

The Lord's Service

September 15, 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 9.1-2

LEADER: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole
heart;

PEOPLE: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

LEADER: I will be glad and exult in you;

**PEOPLE: I will sing praise to your name, O Most
High.**

*Hymn of Adoration

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Text: Horatius Bonar (1858)

Music: JERUSALEM (PARRY), C. Hubert H. Parry (1916);

arranged by Janet Wyatt (1977)

Hymnal No. 81

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

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 *Christian Order and Custom*, Bullinger, Zürich (1535)

**We, poor sinners, confess ourselves before you,
our Lord God and Maker
that, sadly, we have sinned much
with our thoughts, words, and deeds,
as you, eternal God, know very well.
We regret them and beg your grace.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

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

Not What My Hands Have Done

Text: Horatius Bonar (1861)

Music: LEOMINSTER, George William Martin (1862);

arranged by Arthur S. Sullivan (1874)

Hymnal No. 461

God Consecrates Us

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.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 47 (p. 472)

read by Elder Todd Smith

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Holy, Lord God

By Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Text adapted by and Music arranged by Arthur Frackenhohl (1991)

Sanctuary Choir

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Doxology

MORNING HYMN

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 5.31-32 (p. 810)

³¹ It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

THE GOD-ORDAINED UNION

*Hymn of Response

Blest the Man that Fears Jehovah

Text: from Psalm 23, The Psalter (1912)

Music: from Sacred Harp (1884)

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*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.3
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **The Lord Jesus, in His human nature
thus united to the divine,
was sanctified and anointed with the Holy
Spirit, above measure,
having in Him all the treasures of wisdom
and knowledge;
in whom it pleased the Father that all
fullness should dwell,
to the end that, being holy, harmless,
undefiled, and full of grace and truth,
He might be thoroughly furnished to execute
the office of a Mediator and Surety.
This office He took not unto Himself,
but was called by His Father,
who put all power and judgment into His
hand
and gave Him commandment to execute the
same.**

*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.

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.

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: The God-Ordained Union

Text: Matthew 5.31-32

Intro: Marriage did not arise from historical forces as simply another social contract. It came down by heavenly grace as a permanent gift for mankind. It was God's to define not man's. And God did define it in Genesis 2.24 as one mortal life fully shared between one man and one woman. Nothing is more natural in our fallen world than trying to build a marriage on a foundation of God avoidance. But it cannot work! Without peace with God, we inevitably shatter the peace we desire with one another. Only the gospel of Jesus can free us from this endless power struggle and restore the romance, beauty, joy, and harmony God intended. This is why Jesus says: "What God has joined together, let not man separate."

1. Upholding the God-Ordained Union

2. Breaking the God-Ordained Union

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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Blest the Man that Fears Jehovah



1. Blest the man that fears Je - ho - vah, walk-ing e - ver in his ways;
2. In your wife you shall have glad - ness, she shall fill your home with good,
3. Joy - ful chil - dren, sons and daugh - ters, shall a - bout your ta - ble meet,
4. Lo, on him that fears Je - ho - vah shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,
5. You shall see God's king - dom pros - per all your days, till life shall cease,



by your toil you shall be pros - pered and be hap - py all your days.
hap - py in her lov - ing ser - vice and the joys of moth - er - hood.
ol - ive plants, in strength and beau - ty, full of hope and prom - ise sweet.
for Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on shall to you his bless - ing send.
you shall see your chil - dren's chil - dren; on your peo - ple, Lord, be peace.

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 5.33-37.

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 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Diaconate Mtg - Rooms 121-122 - 12:30 pm
Praise, Prayer, & Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

Tuesday, September 17

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

Wednesday, September 18

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

Friday, September 20

Men's Treasury of David Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Friday Fellowship - Moe's Southwest Grill - 11:30 am

Saturday, September 21

OCC Made With Love Crafts - Room 100 - 9:30 am

Sunday, September 22

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

COVENANT LIFE

PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

Today • 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.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Oct 5 • 8:30 am • Room 100

Plan to join us for the October Men's Breakfast. We look forward to this encouraging time of fellowship together. Young men in High School are also invited to join us. Cost: \$5.

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.



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.

Please Lend Or Donate These Supplies

- Yarn (any color, any amount)
- Crochet hooks (lend)
- Rotary cutter (lend)
- Scissors (lend)
- Hot Glue Guns with Glue Sticks (lend)
- Colored Beads (to use with crochet)
- Thin Markers/Good Colored Pencils
- Glitter (any color)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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 STUDY TIME CHANGE

Tuesdays • 10:30 am • Room 120

This study has adjusted their start and end times by 30 minutes. They now meet 10:30 am-12 pm.

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).

SEPT 22 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Laura Spotts

Worship - 9:15 am

Lisa & Ellie Wright (Little Lambs)

Sophie Wright & *Volunteer Needed* (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Bekah Gernhard & Vangie Wykoff
(Little Lambs)

Stacy Collins & Peter Wykoff (Busy Bees)

TEACHER & HELPER NEEDED

Children's Ministry still needs a teacher and helper for the K-2nd grade Boys on Wednesdays. Email Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpcchatt.org](mailto:ssouthard@cpcchatt.org).

MS SWIM PARTY

Sat, Sept 28 • 4 pm • Middleton home

Squeeze in one more good summer splash at our Middle School Swim Party! We will also grill out. We hope you can join us!

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

October 18-20 • Camp Vesper Point

Scan the QR Code for more information and to register.



MIDWEEK



UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



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

October 9: Baked Chicken with Cheesy Grits, Biscuits, Green Beans, Lemon Brownies

- 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

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 his wife, Alla, are national Christians in Belarus. Stepan pastors a small church in Shatsk. Stepan recently wrote updates on their family and continued opportunities to minister in Jesus' name. Their children are young adults now and starting careers and families of their own. Their one son serves in the army; at his base, Stepan is able to come once a month and bring the Lord's Supper to Christian soldiers who meet for worship. Also, he shared about two people at their church wanting to be baptized.

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

- For godly Sunday school teachers for their children's classes; not enough teachers
- For the remodeling of their church building
- For people in their community to come to know the Lord and His saving grace
- For their family--that they would know and follow the Lord

CPC MISSIONARIES IN CENTRAL AFRICA



Josiah & Miriam

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

Josiah and Miriam serve with Mission to the World for translation work among the Dazagara people in Central Africa. In a recent update they wrote about Miriam's sister and Josiah's dad being able to visit them. These visits were great encouragements for them and their children. Also, they included that their team leader and his wife will be returning to the states for home assignment and rest this spring. They mentioned that Josiah is closing in on completing his language training and is beginning to think ahead about how to approach the Bible translation work practically.

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

- For wisdom to know how to proceed in a way that is good for translation work
- For continued language learning and training
- For their children's health/well-being: Titus, Esther, Katharina, Idelette, Evsevia, and Silas

