

The Lord's Service

January 14, 2024

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
John Wykoff

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
the star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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

1 Chronicles 16.31-34

LEADER: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice, and let them say among the nations,
"The Lord reigns!"

PEOPLE: **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!**

LEADER: Then shall the trees of the forest
sing for joy before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

PEOPLE: **Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

*Hymn of Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text: Walter Chambers Smith (1867)

Music: JOANNA, Traditional Welsh hymn melody

Hymnal No. 38

*Invocation

by Elder Ken Henry

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Romans 7.21-24

LEADER: So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being. But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

PEOPLE: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

adapted from Psalm 115.1, William Tyndale

**Father, it is only right for us to acknowledge our sin and trespass. Be a merciful Father, and do not deal with us according to what we deserve, nor judge us too rigorously, but give us grace that we may live in such a way that your holy name may be hallowed and sanctified in us. Guard our hearts, so that we neither do nor speak, that we neither think nor intend, anything but that which will bring you honor and praise. Above all things, may we seek the honor and glory of your name and not our own. By your great power, bring us, your children, to love and revere you as our heavenly Father.
Amen.**

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.

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.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 23.6

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Before the Throne of God Above

Text: Charitie Bancroft (1841-1892); Vikki Cook (1997)

Music: Vikki Cook (1997)

see Page 7

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 95 (p. 499)

read by Elder Woody Brauer

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Largo from Violin Sonata No. 3

Composer: J. S. Bach (1720)

Caroline Hudson, harp

*Doxology

LASST UNS EFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Travis Hutchinson

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 5.8-14 (p. 978)

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

*Hymn of Response

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Text: Charles Wesley (1740)

Music: LUX PRIMA, Charles F. Gounod (1872)

Hymnal No. 398

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.1 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory, most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity,**

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.

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.

transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them
that diligently seek Him; and also most just
and terrible in His judgments; hating all sin;
and who will by no means clear the guilty.

*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.

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

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Title: Walking in the Light

Text: Ephesians 5.8-14

Intro: The responsibilities of walking as children of light cut across the grain of culture in every age--including our own. In our progress of putting off the ways of thinking and behaving that belong to our old lives as darkness and putting on those that belong to our new lives as light, we struggle. Don't we sometimes read the strong imperatives of Scripture and wonder, "Is this realistic? Is this even possible?" Paul dispels the darkness of that old way of thinking by telling us, "Yes, it is practical and realistic because by God's grace and power you are no longer children of darkness, you are children of light. Therefore *walk as children of light.*"

1. Express the Light

2. Expose the Darkness

3. Enter the Light

Mission Statement of CPC

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

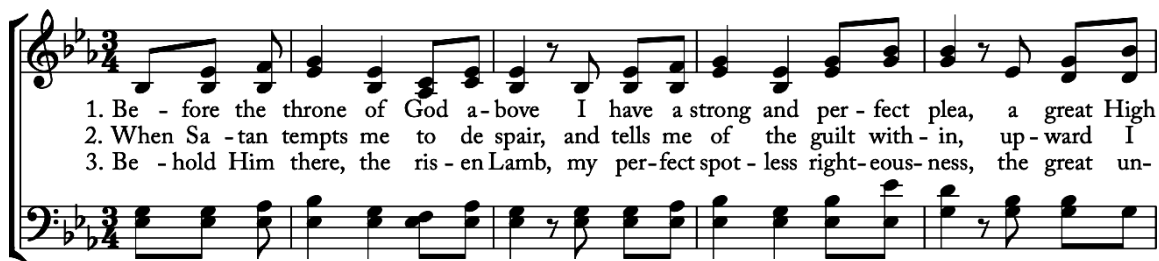
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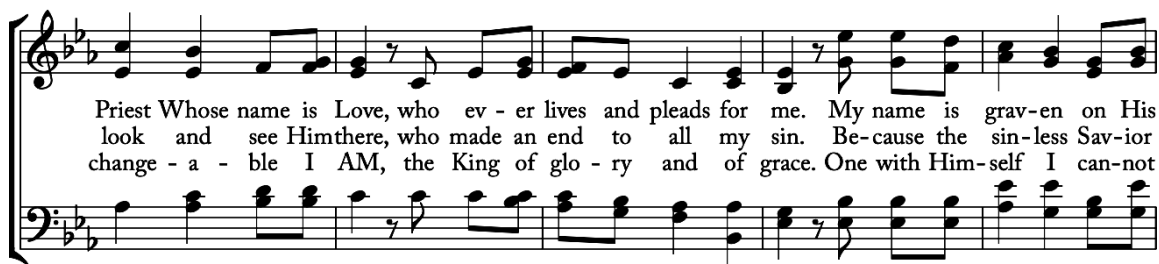
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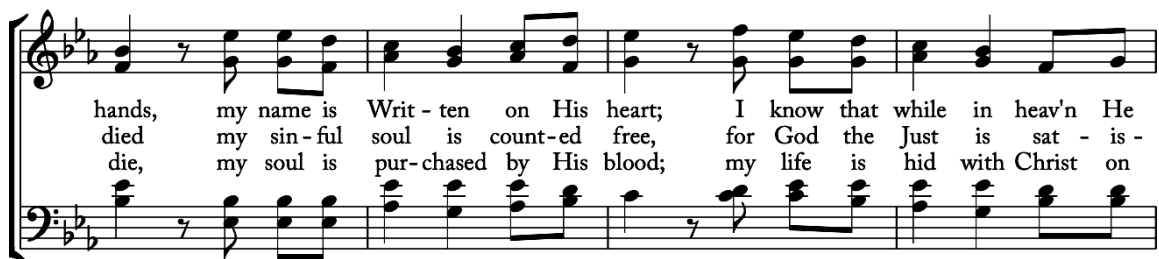
Before the Throne of God Above



