The Lord's Service June 4, 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 68.4

LEADER: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

PEOPLE: Lift up a song to him who rides through the

deserts;

LEADER: His name is the Lord; **PEOPLE: Exult before Him!**

*Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy! Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes (1861) Hymnal No. 100

*Invocation

by Elder Mike Walker

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.

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.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 53.6

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have

turned - every one - to his own way;

PEOPLE: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of

us all.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Book of Common Prayer, London (1552)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.31-33

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

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

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

Wonderful, Merciful Savior Words and Music: Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse (1989)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for. Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (*Chorus*)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *(Chorus)*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 1.3-9 (p. 1014) read by Elder Ernie Brown

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

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

My Jesus I Love Thee

Text: William R. Featherstone (1864) Music: arranged by Dan Forrest (2011) Sanctuary Choir

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

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 Elder Jay Spalding

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 45.1-11 (p. 38)

¹ Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you

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.

sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

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 Travis Hutchinson

GOD'S PROVIDENCE AND YOUR SUFFERING

*Hymn of Response

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Words: William Cowper (1774)

Music: DUNDEE, Scottish Psalter (1615)

Hymnal No. 128

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[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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.

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.

† "catholic" -- universal

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 12 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 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
Words: Horatius Bonar (1855)

Music: John Wykoff (2006)

see Page 10

Meditation

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Text: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Jeremy Gaines, soloist; Bryonie Wykoff, violin

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; And our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord. 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

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.

SERMON NOTES

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,
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Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



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 Bill Massey preaches from Ephesians 1.15-23.

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, June 4

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, June 5

Music Camp - 8:30 am

Tuesday, June 6

Music Camp - 8:30 am

Wednesday, June 7

Music Camp - 8:30 am Youth Summer Fellowship Tournaments - O-210, Lobby, Front Lawn - 6:30 pm Ironman Time - O-207 - 7 pm Prayer Gathering - O-104 and Zoom - 7 pm Session - O-105 - 7 pm

Thursday, June 8

Music Camp - 8:30 am Swim Day at the Mays' - 11 am

Friday, June 9

Music Camp - 8:30 am

Sunday, June 11

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Sunday School Music Camp Program - Sanctuary - 6 pm Ice Cream Social to follow - O-100

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.

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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

COLLEGE/CAREER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Starting today, the College/Career Sunday School Class will begin a new series on Biblical Personal Finances. Drawing both from Scripture and best financial practices, they will look at budgeting, giving, saving, debt, investing, and more. This class meets in O-207.

SUMMER IRONMAN TIME

The Men's Ministry Ironman time will meet in O-207 at 7 pm on Wednesdays this summer. This week, they will begin the video series *Manhood Curriculum* from Forge Ministries followed by group discussion.

MIDWEEK PRAYER GATHERING

Please join us in person or online for a season of prayer on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm. This Midweek prayer gathering does not take a break over the summer. We will meet in O-104 (Jake Bennett's office). Email Ruth Fox at RFox@cpcchatt.org to request the Zoom link.

MUSIC CAMP PRESENTATION

Everyone is invited next Sunday evening, June 11 at 6 pm, to watch the Music Camp presentation of *It's Cool in the Furnace*. The campers and volunteers will be putting in lots of hard work to present the story and lessons of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to you. An ice cream social will immediately follow the program in the Fellowship Hall.

REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Ladies, if you suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, we invite you to come and be "Rekindled" through a time of ministry and encouragement over a light lunch on Thursday, June 15 at 12 pm. We will gather in room O-100 (Schum Fellowship Hall). Email the church office or give us a call at 423-899-5377 if you need additional information.

HOME RUNS & HOT DOGS

Make plans to join us for a Lookouts Game on Friday, June 16. We'll meet at Coolidge Park from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for a cookout. Then we'll gather at AT&T field at 7:15 p.m. for the big game - Chattanooga Lookouts vs. Rocket City Trash Pandas

Cost is \$5 per person, \$15 family max (includes dinner & general admission ticket). Sign up at cpcchatt.org.

