

The Lord's Service

August 11, 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

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

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann J. Schütz (1675);

translated by Frances E. Cox (1864)

Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART,

from the 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

Psalm 25.10-11

LEADER: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

PEOPLE: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

adapted from Psalm 115.1, William Tyndale (1494-1536)

**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.**

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 33.20-22

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

“Our soul waits for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

It Is Well with My Soul

Text: Horatio Gates Spafford (1873)

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss (1876)

Hymnal No. 691

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 40.1-8 (p. 468)

read by Elder Jason Coffey

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arranged by Sean O'Laughlin

Covenant Strings Ensemble

*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

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5.17-20 (p. 810)

¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

JESUS, THE LAW, AND THE CHRISTIAN

*Hymn of Response

The Law of the Lord is Perfect

Text: anonymously adapted from Psalm 19.7-11

Music: THE LAW OF THE LORD, Joanne Roberts Graham (1969)

Hymnal No. 152

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience
and sacrifice of Himself,
which He through the eternal Spirit
once offered up unto God,
has fully satisfied the justice of His Father;
and purchased not only reconciliation,
but an everlasting inheritance
in the kingdom of heaven,
for all those whom the Father has given unto
Him.**

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.

*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!

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: Jesus, the Law, and the Christian

Text: Matthew 5.17-20

Intro: Many people perform *good works* out of craven fear or resentful duty. But Jesus wants us to obey God from a heart of love as His grateful children. Understanding how Jesus fulfills the law enables that. Jesus says in verse 17, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to *fulfill* them.” One thing Jesus is saying is this: if we want to know what the law really means for us, we must first look at how He has *fulfilled* the law for us.

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 & Families*),
Eric Mullinax (*Elder Emeritus-Volunteer for Congregational Care*)

CPC Officers

ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither,
Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey (Moderator),
Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner,
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Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steven James,
Steve Leach, Eric Mantel, Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry,
John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Matt Wright

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 wanting to become a member of Covenant, consider attending the New Member's Class that meets in Room 120.

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We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Caines preaches from Matthew 5.20.

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, 2021 (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, August 11

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
College/Career Fellowship & Fun - Room 100 - 12 pm

Tuesday, August 13

Ladies' Psalms Study - Rooms 121-122 - 10 am
Ladies' AM Cultural Book/Discussion Series - Room 120 - 10 am
Ladies' PM Cultural Book/Discussion Series - Rooms 121-122 - 7 pm

Wednesday, August 14

Youth Summer Fellowship - Front Lawn - 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 150 - 7 pm
Midweek Prayer Group - Room 101 - 7 pm

Thursday, August 15

Rekindled Ladies Luncheon - Room 100 - 11:30 am

Friday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 18

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
No Sunday School (Semester break)
HS Brazil Team Report - Room 100 - 11 am
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

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

This coming week, both the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) and the Session (The Pulpit Committee) will meet with the McGowan consulting group. After their meeting, the PSC will resume the work of finding candidates to fill the role of Senior Pastor here at Covenant.

We would appreciate your prayers as we restart this process. Prayers for clarity, wisdom, discernment, unity, and steadfastness. Pray also for the protection of the PSC members. Finally, please pray for the man and his family whom God is preparing for this part of His Church at CPC.

As a reminder, the PSC members are Pat Barber, Jason Coffey, Jason Collins, Gary Cosby, Justin Martin, Will McDaniel, Susan Miller, Hannah Pittman, and Lisa Wright.

We plan to send periodic updates and desire to keep you as informed as we are able to through this process. Thank you so much for joining us in this work through prayer and encouragement.

PRAY FOR US



Pat Barber



Jason Coffey



Jason Collins



Gary Cosby



Justin Martin



Will McDaniel



Susan Miller



Hannah Pittman



Lisa Wright

COVENANT LIFE

COLLEGE/CAREER FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Today • 12 pm • Room 100

This class wants to welcome all 2024 high school graduates with a potluck lunch and games. RSVP to Tim & Bonnie Schoap, 423-503-7315 or tim.schoap@gmail.com

REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thurs, Aug 15 • 11:30 am • Room 100 (SFH)

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 in Room 100 (Schum Fellowship Hall).

Please RSVP with Joan at 423-899-8385, if no answer please leave a message. Contact the church office if you need more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

Next Sunday, August 18, all Sunday school classes will take a one week break between the semesters. Fall Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, August 25.

BRAZIL TEAM REPORT

Sun, Aug 18 • 11 am • Room 100

The High School Brazil team will be sharing highlights from their recent missions trip. This Sunday is the break between the summer and fall Sunday School semesters, so plan to join us in Room 100 (SFH) and encourage our students as they share their experiences following the worship service.

PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

Sun, Aug 18 • 6 pm • Room 100

Join us for a time of music, Scripture reading, and prayer. We will pray for our church during this season of transition. A time of fellowship and light snacks will follow.

GRIEFSHARE

beginning Wed, Aug 21 • 6:30 pm • Room 119

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. Each session is “self-contained.” While attending each meeting is best, you do not have to attend each class in sequence to find encouragement. For more information about the program, visit griefshare.org/about.

COVENANT LIFE

FALL MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

beginning Wed, Aug 28

Be sure to join us for the start of Midweek suppers, classes, and activities. Be watching for more information.

FALL VOLUNTEER NEEDS

CPC ministry leaders are busily planning the new Fall Semester. Below are areas where you could volunteer to serve:

- **Nursery Volunteers** for Sundays and especially Wednesday Midweek activities (beginning August 28); contact Bekah Gernhard (Nursery@cpcc chatt.org)
- **Children's and Youth Ministry teachers and helpers** for Sunday school and Midweek classes (Volunteer Training Meeting is on August 21); for Children's Ministry, contact Sara Southard (SSouthard@cpcc chatt.org); for Youth, contact Heather Morrison (HMorrison@cpcc chatt.org)

UPDATED PRAYER CALENDARS

An updated Prayer Calendar is available near the bulletin boards just off the Lobby. This calendar divides up the names of CPC members, ministries, missionaries, areas of the world, etc. over the course of an entire month. It is a very useful tool to help organize your prayer time.

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Sept 4 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot

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



From Duty to Delight
Growing in our Love for God through His Word and Prayer



Speaker:
Valerie Massey

Ladies' Fall Retreat

September 27 - 29
Fort Mountain Retreat Center

Cost: \$95 / \$50 deposit required to reserve your spot. Balance due by September 8.

Scan the QR Code or stop by the Women's Ministry Table in the Lobby to register.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

AUG 11 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Emily Calloway (*W*) / Bekah Gernhard (*SS*)

Worship - 9:15 am

Hannah Ingram & Lauren Warren (Little Lambs)

Sherlyn Hobbs & Shirley Jones (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Jason & Stacy Collins (Little Lambs)

Eric Mullinax & Lillie Yonkofski (Busy Bees)

AUG 18 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Bekah Gernhard

Worship - 9:15 am

Debby Gardner & Teva Wooten (Little Lambs)

Grace Doran & Wesley Durgin (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Amy Creamer & Ryan Hostetler (Little Lambs)

Mollie & Aubrie McClelland (Busy Bees)

YOUTH SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Wed, Aug 14 • 6 pm • Front Lawn

Plan to join us for another summer Wednesday fellowship! We will have popsicles, soccer, and games. Invite a friend!

FALL SEMESTER DATES

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

- Last Summer Sunday School Class:
Today
- Sunday School Promotion Sunday/
Toddler Welcome into Worship:
August 25
- Midweek Classes and Activities begin:
August 28

OUTREACH

CHATTANOOGA SPORTS MINISTRIES (CSM)



CSM seeks to transform local communities of at-risk youth through athletics, life skills training, and the formation of intentional, Gospel-centered, and cross-cultural mentoring relationships.

This fall, CSM hosts their Spark and Forge soccer programs. Spark is for boys and girls ages 6-18; Forge is for boys ages 8-16. The Assistant Coach Program is for high school students to be paired with a head coach to learn leadership, life, and job skills through their time on the field and off-field development sessions.

CSM needs volunteers to referee, cheer teams on, take pictures, help with game day set-up/break down, and assist with different tournaments/events they host and participate in. Additionally, they are always looking for individuals or groups to sign up to pray for the teams. For more information, contact Director Katelyn Newsome (katelyn@chattanoogaafcfdn.org) or visit their website.

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For wisdom and effectiveness for Director Katelyn Newsome and the CSM Board
- For faithful coaches and volunteers this fall
- For opportunities to share the Gospel with all participating kids and families

CPC MISSIONARIES TO FRANCE



Pete & Ruth Mitchell

Pete and Ruth serve in Toulouse, France with Mission to the World (MTW). They returned to France in mid-June after being on home assignment. When they arrived, they needed to find a new place to rent. Pete and Ruth recently wrote, *“God has provided a lovely house for us to rent...about 7 minutes by car from our church plant...The real estate agent said our new landlord is glad to have a pastor in his house...Praise God for this wonderful provision!”* They are getting a new household set-up and reacquainting themselves with the church plant congregation (so many new faces!).

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

- For preaching and teaching opportunities, especially during the summer
- For the Lord to continue supplying their need for increased support; God has provided almost 70% of what was originally needed (still lacking \$400 per month)
- For their adult children and their families who are stateside
- For the three missionary candidates to France who have been approved by MTW Readiness

