

# The Lord's Service

May 21, 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 34.1-3

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;

**PEOPLE: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

LEADER: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

**PEOPLE: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me;

**PEOPLE: And let us exalt His name together!**

\*Hymn of Adoration    *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord*

*Text: Edmund P. Clowney (1987)*

*Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford (1904)*

*Hymnal No. 292*

### 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

Matthew 6.31-34

**LEADER:** ... do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**PEOPLE:** **Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**

## Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

written by Henry Smith, London (16<sup>th</sup> century)

**O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences. Give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom. And then, being thus fully persuaded, may we have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Lamentations 3.22-25

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end, they are  
new every morning, great is your faithfulness.  
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,

## 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.

‘therefore I will hope in him.’ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

\*Hymn of Assurance

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
*Text: Matthew Bridges (1851)*  
*Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey (1868)*  
*Hymnal No. 295*

# God Consecrates Us

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

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 49.1-10(p. 609)  
read by Elder Nick Lazor

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

## Charge to our High School Graduates

*Capps Brown*  
*Camille Calloway*  
*Danielle Doran*  
*James Lewin*  
*Charlie Wright*

*Chattanooga Christian School*  
*David Oliver Winchester Academy*  
*Doran Academy for Excellence in Arts and Sciences*  
*Veritas Classical School*  
*Classical Conversations*

*Carey Calloway, Airline Career Pilot Program*  
*Mollie McClelland, Associate's*

*ATP, Lawrenceville, GA*  
*Chattanooga State Community College*

*Tyler Arnold, Bachelor's*  
*Ellie Gaines, Bachelor's*  
*Jeremy Gaines, Bachelor's*  
*Jonah Gaines, Bachelor's*  
*Duncan Joyner, Bachelor's*  
*Meg Wooten, Bachelor's*  
*Pierce Wooten, Bachelor's*

*Liberty University*  
*Lee University (December)*  
*Lee University*  
*Arizona State University*  
*Tennessee Technological University*  
*University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)*  
*Tennessee Technological University*

*Zachary Fowler, Master's*

*Lee University*

# Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come*  
*by Paul Manz (1954); adapted from Revelation 22*  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!

## \*Doxology

## MORNING HYMN

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 Pastor Eric Mullinax

## Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 6.1-10 (p. 965)

<sup>1</sup> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,  
“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;

## 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.

<sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

### 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 Jake Bennett

## A FAVORABLE TIME

### \*Hymn of Response

### *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

*Text: The Venerable Bede (673-735);*

*translated by Benjamin Webb (1854)*

*Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, from Geistlich Kirchengesäng(1623)*

*Hymnal No. 289*

\*Confession of Faith      Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.2  
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them; He is the alone foundation of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things; and has most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever He pleases. In His sight all things are open and manifest; His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature; so as nothing is to Him contingent or uncertain. He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands. To Him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.**

\*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!

**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 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

# 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, 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 Bennett preaches from 2 Corinthians 12.1-10.

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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 21

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

NO Sunday School

Senior Reception and Fellowship - O-100 - 11 am

Diaconate Mtg - E-104 - 12:30 pm

Bacon/Joynner Bridal Shower - O-100 - 2 pm

### Wednesday, May 24

No Midweek activities

### Friday, May 26

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

### Sunday, May 28

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

NO Sunday School

### Monday, May 29

Church Offices Closed - Memorial Day

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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

## SENIOR RECEPTION

Be sure to join us today following worship for our Senior Reception in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to celebrate our graduating seniors and enjoy a church-wide fellowship.

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## BRIDAL SHOWER

Join us today for 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.

The shower will be in the Fellowship Hall from 2-4 pm.



## SUMMER IRONMAN TIME

The Men's Ministry Ironman time is continuing to meet on Wednesday evenings this summer. They will meet in E-106 at 6:30 pm. During the last two Wednesdays in May (24 & 31), they will consider Tim Keller's *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*.

Beginning in June, they will use a video based series by Forge Men's Ministries (from Orlando, Florida).

## MEN'S BREAKFAST AND YARD GAME OLYMPICS

You are invited to join us for the monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 3 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. It will be our final breakfast before a summer break.

Our guest speaker for this month's breakfast is Travis Vaughn, the Executive Director of Church Planting for the TN Valley Presbytery. He will be sharing an update on church planting efforts in and around Chattanooga.

Immediately after breakfast, we will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual CPC Yard Game Olympics. This fun event has two man teams competing in a variety of games such as corn hole, ladder ball, badminton, and others.

