

The Lord's Service

January 21, 2024

**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 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Text: Johann J. Schütz (1675), translated by Frances E. Cox (1864)

Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch (1566)

Hymnal No. 4

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 Ken Henry

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Romans 12.1-2

LEADER: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

PEOPLE: **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Strassburg Liturgy* (1539)

**Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 130.7

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“... hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

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.

*Hymn of Assurance

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson (1758)

Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton (1825)

Hymnal No. 457

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

Psalm 96 (p. 499)

read by Elder Woody Brauer

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Total Praise

Text: Richard Smallwood

Music: Richard Smallwood, arranged by Dave Williamson (1996)

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life;
I lift my hands in total praise to You
Amen.

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.

*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

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.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 5.15-21 (p. 978)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

*Hymn of Response

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Text: Edwin Hatch (1878)

Music: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson (1888)

Hymnal No. 334

*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;**

Scripture Lesson

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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.

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

GREATOR EX

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: Filled with the Spirit”

Text: Ephesians 5.15-21

Intro: During the Old Covenant period, the temple was the unique dwelling place of God. But in our day of the New Covenant, we have something far better! God has made us the dwelling place of His Spirit and presence. In chapter 2, Paul said that the church in its union with Christ is the holy Temple in which God’s presence dwells. He said, “*In Christ, you are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*” What a sense of privilege this reality should fill us with! The Spirit of God has taken up residence in His people from the greatest to the least. But also, what a holy sense of responsibility we have! “*Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,*” Paul exhorts. We share a responsibility in maintaining the fullness of God’s Spirit in our lives.

1. The *fullness* of the Holy Spirit
2. The *fruit* of the Holy Spirit

Mission Statement of CPC

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

CPC Pastors

Bill Massey (*Interim Senior Pastor*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth Ministry*),
Jake Bennett (*Executive Pastor*), Eric Mullinax (*Elder Emeritus-Volunteer for Congregational Care*)

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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 Hutchinson preaches from Ephesians 5.21-33.

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 21 (*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*)

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

Youth Parent Mtg - Room 100 - 12:10 pm

Praise, Prayer & Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

Tuesday, January 23

Ladies' Connect Group - Room 119 - 10 am

Ladies' Psalms Study - Room 122 - 10 am

Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10 am

Wednesday, January 24

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

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

Thursday, January 25

Ladies' Acts Bible Study - Room 105 - 10 am

Friday, January 26

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

Soups, Salads, & Sisters - offsite - 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 28

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

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

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/

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

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 January.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Feb 3 • 8:30 am • Room 100

Dr. Bill Higgins will be sharing about his annual preaching trips to some very interesting parts of Mexico. If the weather allows, some of the men plan to take a winter hike together following breakfast. Cost: \$5.

THANK YOU

"I would like to thank the body of Christ for all your calls, texts, cards and prayers during this time of grief. It has meant so much to me. This has truly encouraged my faith. We are called to lift one another up and you have done that well."

-- Shelia Ray

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All 2023 Contribution Statements will be sent digitally to the e-mail address we have on record in ShelbyNext. If you would like your giving statement to be mailed or have any questions, please contact the church office at office@cpcchatt.org.

COAT CLOSET DONATIONS

Donate extra coats and jackets to our Coat Closet. Items like socks, gloves, etc. are also welcome. Place them in the marked green bins located in the Youth stairwell.

COVENANT LIFE

WEDDING SHOWER

Sun, Feb 4 • 2 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.



MARRIAGE RETREAT REGISTRATION

Fri-Sun, Apr 5-7 • Oak Haven Resort

We will be focusing on *The Covenant of Marriage: In Joy and In Sorrow*. While not our usual type of guest speakers, this retreat we will be hearing from several couples in our church about their marriages.

CPC's annual Marriage Retreat is coming soon. Reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit. Scan the QR Code to register. Registration and full payment due by deadline March 3.



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please be in prayer for our committee as they serve our congregation through this process:

*Pat Barber, Jason Coffey, Jason Collins,
Gary Cosby, Justin Martin, Will McDaniel,
Susan Miller, Hannah Pittman, Lisa Wright*

Please direct any questions about the pastor search to Jason Coffey or Ken Henry.

PRAISE REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

CPC met and exceeded its 2023 budget in the final weeks of the year.

Our 2023 budget of \$1.72 million was exceeded by 12.8% (approximately \$220,000). We are so grateful for the Lord's provision and the participation and gifts of His people.

Thank you for giving this year and may the Lord continue to bless His church - that we may love one another and our neighbors, and encourage, disciple, and build one another up to the glory of God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

JAN 28 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Tammy Bacon

Worship - 9:15 am

Heather Harris & Hannah Ingram (Little Lambs)

Tammy Knotts & Donna Schreiner (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Ryan Hostetler & Bryonie Wykoff (Little Lambs)

Dave Gernhard & Peter Wykoff (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.

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

Today • 12:10 pm • Room 100

This quick Parent Meeting will lay out the topics, activities, and schedule for the spring semester.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Feb 2 • 11:30 am • Panda Express

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Panda Express (2260 Gunbarrel Road).

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Fri, Feb 9 • 7 pm • Room 100

Bring your favorite game to play and a snack to share! Pizza will be provided.

HS SURF TRIPS & REGISTRATION

High school students have the opportunity to attend a spring break surf trip to south Florida.



Scan the QR Code to register for the week your student wants to attend.

**Mar 10-16 at
Jensen Beach, FL**

**Mar 23-27 at
Jacksonville, FL**



MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



January 24: Turkey & Rice Soup, Cream of Tomato Soup, Artisan Bread, Salad Bar, Mocha Blondies

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

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

February 14 Valentine's Feast: Cherry Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner

- 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.

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.



ADULT MIDWEEK RESUMES

Beginning Wed, Jan 24 • 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.*

OUTREACH



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Today is a day to celebrate the gift of life, remember those lost to abortion, and recommit ourselves to the protection of humans at every stage.



*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*

Pray

Together, we can pray for courage for the women and men facing unexpected pregnancies, to choose life for their baby.

Spark Awareness

Be a voice for the unborn. Be bold to talk with others about God's desire for His people to live life abundantly. Share with others God promises about life, redemption, and healing. It can be as easy as liking and sharing Choices' posts on social media @team.choiceschatt.

Get Involved

Choices is our local pregnancy center in Chattanooga. You can be the hands and feet of Jesus to new moms, dads, and babies by volunteering or providing financial support. Scan the QR code to find out ways to get involved.



Join Choices' prayer team to receive real-time patient and client related prayer & praise requests



