

# The Lord's Service

April 30, 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

Psalm 117.1-2

LEADER: Praise the LORD, all nations!

PEOPLE: Extol him, all peoples!

LEADER: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

PEOPLE: Praise the LORD!

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim*

*Text: from Psalm 135; The Psalter (1912)*

*Music: CREATION, Franz Joseph Haydn (1798)*

*Hymnal No. 12*

### 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 Todd Gaither

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 3.7

### 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: Be not wise in your own eyes;

PEOPLE: Fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Private Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Acts 17.28*, Martin Bucer

**Heavenly Father, hear the prayer we make before you.  
Drive from our heart and soul all those things that  
displease you. Enable us to understand that we live  
and move and have our being in you; and that our  
sins are so great and so offensive before you, that  
neither your grace nor your life ever could have been  
restored to us except through the death of your only  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.8-13

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to  
anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will  
not always chide, nor will he keep his anger  
forever. He does not deal with us according to  
our sins, nor repay us according to our  
iniquities. For as high as the heavens are  
above the earth, so great is his steadfast love  
toward those who fear him; as far as the east  
is from the west, so far does he remove our  
transgressions from us. As a father shows  
compassion to his children, so the Lord shows  
compassion to those who fear him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

\*Hymn of Assurance

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Text: Robert Robinson (1758)*

*Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton (1825)*

*Hymnal No. 457*

## 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.

# 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.

## 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

Proverbs 12.13-20 (p. 536)  
read by Elder Tracy Wright

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*Gather at the River*  
by Susan LaBarr (2014)  
Sanctuary Choir

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river, the river that flows by the throne of God.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

## \*Doxology

*TALLIS' CANON*

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

## Prayer of the Church

by Elder Jay Spalding

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

2 Timothy 2.24-26 (p. 996)

<sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

### 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.

### Sermon

by Pastor Render Caines

## SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

### \*Hymn of Response

### *All Authority and Power*

*Text: Christopher M. Idle (1973)*

*Music: NEANDER, Joachim Neander (1680)*

*Hymnal No. 453*

\*Confession of Faith    Westminster Confession of Faith, 7.3  
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **Man having made himself incapable of life by the Covenant of Works, the Lord was pleased to make a second covenant, commonly called the Covenant of Grace. In this He freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring faith in Him that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life, His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.**

\*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.

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

by Pastor Render Caines

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

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## **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

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Jonathan Calloway, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall, 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, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Tim Warren

## 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.

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### 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 30

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

Harris Baby Shower - Lobby - 2:30 pm

### Tuesday May 2

WM Team Mtg - E-111 - 6:30 am

### Wednesday, May 3

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm

Youth Baked Goods Auction - O-100 - 5:45 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -  
see website for class list

### Friday, May 5

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

First Friday Fellowship - Dos Bros - 11:30 am

Home Runs & Hot Dogs - Coolidge Park - 5:30 pm

### Saturday May 6

Men's Breakfast - O-100 - 8:30 am

### Sunday, May 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

Cross Baby Shower - O-100 - 2 pm

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## MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://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.

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# COVENANT LIFE

## HARRIS BABY SHOWER

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](http://www.babylist.com/list/baby-anna-hightshue).

The shower is in the Lobby today from 2:30-4:30 pm.



## HOME RUNS & HOT DOGS

Due to rainy weather, Home Runs & Hot Dogs was rescheduled for this Friday, May 5. We will meet at Coolidge Park for dinner at 5:30 pm and head to the game at 7:15 pm. The Lookouts will play the Birmingham Barons.

If you registered for this event and can't attend the new date, please contact Becky Pearce at [BPearce@cpcchatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpcchatt.org).

Sign-up at [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) if you haven't already. Cost is \$5 per person, \$15 family max.

## 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.

## Ladies' Tea



You are invited to join us for the Ladies' Tea on Saturday, May 20 at 11 am.

Sign-up at [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) by Sunday, May 14.

Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (12 and under).

## BRIDAL SHOWER

Mark your calendars for a Bridal Shower in honor of Lexi Bacon, bride-to-be of Duncan Joiner. The shower will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 21 from 2-4 pm.

## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The May birthday/anniversary calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

# 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](mailto:nursery@cpccchatt.org) and let her know when you are available to serve.

## MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Music Camp on June 5-9! Registration is open at [cpccchatt.org](http://cpccchatt.org). Volunteers should scan the QR Code to sign-up.

Contact Sara Southard at [ssouthard@cpccchatt.org](mailto:ssouthard@cpccchatt.org) if you have any questions.



## OCC ITEMS FOR MUSIC CAMP PACKING PARTY

- washcloths
- bars of soap
- chapstick
- small bowls/cups
- flip-flops
- socks
- watches
- small stuffed animals
- small toys (slinkies, yo-yos, jump ropes, cards, small cars, princess items, etc.)

The collection cart is in the Admin Hallway.

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - MAY 7
Front Desk: John Pearce	Front Desk: Sherry Baierl
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Leanna Cathey (Infant Room) Teva Wooten (Infant Room) Adam Cathey (Toddler Room) J.T. Cathey (Toddler Room)	Jeannie Hall (Infant Room) Jean Mauroner (Infant Room) Sherlyn Hobbs (Toddler Room) Solstice Wilson (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Betta Cook (Infant Room) Emily Pearce (Infant Room)	Amy Creamer (Infant Room) Selah Cross (Infant Room)

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## 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@cpcchatt.org](mailto:HMorrison@cpcchatt.org) if you have questions. Proceeds help defray the cost of summer camps for hired students.



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## YOUTH TOURNAMENT OF GAMES

Students are invited to join us for a variety of Game Tournaments on Saturday, May 20 beginning at 1 pm. From gaga ball, soccer, and four square to chess and Mario Kart, students may register for their favorite competition. Sign-ups are located on the counter in the Youth hallway.

## 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 by Monday, May 15 with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.

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## SENIOR RECEPTION

Be sure to make plans to join us for our Senior Reception following worship on Sunday, May 21 in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to celebrate our graduating seniors and enjoy a church-wide fellowship.

# 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.

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## 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.

Please be sure to sign-up for your appointment time by visiting [bloodassurance.org/cpc](http://bloodassurance.org/cpc)

You can also scan this QR Code or contact Sherry Baierl (email: [love2walk@comcast.net](mailto:love2walk@comcast.net) or call: 423-899-5377).



## 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

**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](http://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.

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## 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](mailto: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

## HARVEST USA



Harvest USA's 40 year mission has been to bring the truth and mercy of Jesus Christ by helping individuals and families affected by sexual struggles and by providing resources that address biblical sexuality to individuals and churches. Their president, Mark Sanders, recently wrote: "...we're devoting significant resources this year to redoing our

*website. We want to be able to point anyone, from anywhere in the world, to our website as a place where they can be trained and equipped to face any sexual struggle with the sufficient power of the gospel in Jesus Christ. To do this, we'll be creating video courses to train parents, pastors, and anyone interested in ministering the hope and freedom found only in Christ. We also hope to take new and existing resources and partner with brothers and sisters worldwide to bring these resources into other languages...The church in America is not alone in feeling the burden of addressing these issues; the global body of Christ needs help."*

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

- For the men and women in local Bible study and support groups and for those in the continuing online groups. Ask God to powerfully meet these ministry participants, bringing hope and healing as they seek to see and follow Jesus in new ways.
- For the four current interns who want to take what they're learning into their future ministries
- For the open staff positions they have in Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Parents' Ministry, and Student Services Ministry

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## CPC MISSIONARIES TO DISPLACED MUSLIMS



**Kevin & May**

Kevin and May worked for a number of years among a Muslim people group in a large Asian nation. They had to leave that country but continued working with that people group here in the US. Recently, they have relocated to Jordan where they are busy learning Arabic to enhance their ability to minister among Muslims. Once they finish language school, they plan to relocate somewhere in the Middle East to continue Muslim evangelism.

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

- For successful completion of schooling
- For safety as they make connections in the Middle East