Find a partner and plan to join us! The breakfast and competition are open to men and boys going into high school next fall and older. For more information, contact Jay Fowler at 423-309-4255. Cost: \$5

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## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

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## LOST & FOUND

Please check the Lost & Found cabinet in the Lobby (near the water fountains). We will be donating remaining items at the end of the month.

# COVENANT LIFE

## OCC ITEMS FOR MUSIC CAMP PACKING PARTY

- washcloths
- bars of soap
- chapstick
- small bowls/cups
- flip-flops
- socks
- watches
- combs
- markers
- pencils & erasers
- calculators
- scotch tape
- notebook paper
- pens
- coloring books for younger children
- small stuffed animals
- small toys (slinkies, yo-yos, jump ropes, cards, small cars, princess items, etc.)

The collection cart is in the Admin Hallway.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Tabitha Vandergriff on the loss of their wife, mother, and daughter.

Christian sympathy is extended to Martha Elwood and her family on the loss of her mother, Berta Baxter.

## MUSIC CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Help! We need more adult volunteers for Music Camp this year.

If you would like to volunteer, scan the QR Code to sign-up. You make this ministry possible each year!



If you have any questions, contact Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpccp chatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpccp chatt.org).

## RENT - A - YOUTH

Want help with tackling a project? CPC members can submit an online form about a job they 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.



## THANK YOU

"We would like to thank our church family for the many cards and expressions of kindness and sympathy after the recent death of my mother Lois Elwood. We especially appreciate the many prayers offered for my mom and for us as we cared for her in our home these past 4+ years. It was an honor and privilege to care for her, and the Lord graciously strengthened and sustained us during this time. We are thankful that she is now in the presence of her Lord.

-- Dean and Martha Elwood

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## YOUTH SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

We hope our youth can join us for our summer Wednesday evening fellowship and games. Invite your friends! We will meet in O-210 and on the front lawn from 6:30-8 pm on the following dates:

- June 7
- June 14
- July 5
- July 19
- August 2

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Keep our Youth in your prayers as they head to camp this summer. Middle School students will be at The Edge at Covenant College (June 19-23). High School students will be attending RYM at Panama City Beach (July 10-15).

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

You may sign-up on the Children's Ministry page on the website or email Bekah Gernhard at [nursery@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:nursery@cpcc chatt.org) to let her know when you are available to serve.

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - MAY 28
Front Desk: Susan Helton	Front Desk: Becky Pearce
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Connie Hildebrand (Infant Room) Jim Hildebrand (Infant Room) Dave Gernhard (Toddler Room) Esther McEachern (Toddler Room)	Hannah Schreiner (Infant Room) Micah Schreiner (Infant Room) Sarah McCurry (Toddler Room) Laura Spotts (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
-- No Sunday School --	-- No Sunday School --

# MUSIC CAMP

**June 5-9**

**Register online at  
[cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org)**



**It's Cool  
in the  
Furnace**



*It's Cool in the Furnace* is a musical about Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Some things never grow old and never go out of fashion -- some things remain "cool" forever! Bible stories are timeless, and the tale of a godly guy named Daniel, his three sidekicks, and a fiery furnace is about as cool as it gets.

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 [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org). Contact Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpcpchatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpcpchatt.org) if you have any questions.

# OUTREACH



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

On May 19, 1973 in Atlanta Georgia, 450 ruling elders from 261 churches joined together in a convocation of sessions at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This meeting was one of the significant initial steps that led to the formation of the PCA later that December.

Today has been set aside by the PCA as a Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convocation of Sessions held in Atlanta on May 19, 1973.

We want to offer:

- PRAISE for Christ's enduring Church
- THANKSGIVING for the denomination's foundation, rooted in God's faithfulness, that this Convocation of Sessions laid 50 years ago for our continuing church
- PRAYER for the PCA as it moves forward for God's glory

*Almighty God and Loving Father,*

*On this Sunday, as we commemorate the Convocation of Sessions of 1973, where the PCA was born, we give you praise for the faithful ruling and teaching elders you have raised up to serve your Church who were and are true to the Bible, the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission.*

*We give thanks for our session and ask you to grant them wisdom and faithfulness in their leadership.*

*Grant, O Lord, that we remain committed to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.*

*We affirm that the Bible alone is the verbally inspired word of God. It is our only rule of faith and practice.*

*Give us a fresh commitment to the Great Commission.*

*May we be diligent in making disciples, in baptizing our children and unbaptized believers, and in teaching them to obey all that Christ commands us.*

*Lead us as we seek to make known to everyone God's saving grace.*

*Give us the willingness to be a church that is Reformed and earnestly evangelical as we engage our Jerusalem, Samaria, and the world for the advancement of your kingdom and your renown.*

*We pray this for the glory of God alone, as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*