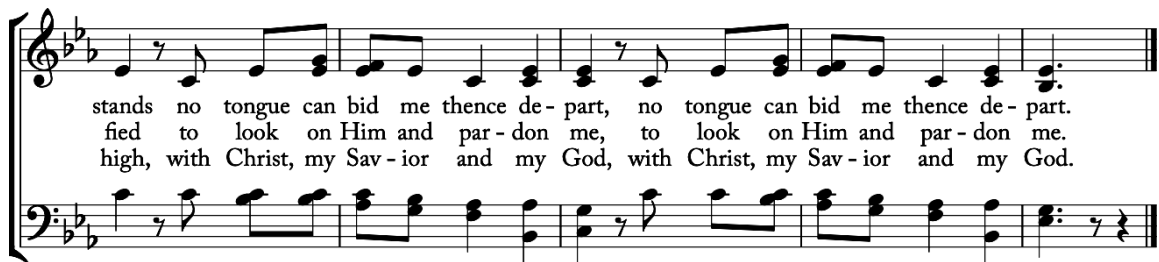
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest Whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I can - not



hands, my name is Writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He
died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the Just is sat - is -
die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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 attending the Visitor's Class that meets in Room 105 (just off the Lobby).

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We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Ephesians 5.15-21.

Finding your way:

Scan the QR code to view a map of our campus. Printed maps can be found on the bulletin board just off the Lobby 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, 2020 (deacons can direct you)
- **Calm Kit Bags** - borrow fidgets and tools to help soothe the wiggles during worship (in the Family Worship Room)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 14

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School

Tuesday, January 16

Ladies' Connect Group - Room 119 - 10 am
Ladies' Psalms Study - Room 122 - 10 am

Wednesday, January 17

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
see website for class list
Session Mtg - Room 105 - 8:15pm

Thursday, January 18

Ladies' Acts Bible Study - Room 105 - 10 am
Lazor/Dunavant Wedding Shower - Room 100 -
6 pm

Friday, January 19

Men's Proverb Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Men's Conference - Room 100 - 6 pm

Saturday, January 20

Men's Conference - Room 100 - 8:30 am

Sunday, January 21 (*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*)

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Praise, Prayer & Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org

Pastoral Care Line: Call/text your request or need to 423-521-2142

COVENANT LIFE

SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDWEEK

All Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School classes resume today. Midweek activities will resume this Wednesday evening, January 17.

See pages 11-13 for detailed lists of available classes and opportunities.

WEDDING SHOWER

Thurs, Jan 18 • 6 pm • Room 100

You are invited to a Wedding Shower in honor of Meredith Dunavant, bride-to-be of Aaron Lazor. Aaron is Nick and Diane Lazor's son and grew up at our church. Let's celebrate them getting married! The couple is registered through

TheKnot.com/registry/couplesearch. Enter either of their names to find their list.



