

The Lord's Service

September 8, 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

Exodus 15.2

LEADER: The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;

PEOPLE: This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

*Hymn of Adoration

Across the Lands

*Text and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty (2002)
see Page 7*

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 Jay Spalding

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalms 25.10-11

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.

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

from *Family Prayers*, Henry Thornton, London (1837)

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before
you,
on account of the coldness and insensibility of our
hearts,
the disorder and irregularity of our lives,
and the prevalence of worldly affections within us.
Too often have we indulged the tempers which we
ought to have subdued,
and have left our duty unperformed.
O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's
sake.
Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith
in that Savior who has died for our sins,
and risen again for our justification.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2.4-5

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the
great love with which he loved us, even when
we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ - by grace you have been
saved.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Blessed Assurance

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1873)

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp (1873)

Hymnal No. 693

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.

Baptism

In baptism, ordinary water represents God's work in the covenant of grace to forgive sins through Spiritual washing and the blood of Jesus. It cannot save. It symbolizes that we belong to Jesus and is commanded of every Christian. A child of Christian parents may be baptized because "household" baptism of the New Testament is similar to circumcision of the Old Testament.

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.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 138 (p. 521)
read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Baptism

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

Ken and Ryan Hostetler present William Patrick for baptism.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Will Arise

*Music: arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw (1960)
Sanctuary Choir*

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

*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 5.27-30 (p. 810)

²⁷ You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

RADICAL PURITY

*Hymn of Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Text: Joseph Scriven (ca. 1855)

Music: WHAT A FRIEND, Charles C. Converse (1868)

Hymnal No. 629

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.2 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **Faith, receiving and resting on Christ and
His righteousness,
is the alone instrument of justification.
Yet is it not alone in the person justified,
but is ever accompanied with all other saving
graces,
is no dead faith, but works by love.**

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

MEINEKE

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: Radical Purity

Text: Matthew 5.27-30

Intro: Many Christians have made a shipwreck of their faith because they never learned how to deal effectively with this kind of temptation. Worse, perhaps, they have been encouraged to see it as irrelevant. Other issues in our world seem far more urgent. What about the threat of terrorism? What about reconciliation between the races? Does it really matter that much what I do with my mind or my body? Surely sexual sin, if it's really a sin, is only a sin with a small "s." But Jesus says in the plainest language possible that no person can be His disciple who is unwilling to take up his or her cross daily and put their lusts to death. He calls us to radical purity.

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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Across the Lands

D G D A

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be - fore the world be - gan; Ev-'ry
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost, and ex -
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ling vic - t'ry from the grave, and as -

5 G G⁶ D/F# Em G

star and ev - 'ry pla - net has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
 -changed the joy of heav - en for the an - guish of a cross. With a
 -cend - ed in - to heav - en lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A

-a - tion holds to - geth - er by the pow - er of Your voice: Let the
 prayer You fed the hung - ry, with a word You stilled the sea. Yet how
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. From each

13 G G⁶ D/F# Em G A^{sus} G

skies de - clare Your glo - ry, let the land and seas re - joice! You're the au - thor of cre -
 si - lent - ly You suf - fered that the guilt - y may go free. You're the
 tribe and tongue and na - tion You are lead - ing sin - ners home. You're the

18 D D/F# G A² Bm Bm/A

-a - tion, You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; And Your

21 G G/A Bm⁷ A

cry of love rings out a - cross the lands. 1. 2. D 3. D

2. Yet You
 3. With a

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 *What Is Presbyterian?* Class that meets in Room 120.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Matthew 5.31-32.

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, September 8

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School

Tuesday, September 10

Ladies' Thessalonians Study - Rooms 121-122 - 10 am
Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10 am
Women's Ministry Mtg - Room 119 - 6:30 pm
Ladies' Genesis Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 11

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

Friday, September 13

Men's Treasury of David Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

Sunday, September 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Diaconate Mtg - Rooms 121-122 - 12:30 pm
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

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 is \$95. To register, scan the QR Code or stop by the Women's Ministry table in the Lobby. **Registration ends today!**

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

LADIES' FALL STUDIES

beginning Tues, Sept 10

10-11:30 am **1 & 2 Thessalonians** |

Rooms 121 -122

led by Dianne Cosby & Sarah Wade

These epistles are short but not simple. They are full of Paul's love for believers and weighty teaching. Paul challenges us to live more faithfully as a member of Christ's body, until He comes again. This study is using Kathleen Nielson's book 1 & 2 Thessalonians: Living the Gospel to the End.

6:30-8 pm **Genesis** | Room 105 -

led by Bev Fowler

Beginning with Genesis 12, we will discern Jesus in the stories of His people, and we will see how the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We will use the workbook God of Covenant by Jen Wilkin (book costs \$16). To reserve your spot, email bfowler@cpccchatt.org.

PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

Sun, Sept 15 • 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.

