

# The Lord's Service

May 7, 2023

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

*Abide With Me*  
by Charles Ives (1890)  
Amy Humberd, clarinet

## 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 75.1

LEADER: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks,  
for your name is near.

PEOPLE: **We recount your wondrous deeds.**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint (1864)  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher (1838);  
arranged by William H. Monk (1861)  
*Hymnal No. 116*

### 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 Woody Brauer

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Isaiah 30.1-2

LEADER: "Ah, stubborn children," declares the Lord, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction,

PEOPLE: **... to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!"**

### 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.

## Private Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Scottish Psalter*, Psalm 51, Edinburgh (1595)

**Father of all mercies, who delights not in the death of a sinner, have compassion upon us, and wash us from all our sins that we have committed against your holy majesty since the time we first came into this world. Create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us continually with the power of your Holy Spirit that we, being truly consecrated to your service, may set forth your praises, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1.18

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

**“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”**

**The peace of the Lord be with you!**

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

## \*Hymn of Assurance

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Words: Charles Wesley (1742)*

*Music: LENOX, Louis Edson (1782)*

*Hymnal No. 305*

## God Consecrates Us

## Scripture Lesson

Exodus 24.12-18 (p. 65)

read by Elder Nick Lazor

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Tithes and Offerings

## 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.

## Offertory

*If Ye Love Me*  
by Thomas Tallis (1505-85)  
from John 14.15-16  
Sanctuary Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may bide with you forever,  
ev'n the spirit of truth.

## 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

TALLIS' CANON

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

## Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Eric Mullinax

## Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 3.1-6 (p. 965)

<sup>1</sup> Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? <sup>2</sup> You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. <sup>3</sup> And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

## Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

A LETTER WORTH READING

\*Hymn of Response

*The Church's One Foundation*

*Words: Samuel J. Stone (1866)*

*Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley (1864)*

*Hymnal No. 347*

## The Lord's Table

\*Confession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed*  
(215)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our  
Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified,  
died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**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.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

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!

## Instruction

*Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 10 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.*

## Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the  
table, bread, and wine, but  
lift our hearts to Jesus in  
the glory of His Father.

## Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution      *We Will Feast In The House Of Zion*  
*Words and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore (2015)*  
*see Page 7*

Meditation      *Five Bagatelles, Nos. 2 & 3*  
*by Gerald Finzi (1945)*  
*Amy Humberd, clarinet*

Hymn      *Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.  
  
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

\*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14  
by Pastor Jake Bennett

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

### **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.

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored. "He has



done great things", we will say to - ge - ther. We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our  
 2. In the dark of night be-fore the dawn, my soul, be not a -  
 3. Ev - ery vow we've bro - ken and be trayed, You are the faith - ful



God. We are not con sumed by the flood: up - held, pro- tect - ed, ga - thered up.  
 afraid, for the pro- mised mor - ning, O how long, O God of Ja - cob, be my strength.  
 one, and\_ from the gar - den to the grave, Bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.

# SERMON NOTES

**Title:** A Letter Worth Reading

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 3.1-6

The proof of ministry (vs. 1-2)

The confidence of ministry (vs. 3-4)

The sufficiency of ministry (vs. 5-6)

## **Scripture Reference Passages**

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30.6; Jeremiah 31.31-33; Ezekiel 11.19; 36.26

New Testament: Romans 6.15-23; Galatians 2.15-21; Hebrews 8

## **Paul's Metaphor of the Corinthians as a Letter in 2 Cor. 3:3<sup>1</sup>**

Corinthians	Letter
Christ	Author of the letter
Paul	Deliverer of the letter
Spirit	Ink of the letter
Human Heart	Tablet on which the letter is written

<sup>1</sup> ESV Expository Commentary Vol. X, pg. 437

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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, 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.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Caines preaches for our Mother's Day service.

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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, May 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Cross Baby Shower - O-100 - 2 pm

### Wednesday, May 10

CPC Blood Drive - Bloodmobile (Parking Lot) - 4:30 pm  
Last Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm  
Last Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes - see website for class list

### Friday, May 12

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

### Sunday, May 14

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School

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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.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at [office@cpcchatt.org](mailto:office@cpcchatt.org) to make an appointment.

# COVENANT LIFE

## ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients:  
tapioca starch, water, potato starch, potato  
flakes, palm oil, honey, egg yolks, natural  
vinegar, salt

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## 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.

Men and women are invited to the shower. It  
will be in the Fellowship Hall today from 2-4 pm.

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## Ladies' Tea



You are invited to join us for the  
Ladies' Tea on Saturday,  
May 20 from 10 am-12 pm.

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

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

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## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

## BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of  
Lexi Bacon, bride-to-be of Duncan Joyner. Lexi  
is the oldest daughter of Mike and Tammy  
Bacon, and Duncan is Jason and Crystal  
Middleton's oldest son. These two have grown  
up at Covenant. Let's  
celebrate them getting  
married! The couple is  
registered on Amazon and  
Target.



*Lexi & Duncan*

The shower will be in the  
Fellowship Hall on  
Sunday, May 21 from 2-4  
pm. Join us!

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## 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.

# YOUTH

## RENT - A - YOUTH

Want help with 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.

# CHILDREN

## 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@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:nursery@cpcc chatt.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 [cpcc chatt.org](http://cpcc chatt.org). Volunteers should scan the QR Code to sign-up.

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



NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - MAY 14
Front Desk: Sherry Baierl	Front Desk: Lauren Warren
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Jeannie Hall (Infant Room) Jean Mauroner (Infant Room) Sherlyn Hobbs (Toddler Room) Solstice Wilson (Toddler Room)	Grace Durgin (Infant Room) Wesley Durgin (Infant Room) Ezra Harris (Toddler Room) Heather Harris (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Amy Creamer (Infant Room) Selah Cross (Infant Room)	Eric Mantel (Infant Room) Lucy Mantel (Infant Room)

# MIDWEEK

## 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 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.

## 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

## CPC MISSIONARIES IN CENTRAL AFRICA



**Josiah & Miriam**

*Due to the sensitive areas in which these missionaries serve, their picture and last names are withheld.*

Josiah and Miriam serve with Mission to the World (MTW) in Central Africa amongst the Dazagara people. They are working to translate the Bible into their language. Miriam uses her medical training (RN) to help those with little access to medical attention. They have recently returned to the field from being stateside.

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

- Praise the Lord that their necessary paperwork and long-term visas have arrived
- For them as they settle into new living accommodations and back into their community
- For wisdom in hiring household help to assist Miriam with handwashing, shopping, cooking, etc. to free Miriam for more language study
- That God would open the hearts of the Daza so they would hear and believe the gospel

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## CPC MISSIONARIES IN REYNOSA, MEXICO



**Mario & Keila  
Xoca**

Mario and Keila serve with Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico. Isaiah 55 is a school for the deaf to introduce children to language and Mexican Sign Language, through which they are able to learn Spanish and receive an education. An integral part of this ministry to the deaf is providing them with marketable skills through a vocational school.

Mario leads the spiritual oversight for the ministry, teachers, staff, and community center and also continues to pastor the Camino de Fe Church. Keila organizes community outreach, ministers to young women, and leads a tutoring program in the neighborhood which surrounds the mission.

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

- For Camino de Fe Church in Reynosa and for the Bible study group that is meeting in the neighborhood around Isaiah 55
- For the three young Mexican men currently in ministry apprenticeship with Camino de Fe