COVENANT LIFE

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of Solstice Wilson, bride-to-be of Jonathan Toole. Solstice is a newer member to Covenant.

Let's help her celebrate getting married! The couple is registered on Amazon, Walmart, and Target. She is registered under *Klaire Wilson*.

The shower will be in the Lobby on Sunday, June 25 from 2-4 pm. Join us!



Solstice & Ionathan

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

SWIM DAYS AT THE MAYS'

Peg May has graciously opened her pool again this summer for CPC families to enjoy. Swim Day is every Thursday from June 8 - August 10 and is open 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Parents, this is NOT a drop-off event. You are responsible for supervising your children and for clean-up.

Women's Summer Book Study

On Tuesdays, beginning June 13

AM & PM Groups Available



All ladies (high school & above) are invited to join us to study the Lord's Prayer together. *Breathe* books are \$16 and can be purchased through the PCA bookstore.

Tuesday AM Group:

meets weekly at 10-11:30 am in E-106 facilitated by Ann Kistner and Pat Barber for Nursery needs, contact Ann Kistner

Tuesday PM Group:

meets biweekly at 7-8:30 pm in E-111 facilitated by Dory George for Nursery needs, contact Dory George

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@cpcchatt.org and let her know when vou are available to serve.

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 if you have questions. Proceeds help defray the cost of summer camps for hired students.



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 Youth Tournaments reschedule
- 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 – TODAY	NURSERY – JUNE 11			
Front Desk: John Pearce	Front Desk: Sherry Baierl			
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am				
Danielle Doran (Infant Room) Grace Doran (Infant Room) Marianne Doran (Toddler Room) Tammy Knotts (Toddler Room)	Emily Pearce (Infant Room) Solstice Wilson (Infant Room) Shirley Jones (Toddler Room) Bea Sanders (Toddler Room)			
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm				
Jason Collins (Infant Room) Stacy Collins (Infant Room)	Bonnie Folkening (Infant Room) Bryonie Wykoff (Infant Room)			

OUTREACH

CPC MISSIONARIES IN BELARUS



Stepan & Alla

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

Stepan and Alla are national Christians in Belarus. They serve with SEE Global (Support, Encourage, & Equip the Global Church). They have six children and several grandchildren. Stepan pastors a small church in Belarus. The church has faced opposition from the Russian Orthodox church and the Roman Catholic church. Here is an excerpt from a recent update: "Our family is doing well - our

children are grown, and grandchildren are growing up. As we are getting older, our health weakens. Our daughter is studying at a medical college to become a nurse and our son was drafted into the army. To our great sadness another son left the church."

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

- For wisdom for them to be a godly example to their children and grandchildren
- For their son who will be serving in the army until Fall 2023; for strength and wisdom in relationship between officers and soldiers
- For their son's heart to be drawn back to the Lord
- For the salvation of two especially faithful ladies who attend their church but who haven't opened their hearts to the gospel

CPC MISSIONARIES IN COSTA RICA



Andrew & Julie Halbert

Andrew and Julie serve with United World Missions in San Jose, Costa Rica. Andrew is on the faculty at ESEPA (an interdenominational, evangelical Bible college and seminary--40 year anniversary this year). Andrew is responsible for the academic Master's programs. He continues to teach and assist the local church through preaching. Julie is a certified Refit® Instructor. She developed a relationship with a local gym that is run by a Christian couple, Ronald and Marcela, whose desire is to use

exercise as a bridge to share the gospel. Andrew and Julie are also blessed to be busy as parents to Ann Renee and Ryan. Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- For God's provisions in fundraising efforts for ESEPA (internationally, but particularly from Costa Rica)
- For REFIT to continue to grow and the Gospel to be spread through this ministry
- For their kids as they get close to finishing school
- For their upcoming conferences and events at ESEPA