

The Lord's Service

September 29, 2024

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Feed My Lambs
by Natalie Sleeth (1972)
Covenant Choristers

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be,
As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be.
As ye do unto my flock thus ye do to me.

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 65.4

LEADER: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

PEOPLE: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of
your house, the holiness of your temple!

*Hymn of Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Text: stanzas 1-5: Edward Perronet (1779);

stanza 6: John Rippon (1787)

Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden (1793)

Hymnal No. 296

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

Proverbs 28.13

LEADER: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

PEOPLE: ... but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

adapted from Acts 17.28, Martin Bucer (1491-1551)

**Heavenly Father, hear the prayer we make before you.
Drive from our heart and soul all those things that
displease you.**

**Enable us to understand that we live and move and
have our being in you;
and that our sins are so great and so offensive before
you,
that neither your grace nor your life
ever could have been restored to us
except through the death of your only Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord.
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!

*Hymn of Assurance

Your Labor is Not in Vain

Text and Music:: Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell (2017)

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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.

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

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Pie Jesu Domine,
Dona nobis sempiternam requiem.*

Psalm 84 (p. 493)
read by Elder Todd Smith

Pie Jesu
from "Requiem" by Gabriele Fauré (1890)
Catherine Coffey, vocalist
Evangeline Wykoff, organ

Merciful Lord Jesus,
Grant us eternal rest.

*Doxology

LASST UNS EFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5.38-42 (p. 810)

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

TURN THE OTHER CHEEK

*Hymn of Response

Lead On, O King Eternal

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff (1888)

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart (1836)

Hymnal No. 580

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **God, the great Creator of all things,
does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern
all creatures, actions, and things,
from the greatest even to the least,
by His most wise and holy providence,
according to His infallible foreknowledge,
and the free and immutable counsel of His
own will,
to the praise of the glory of His wisdom,
power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

*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

Postlude

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.

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.

Your Labor is Not in Vain



Your la - bor is not in vain, though the ground un - der - neath you is
 Your la - bor is not un known, though the rocks cry out and the
 The vine - yards you plant will bear fruit; and the fields will sing out and re -
 The hous - es you la - bored to build will fin - ally with laugh - ter and



cursed and stained. Your plan - ting and reap - ing are
 sea may grown. The place of your toil may not
 joice with the truth. For all that is old will at
 joy be filled. The ser - pent that hurts and de -



ne - ver the same, but your la - bor is not in vain.
 seem like home, but your la - bor is not un - known.
 last be made new: the vin - yards you plant will bear fruit.
 stroy shall be killed, and all that is bro - ken be healed.



For I am with you, I am with you, I am with you, I am with you, for I have



called you, called you by name. Your la - bor is not in vain.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Turn the Other Cheek

Text: Matthew 5.38-42

Intro: Jesus says astounding things like these: “Do not resist the one who is evil;” “Turn the other cheek;” “Go the extra mile.” Few commands in Scripture, perhaps, clash more with our natural desire for vindication than these! And it is always important in our study of the Bible to bear in mind the context in which particular statements are made. If we do not hear them in their original context, we might decide they mean something quite at odds with what the original speaker intended. Even so, Jesus is stating a radical principle here by which every Christian is called to live. Do not make your “rights” the absolute basis of your relationships with others. Be ready to assume a lowly position. Be prepared to pay the price of imitating your Savior Jesus.

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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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 Dan Steere preaches from Matthew 5.43-48.

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 29

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Ladies' Fall Retreat ends

Tuesday, October 1

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, October 2

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, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

Men's Breakfast - Room 100 - 8:30 am

Sunday, October 6

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Lord's Supper Celebrated
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

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.

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.

BOB ELDER BURIAL SERVICE

Mon, Oct 7 • 2 pm • National Cemetery

A burial service with military honors for Bob Elder will be held at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Bob's family invites you to attend.

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 and Amazon. Join us!



Ashley & Zach

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!

COVENANT LIFE

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.

OCC THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who came or helped at our OCC Made with Love Crafts day. We had about 35-40 people from Covenant and 5 other churches who made lots of items for shoeboxes to send to children around the world:

60 fishing poles, 40+ spinners, 50+ zipper bags, 20+ jump ropes, 25+ scrunchies, and 30 bead dolls.

Everyone enjoyed it, and we have lots more great gifts to send to kids.

THANK YOU

Dear CPC, we would like to express our gratitude to our church family for their many kindnesses, meals, cards, calls and continued prayers for us. ~ Tom & Linda Crawford

JOIN THE CHOIR

The choir is beginning to learn music for our Christmas program, and it is not too late to join.

No audition is required. Anyone is welcome to join. Men are especially encouraged to consider helping fill out the tenor and bass sections.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the choir room (Room 150). Contact John Wykoff for more information (JWykoff@cpcchatt.org).

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 BANQUET

Choices is a local ministry that CPC supports. 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](#).



CHILDREN & YOUTH

SEPT 29 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Casie Runkle

Worship - 9:15 am

Hannah Ingram & Hannah Schreiner
(Little Lambs)

Micah Schreiner & David Gernhard (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Sarah McCurry & Abby Knecht (Little Lambs)

Catherine Coffey & Tammy Knotts (Busy Bees)

OCT 6 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Sherry Baierl

Worship - 9:15 am

Kristin & Abby Sotelo (Little Lambs)

Sherlyn Hobbs & Shirley Jones (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Lorelei Bradley & Selah Cross (Little Lambs)

Jayda Bradley & Diane Lazor (Busy Bees)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of a few volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings in the nursery this fall.

Please email Bekah Gernhard to let her know when you can serve (Nursery@cpcchatt.org).

TEACHER & HELPER NEEDED

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

Email SSouthard@cpcchatt.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



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

October 23: Butter Chicken, Rice, Glazed Carrots, Grilled Naan Bread, Spice 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.

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

CPC MISSIONARIES WITH MTW



**Tom & Ann
Austin**

Tom and Ann have been with Mission to the World (MTW) since 1983, when they answered God's call to life-long missions in Africa. For over 14 years they served in Kenya, seeking to raise up leaders for the church in Africa through theological education and leadership training. In 1999, they moved to South Africa where Tom became president of the Bible Institute of South Africa. They now bring vast experience to an MTW team of international missionaries that is works to meet the unique needs of training and education for the 21st century Church. Tom's primary focus is to coordinate this work in Africa.

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

- Praise for progress in their MTW cross-cultural evangelism course (almost finished!)
- For the contents/design of this course to help veteran missionaries with vision and skills for evangelism in their host culture
- For faithfulness in teaching truth as Tom and Ann lead men's and women's Bible studies
- For Tom as he continues to take chemo medication daily (he is currently in remission); pray that he would be able to stop taking this medicine and that the side effects would subside (particularly neuropathy)

CPC MISSIONARY IN HUNGARY



Heidi Meiners

Heidi serves with United World Mission in Budapest, Hungary, as a special education teacher. Her main reason for going to the school in Budapest was to be an educational shadow to children with learning disabilities. The goal is to help students develop the weaker areas of their brains so that they can function in a standard classroom. Heidi also leads Bible studies for young girls.

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

- For daily wisdom in teaching and guiding students, both in academics and for spiritual conversations
- For the current school year; for the mid-October student retreats to develop good community among the students and for spiritual growth during the retreats
- For the waters from recent flooding in Hungary to continue to decrease and for the clean-up efforts due to the recent flood damage