*Meredith
& Aaron*

PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

Sun, Jan 21 • 6pm • Room 100

Please join us for a time of music, Scripture reading, and prayer. We will gather in Schum Fellowship Hall and pray for our church during this season of transition.

A time of fellowship and light snacks will follow. We look forward to seeing you there.

SOUPS, SALADS, & SISTERS

Fri, Jan 26 • 6:30 pm

Ladies, you're invited to dinner! We are hosting our first pop-up fellowship for 2024. Seating is limited (60 or so, total). Contact the hostess directly to RSVP and to ask what you can bring.

Here's who's hosting:

Alayne Griffin - Ringgold

Bekah Gernhard - E. Brainerd

Shirley Jones - Ringgold

Shelia Ray - E. Brainerd

*Eva Herberich - Apison/
E. Brainerd*

Contact information is available in ShelbyNext or email women@cpcchatt.org for additional information.

STAFF UPDATE

At the end of December, Becky Pearce, our CPC Church Administrator, concluded her ministry among us. Please take a moment to send a thank you to her for her faithfulness and many hours of hard work as both Bookkeeper and Church Administrator these last three years.

We are also excited to share that, beginning this month, CPC's current Communications Director, Elvis West, has begun serving as acting Church Administrator.

Additionally, the Session hired Lauren Frye to serve as the new Bookkeeper. She will be working with Becky during the next few weeks as she settles into her new role on our staff.

CPC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Speaker: Travis Hutchinson

"The Welcome of Christ"

January 19-20, 2024

at CPC - Room 100

Register Online at cpchatt.org



This Friday night, we will meet for dinner, fellowship, and teaching. Saturday morning we will return for breakfast and additional sessions.

Our focus will be on *The Welcome of Christ*.

The cost is \$20.

Men and high school guys are invited.

TODAY is the last day to register!!!!

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Visitor's Class: Led by Interim Senior Pastor Bill Massey | Room 105

This class is designed for visitors who wish to learn more about Covenant. This class addresses our distinctive life, doctrine, and worship as a conservative, Presbyterian, and Reformed church. The Visitor's Class is a temporary class before finding your long-term Sunday school class.

College-Age/Career Class: Led by Tim & Bonnie Schoap | Room 208

Study: Eschatology, the theology of Jesus' Second Coming, "Your Kingdom Come." This class will undertake a general overview of the book of Revelation and look at the various understandings of Jesus' return from different denominations across the ages with an eye to the practical, foundational importance of this critical area of Christian belief.

Sermon on the Mount: Led by John Harris | Room 120

This class will be a facilitated teaching series by Sinclair Ferguson on the Sermon on the Mount, which will include video lessons by Sinclair Ferguson, along with class discussion. This mixed adult class of all ages is open to everyone.

The Church of the Middle Ages: Led by Dee Hobbs | Room 150 (Choir Room)

This study of the medieval church traces the growth of the faith from the 6th century through the time of the Reformation. Many critical events transpired during this period that have impacted the life of the Church until this very time. This is a mixed adult class that is open to everyone.

Joel: Led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, and Lois Crenshaw | Room 119

Judah, the setting for the book, is devastated by a vast horde of locusts, which destroy everything - the fields of grain, the vineyards, the gardens, and the trees. Joel symbolically describes the locusts as a marching human army and views all of this as divine judgment coming against the nation for her sins. This is a ladies-only class.

The Life of Moses: Led by Ken Henry | Rooms 121-122

This class will study the life of Moses as well as selected passages throughout the Pentateuch. Additionally, this class will look at the culture of ancient Egypt and the impact of Moses on our understanding of Christ and the New Testament. This mixed adult class of all ages is open to everyone.

The Gospel of Mark/Romans: Led by Dr. Lamar Allen | Room 100

The last four chapters of Mark cover the Olivet Discourse, Jesus' arrest and trial, His sentence to death on the cross, the crucifixion, resurrection, actions between resurrection and ascension, and ascension. Following the completion of Mark, this class will begin Romans. Class recordings and outlines are available below. This is a mixed adult class of all ages and is open to everyone.

MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



January 17: Turkey & Rice Soup, Cream of Tomato Soup, Artisan Bread, Salad Bar, Mocha Blondies

January 24: Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Coconut Cake

January 31: Chicken & Biscuit Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Brownies and Ice Cream

February 7: Cajun Red Beans & Sausage, Rice, Salad Bar, Beignets

- 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.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

If you want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Kitchen Services Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

ADULT MIDWEEK RESUMES

Beginning Wed, Jan 17 • 5:30 pm

5:30-6:30 pm: **Dinner** - Room 100

6-6:30 pm: **Bell Choir** - Room 126

7-8 pm: **Adult Classes**

- ***Drawing Near*** - Room 122 - led by Dory George - *This ladies' class will focus on the attributes of God, from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, 4.*
- ***James*** - Room 105 - led by Lamar Allen - *James examines spiritual maturity. Using a series of no-nonsense examples, James challenges us to be people of integrity and mature character.*
- ***Iron Men Study*** - Room 203 - led by Men's Ministry Team - *This class continues studying Knowing God by J.I. Packer. Join us at 6:45 pm for a season of prayer followed by a large and small group discussions.*
- ***Prayer Group*** - Room 119 - led by Doug McEachern and Eric Mullinax
- ***Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*** - Room 150 (Choir Room) - led by John Wykoff - *No audition or experience is required.*

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Feb 7 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot

CPC is partnering with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot. Scan the QR Code to sign-up online for the time you prefer.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

JAN 21 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Sherry Baierl

Worship - 9:15 am

Betta Cook & Mary Rahm (Little Lambs)

Peyton & Lina McDaniel (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Sarah McCurry & Abby Knecht (Little Lambs)

Hans & Rachel Anderson (Busy Bees)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpcc chatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

MOMS OF TEENS STUDY

Beginning Tues, Jan 23 • 10 am • Room 120

During adolescence, we learn important skills, such as how to leave home and enter the world, how to connect deeply with others, and how to safely experiment and take risks. This group is for anyone who has a teen or works with teens.

Our plans are to read *Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain*, by Daniel J.

Siegel, and to examine a wide range of adolescent topics during this second semester. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK RESUMES

6:30-8 pm: **Nursery** (Birth -2 Yrs.)

6:30-7 pm: **Children's Choir (K-5th)** - Room 220

7-8 pm: **3 & 4 Yrs.** - Room 110 - enter through Nursery

Children's Classes - Rooms 221-225 -

Students will study key stories throughout the Bible with The Biggest Story Curriculum, based on the Biggest Story Bible Storybook by pastor Kevin DeYoung. Children will learn about God's plan, designed and carried out from the very beginning, to redeem the world through his Son, Jesus.

YOUTH MIDWEEK RESUMES

6:30-6:45 pm: **Youth Worship** - Room 200

6:45-7:30 pm: **Youth Small Groups** - Room 200 -

Students have separate guys and girls small groups divided by grade level. All groups will be studying "The Person of Jesus" from the see Jesus Studies.

7:30-8:00 pm: **Youth Activities** - Room 200/
Front Lawn

OUTREACH

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL



When a child in extreme poverty is sponsored through Compassion International, he or she is paired with a local church where staff and volunteers encourage healthy development as they grow. That boy or girl will receive personal care and opportunities they would otherwise not have access to, such as medical checkups, malnutrition monitoring and care, education assistance, and key life skills training.

And most importantly, they will encounter the gospel while seeing the truth of the good news in action. This ministry's work is done exclusively in partnership with local churches.

Please pray for this ministry and the children they minister to in these particular ways:

- For God to give the local pastors and volunteers on the front lines the resources and wisdom to know how best to protect children
- For children in this program to have the food, medical care, and support they need to grow strong and healthy
- For the safety and emotional health of Compassion's child protection officers, who face the challenges of protecting children and adolescents
- For children and communities served by Compassion to be changed by the gospel

CPC MISSIONARIES SERVING IN JAPAN



**Matt & Annette
Cummings**

Matt and Annette serve with World Evangelization for (WEC) in Japan. They and their children (Karissa, Ethan, Paul, Noah, and John) are currently in the United States on home assignment. When in Japan, they run a ministry center called the Joy Center on the first floor of their large home. Here they host English classes, children's events, a cooking class, seasonal and special events, and various Bible studies. A single missionary assists them. Please pray with them for people from their Bible studies to come to faith and for a community of faith to be born in Sendai, Japan.

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

- For God's blessing on their various ministries and events
- For more teammates to share the Gospel in this area
- For spiritual protection and blessing on their five children
- For our furlough time and refreshment