COVENANT LIFE



CRAFTS FOR OCC SHOEBOXES

Sat, Sept 21 • 9:30 am • Room 100

Adults and teens are invited to come and make different crafts to place in shoeboxes. We will make dolls, hair scrunchies, bracelets, jump ropes, and fishing poles. Bring \$3 to cover the cost of supplies.

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.

OCC SEPTEMBER COLLECTION

We collect items all year to fill OCC Shoeboxes and spread the gospel. All donations should be placed on the OCC cart in the Youth Stairwell just off of the lobby. This month these are the items we are collecting:

Recreation Items:

*fishing supplies, sports items, games,
soccer balls & pumps*

CLOTHES CLOSET COLLECTION

The Ugandan orphanage needs our help again.

Ask friends and neighbors to donate and get involved too! The girls are growing and thriving. The orphanage has been able to expand to take on some boys. See need lists below.

Donations must be placed in the green carts at the bottom of the Youth Stairwell by **October 1**.

Girls: dresses only (for ages 12-19)

Boys: *in need of everything* (for ages 5-12) - shoes, socks, underclothes, shirts, shorts, pj's, belts, etc.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SEPT 8 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Lauren Warren

Worship - 9:15 am

Jeannie Hall & Ada Wooten (Little Lambs)

Dianne Cosby & Babs Leach (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Tammy Knotts & Madelyn Horton
(Little Lambs)

Catherine Coffey & Penny James (Busy Bees)

SEPT 15 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Stacy Collins

Worship - 9:15 am

Macie Horton & Ann Kistner (Little Lambs)

Peyton & Lina McDaniel (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Bekah Gernhard & Bryonie Wykoff
(Little Lambs)

Neal & Nicole Doran (Busy Bees)

MOMS OF TEENS BOOK STUDY

beginning Tues, Sept 10 • 10 am • Room 120

Tracy Horton will leading a study on Melissa Kruger's book *Parenting with Hope*. They will examine foundational principles that are vital for nurturing a home of faith, battles parents commonly face, and the blessings parents can offer their children. Scan the QR Code to register for this group.



TEACHERS & HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED

More volunteers in our Youth and Children's Ministries are still needed. To help, contact:

Children's: SSouthard@cpcchatt.org

Youth: HMorrison@cpcchatt.org

Sunday School:

- Middle School Girls helper

Midweek:

- K-2nd Grade Boys teacher
- K-2nd Grade Boys helper

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Sept 20 • 11:30 am • Moe's

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Moe's Southwest Grill (1820 Gunbarrel Road).

MIDWEEK



UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



September 11: Cobb Salad Bar (Chicken Nuggets for kids), Homemade Bread, Cake Pop Bars

September 18: Creamy Tomato & Sausage Pasta, Baguette, Green Peas, Salad Bar, Chocolate Crazy Cake

September 25: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Mexican Salad Bar, Honey Butter Sopapillas

October 2: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Creamed Spinach, Salad Bar, Cannoli Cake

- 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 Hospitality Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

MIDWEEK KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS & CLEAN UP HELP

Midweek suppers are delicious, but they don't just appear on their own. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen before supper, email our Hospitality Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

We always are looking for helpers to pitch in and clean up after supper.

OUTREACH

HARVEST USA



Harvest USA seeks to bring the truth and mercy of Jesus Christ by helping individuals and families affected by sexual struggles and by providing these resources to individuals and churches. Their president, Mark Sanders, recently wrote: *“Today’s sexual revolution is affecting us all, leaving us with many questions and concerns. We must*

fight even harder to be still before God, keeping our eyes fixed on Christ. Yes, we are called to respond, but our responses must come from a heart of faith in the God who told the Israelites at the Red Sea, with Egypt at their backs, ‘Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today’.”

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For the men and women in local Bible study and support groups and for those in the continuing online groups. Ask God to powerfully meet these ministry participants, bringing hope and healing as they seek to see and follow Jesus in new ways.
- For the open staff positions they have in Men’s Ministry, Women’s Ministry, Parents & Family Ministry
- For the ministry staff to be encouraged and blessed with wisdom, courage, and insight

CPC MISSIONARIES IN INDIA



**Sujai & Lavanya
Suneetha**

Sujai and Lavanya are doctors who serve with Nireekshana in India. Nireekshana is a community-based organization dedicated to Christ-like compassionate care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS and leprosy using a holistic approach. Its focus is on providing counselling, medical care, the training and empowerment of women (socio-economic and spiritual care/support). Now, through a main clinic and an additional satellite clinic, Nireekshana caters to the needs of hundreds of individuals and families affected by HIV and leprosy each month.

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

- For Nireekshana to truly be, as the name literally means, *“A place of hope”*
- For the Suneethas to be strengthened in their particular leadership roles
- For God to supply the resources (financial, dedicated personnel, facilities) needed to continue this ministry-especially their new second location

