

The Lord's Service

April 23, 2023

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Forrest Green

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 47.1-7

LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God
with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

LEADER: He subdued peoples under us, and nations
under our feet. He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

PEOPLE: **God has gone up with a shout, the Lord
with the sound of a trumpet.**

LEADER: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises
to our King, sing praises!

PEOPLE: **For God is the King of all the earth; sing
praises with a psalm!**

*Hymn of Adoration

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Text: Isaac Watts (1715)

Music: FOREST GREEN, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

Hymnal No. 119

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 Dee Hobbs

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

1 John 1.8-10

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PEOPLE: If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his Word is not in us.

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

Ephesians 2.8

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

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.

***Hymn of Assurance**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Text and Music: Stuart Townend (1995)

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God Consecrates Us

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.

**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

Genesis 12.1-9 (p. 8)

read by Elder Tracy Wright

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*arranged by William J. Kirkpatrick,
Bell Choir*

***Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Ken Henry

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5.11-17 (p. 966)

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For

the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;
¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Sermon

by Pastor Dan Steere

COUNTER-CULTURAL

*Hymn of Response

Lift High the Cross

Text: George William Kitchin (1887)

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson (1916)

Hymnal No. 263, verses 1, 4-5

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.2
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **Faith, receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification. Yet is it not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, is no dead faith, but works by love.**

*Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

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.

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.

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

2 Corinthians 13.14
by Pastor Dan Steere

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Title: Counter-Cultural

Text: 2 Corinthians 5.11-17

I. Principle

II. Purpose

III. Prisoner

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

CPC Officers

ELDERS: Jake Bennett (Moderator), Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Coffey, Tony DeMarco, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor, Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright

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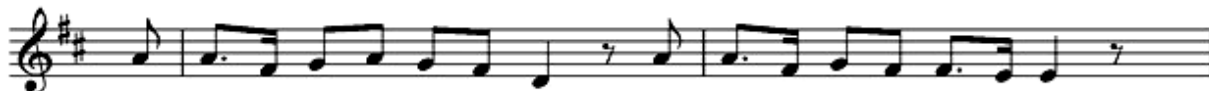
How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fath-er's love for us. How vast be - yond all meas - ure.
2. Be - hold a Man up - on the cross, My sin up - on his shoul - ders,
3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing. No gifts, no pow'rs, no wis - dom,



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure.
A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scoff - ers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of scar-ing loss, the Fath - er turns His face a-way,
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - comp - lished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fi - nished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please fill out a Connection Card 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 Bennett preaches from 2 Corinthians 3.1-6.

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, April 23

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Information Mtg - Sanctuary - immediately following worship
Sunday School
Connect Facilitator Mtg - O-100 - 12:15 pm

Wednesday, April 26

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

Friday, April 28

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am
Home Runs & Hot Dogs - Coolidge Park - 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 30

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Harris Baby Shower - Lobby - 2:30 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.

If you have an urgent prayer request or pastoral care need, please call or text our Pastoral Care Line at 423-521-2142.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

COVENANT LIFE

INFORMATION MEETING

Join us in the Sanctuary today immediately following worship for an Information Meeting. The Session would like to give an update regarding the search for our new Senior Pastor and the transition plan for the Youth Ministry.

HARRIS BABY SHOWER

Mark your calendars and come to the baby shower for Isaiah and Anna Harris. They are excitedly getting ready to welcome their baby boy in May. They are registered at www.babylist.com/list/baby-anna-hightshue.



The shower will be in the Lobby on Sunday, April 30 from 2:30-4:30 pm.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the Krieg family (wife Sharon and daughter Angela Heisig) on the sudden loss of their husband and father, Mark Krieg.

Christian sympathy is extended to Dean Elwood and his family on the loss of his mother, Lois Elwood.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, May 6 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited to have Pastor Benjie Slaton from Grace+Peace Church as our speaker. He will be sharing "The Welcome of Christ" from Romans 15.1-9. All young men in high school are invited to join us as well. Cost: \$5.

CROSS BABY SHOWER

Brandon and Annabelle Cross are eagerly awaiting Baby Boy Cross to arrive in June. Let's help them get ready! They are registered on Amazon.

They want men and women to come to the shower. It will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 7 from 2-4 pm.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We are preparing to honor our graduates at CPC. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctoral programs. Please email the Church Office with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.

