christian visit the prison chapel. He had written to Reformed churches, he says, but no one ever came. When he was released, he believes God called him to his current ministry in order to call the Reformed world to prison ministry. There are approximately 150,000 evangelical brothers and sisters in prison in the United States, and in Casson's view, "we have, by and large, neglected them."

Metanoia Ministries is based in Chattanooga TN, and is a ministry partner of Mission to North America. From Joseph to Daniel to Paul, the Bible is full of stories regarding ministry to the prisoner. Engaging, educating, and equipping the body of Christ for the discipleship, mentoring, and reintegration of prisoners is the heartbeat of this ministry.

Please pray for him, prisoners' hearts to be open, and this ministry. If you are interested in more information about this work or would like to find out how you can get involved, visit www.metanoiaprisonministries.org.



CPC MISSIONARIES WITH RUF INTERNATIONAL



**Lee & Jennifer
Leadbetter**

Lee and Jennifer Leadbetter serve with Reformed University Fellowship International (RUF-I). They direct the ministry to more than 1,100 international students at the UT-Knoxville campus. RUF-I is global missions on a US campus! It's their belief that God desires people from every nation, people, and language, to come to know Jesus Christ as the sum and substance of true religion and the answer to mankind's deepest need. RUF-I seeks to serve international students and scholars at UT with the love and hospitality of Christ, and to sensitively engage them with authentic Christianity, in order that their lives, families, and home communities might be transformed by the gospel of grace.



Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- For God to use our Staff and volunteer Ministry Team to love and serve students well
- For students from many diverse backgrounds to be drawn to Jesus as Lord and Savior
- For a strong marriage that is animated by - and that radiates - the gospel of grace
- For the personal & spiritual growth of our kids (Daniel & Phillip in college and Annie & Neissa in middle school)

