

The Lord's Service

September 22, 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 34.1-3

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;

PEOPLE: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

LEADER: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

PEOPLE: Let the humble hear and be glad.

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me;

PEOPLE: And let us exalt His name together!

*Hymn of Adoration

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Text: Charles Wesley (1747)

Music: BEECHER, John Zundel (1815-1882)

Hymnal No. 529

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

Psalm 32.3-5

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

PEOPLE: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

adapted from Psalm 115.1, William Tyndale (1490-1536)

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.

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis (1834-1925)

Music: EBENEZER (OR TON-Y-BOTEL), Thomas John Williams (1890)

Hymnal No. 535

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 95 (p. 499)

read by Elder Tracy Wright

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

By William Fox (died 1579)

Text adapted from Psalm 86.11-12

Melissa Ferrel, Catherine Coffey,

Nicole Lewin, & John Wykoff, vocalists

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth.
O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.
I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And will praise thy name forevermore.
Amen.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

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. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Bill Massey

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5.33-37 (p. 810)

³³ Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.

Sermon

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

THE GOD OF TRUTH

*Hymn of Response

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson (1925)

Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould (1925)

Hymnal No. 644

*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,**

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.

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.

but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom
of heaven,
for all those whom the Father has given unto
Him.

*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: The God of Truth

Text: Matthew 5.33-37

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,
Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Thomas Blackburn, Jonathan Calloway, David Close,
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 *What Is Presbyterian?* Class that meets in Room 120.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Matthew 5.38-42.

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 22

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

Tuesday, September 24

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 25

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

No GriefShare Class - canceled for this week

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

Friday, September 27

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

Ladies' Fall Retreat begins - Fort Mtn Retreat & Conference Center - 5 pm

Saturday, September 28

Ladies' Fall Retreat

Middle School Swim Party - Middleton home - 4 pm

Sunday, September 29

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

Ladies' Fall Retreat ends

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

PULPIT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Pulpit and Pastoral Search Committees are continuing their work of seeking a senior pastor for CPC. McGowan continues to assist us in this process. Our consultant, Chuck Frost, made a trip to Chattanooga on August 7. He met with both committees, as well as meeting individually with the committees' leadership.

At this point, the Pastoral Search Committee has made a couple of recommendations to the Pulpit Committee*. The Pulpit Committee is prayerfully considering these recommendations as we continue to pray, do our research, and make decisions.

Please continue to pray for both groups. Pray that the Spirit will give us wisdom as we make decisions, unity as we work with each other, and peace that the Lord has a man for CPC and will bring him to us in the Lord's own timing.

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

** The Congregation voted to elect the Session to fill the role of Pulpit Committee.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Oct 5 • 8:30 am • Room 100

We look forward to you joining us for this encouraging time of fellowship. Eric Mullinax will share "*A Tale of Two Cities ... not Dickens, but Daniel.*" The setting is ancient, but the message is most contemporary. 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.

FOWLER/SIMS WEDDING SHOWER

Sun, Oct 13 • 2 pm • Room 100

You are invited to a Wedding Shower for Ashley Sims and Zach Fowler, son of Jay and Bev Fowler. Zach grew up here at CPC. Let's celebrate their upcoming marriage! The couple is registered at Target. Join us!



Ashley & Zach

COVENANT LIFE

OCC PREP DAY

Thurs, Oct 17 • 9:30 am • Rooms 121-122

Everyone is invited to help prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child outreach. We will organize donated items to see what is lacking. We will build OCC shoeboxes and decorate the OCC Christmas tree.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sun, Oct 20 • 11:30 am • Heritage Park

Join us at Heritage Park (1428 Jenkins Road) for a B.Y.O.P.B. (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket) church picnic. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Fun activities for everyone!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at office@cpcc chatt.org to make an appointment.

REKINDLED

LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thurs, Oct 24 • 12 pm • Room 100

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 lunch.

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

LADIES' FALL STUDIES

10-11:30 am **1 & 2 Thessalonians** | Room 121 - led by Dianne Cosby & Sarah Wade

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

This study is using the workbook God of Covenant by Jen Wilkin.

CHOICES FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Choices is a local ministry that CPC supports with our missions giving. Their annual fundraising banquet is Thursday, October 17, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Scan the QR Code to register by October 1 if you would like to attend or would like more information about this event.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

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)

SEPT 29 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Casie Runkle

Worship - 9:15 am

Hannah Ingram & Hannah Schreiner
(Little Lambs)

Marianne Doran & Micah Schreiner (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Sarah McCurry & Abby Knecht (Little Lambs)

Catherine Coffey & Tammy Knotts (Busy Bees)

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 grill out. We hope you can join us!

TEACHER & HELPER NEEDED

Children's Ministry still needs a teacher and helper for the K-2nd grade Boys on Wednesdays.
Email SSouthard@cpccchatt.org.

CAMP VESPER POINT

CPC YOUTH FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 18-20

SPEAKER: DR. HENRY KRABBENDAM



Join us for a great weekend of fun, games, fellowship, and time in God's Word! Cost: \$99

Scan the QR Code to register.



MIDWEEK



UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



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

October 16: Sloppy Joes, Fries, Salad Bar, Coffee Blondies

- 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.

SEPT 25 GRIEFSHARE CLASS

The GriefShare Class will not meet this Wednesday evening, September 25. It will resume the following Wednesday, October 2.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Reformation Celebration on Wednesday, October 30. Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Monday, October 28.

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

THIRD MILLENNIUM MINISTRIES



The mission of Third Mill is to provide a multimedia seminary curriculum to Christian leaders in their own lands and languages at no cost to them. In a recent update, they shared, “*When Third Mill began in 1997, we set out to offer our curriculum in five languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, and Chinese, covering 42% of the world’s population. Recently, we began our 28th language—Bengali...Our trusted South Asia language partner came to realize that if we wanted to reach Bangladesh and northeastern India, we would need curriculum in Bengali. It is one of the most-spoken languages in the world, with approximately 282 million speakers.*”

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For effective and Christ-honoring leadership of their director (Richard Pratt), staff, and board
- For adequate funding for the many expanding programs of Third Mill
- For effective biblical training of pastors around the world

HAITIAN AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION



HAFF’s ministries include academic and theological education, community development, and mercy ministries. In a recent newsletter, they said, “*Life in Haiti is full of surprises, with everything from shifting governments to the unpredictable forces of nature, like hurricanes and earthquakes. But in the midst of all this, two things have remained steadfast: the relative peace of the Central Plateau and God’s unwavering faithfulness... We share with heavy hearts the news of the passing of our dear colleague [whose] dedication and love for this ministry have left an indelible mark... On a brighter note, we are thrilled to celebrate a monumental milestone... We are overjoyed to announce Pastor Estephene Orelus as our FIRST Haitian Director of Operations.*”

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For stability, peace, and safety for this troubled island nation
- Praise for ministry transitions: HAFF will no longer run their medical outreach clinic, but they have turned clinic operations over to local leadership
- For the Lord to bless Pastor Orelus in his new role as Director of Operations and the clinic as both seek to thrive and to have greater outreach and community involvement
- For the upcoming Godly Woman Class (beginning in October) to be fully funded and to receive all the needed supplies for this class