LADIES' TEA

Please mark your calendars to join us for the Ladies' Tea on Saturday, May 20 at 11 am. Registration and additional information is coming soon.



Friday, April 28, 2023
"A Night at the Ole Ball Game"

5:30 pm - Dinner at Coolidge Park

7:15 pm - Ball Game (*Chattanooga Lookouts vs. Rocket City Trash Pandas*)

Cost: \$5 per person (\$15 family max)



MIDWEEK

BAKED GOODS AUCTION

Join us on Wednesday, May 3 at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a live auction of baked treats and goodies. The proceeds bless our students by providing scholarships for our youth summer trips.

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot on Wednesday, May 10 from 4:30-8:30 pm.

Appointment sign-ups will be happening soon. Watch for the link!

LAST MIDWEEK

May 10 is the final Midweek of the school year. Be sure to join us for a final supper, fellowship, and the conclusion of all classes and activities.

MIDWEEK MENU

April 26: Cobb Salad Bar (Chicken Nuggets for kids) Homemade Sourdough, Lemon Mousse

May 3: Pork Carnitas, Refried Beans, Mango Salsa, Salad Bar, Cinnamon Churro Bars

May 10: Barbecued Chicken, Chips, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Strawberry Shortcake

- 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)



The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can. Visitors enjoy a free meal.

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.).

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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

RENT - A - YOUTH

Want help this tackling a project? Need some childcare? CPC members can submit an online form about the job you want done. Scan the QR Code to access it. Email Heather Morrison at HMorrison@cpccchatt.org if you have questions. Proceeds help defray the cost of summer camps for hired students.



SHINE CAMP REGISTRATION

SHINE is June 26-30. It is open to girls who have completed 3rd - 8th grade and who are interested in learning about cooking, sewing, art, and crafting. Space is limited.

Registration is open at cpccchatt.org.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please email Rebekah Bennett at Rebekahjbennett@gmail.com.

MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to attend Music Camp on June 5-9! Registration for volunteers and campers will open at cpccchatt.org on Monday, April 24.

If you have any questions, contact Sara Southard at ssouthard@cpccchatt.org.

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - APRIL 30
Front Desk: Tammy Bacon	Front Desk: John Pearce
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Abby Sotelo (Infant Room) Kristin Sotelo (Infant Room) Babs Leach (Toddler Room) Esther McEachern (Toddler Room)	Leanna Cathey (Infant Room) Teva Wooten (Infant Room) Adam Cathey (Toddler Room) J.T. Cathey (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Macie Horton (Infant Room) Lina McDaniel (Infant Room)	Betta Cook (Infant Room) Emily Pearce (Infant Room)

OUTREACH

CPC MISSIONARIES IN KENYA



**Luke & Amanda
McAuley**

Luke and Amanda McAuley serve with SIM. They and their five children were able to return to Kenya after being off the field during Covid. Luke is primarily involved with different medical ministry outreaches. Here is an excerpt from their most recent update letter:

"I am the clinical and rehab supervisor for BethanyKids. In this role, I am responsible for mentoring and training all of the therapists and rehab-related staff for BethanyKids. Another aspect of my work is with the mobile clinic team. Our team treats nearly 4,000 patients per year. One of the unique things about therapy is that often we require a significant number of return visits and with this, we can create a strong relationship with our families. This relationship allows us to be able to share on a deeper level with these families."

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

- For Amanda and their children in their teaching and education
- Thankfulness for a recent family vacation
- For gospel relationships to be built with Luke's patients, their families, and other staff members

CPC MEDICAL MISSIONARIES IN INDIA



**Sujai & Lavanya
Suneetha**

Sujai and Lavanya Suneetha are doctors who serve in Andhra Pradesh, India. After years of ministry among lepers in India, they responded to God's call to minister to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS (India's lowest "caste").

Nireekshana ACET (AIDS Care, Education & Treatment) is a community based organization dedicated to the Christ-like compassionate care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS and leprosy using a holistic approach. This work is based in the medical clinics and in community outreach. It's key work focus is on providing counselling, medical care, training and empowerment of women, socio-economic, spiritual care and support.

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

- That Nireekshana would truly be, as the name literally means, "A place of hope".
- That the Suneethas would be strengthened in their particular leadership roles.
- That God might supply the resources (financial, dedicated personnel, facilities) to continue this ministry.

