

The Lord's Service

January 5, 2025

**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 29.10-13

LEADER: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our
father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the
greatness and the power and the glory and the
victory and the majesty;

PEOPLE: **For all that is in the heavens and in the earth
is yours.**

LEADER: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are
exalted as head above all.

PEOPLE: **Both riches and honor come from you, and
you rule over all.**

LEADER: In your hand are power and might, and in your
hand it is to make great and to give strength to
all.

PEOPLE: **And now we thank you, our God, and praise
your glorious name.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Words: adapted from Psalm 90, Isaac Watts (1719)

*Music: ST. ANNE (Croft), arranged by William Croft (1678-1727);
from Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version (1708)*

Hymnal No. 30

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 Rex Wagner

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

adapted from Psalm 88.13, Philip Melancthon

**Almighty, eternal God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Creator of heaven and earth, and all humanity,
together with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Word and Image,
and with your Holy Spirit:
have mercy upon us, and forgive our sins for your
Son's sake,
whom you have made our Mediator according to your
wonderful counsels;
and guide and sanctify us by your Holy Spirit,
which was poured out upon the Apostles.
Grant that we may truly know and praise you
throughout all eternity!
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.8-13

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to
anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will

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.

not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Your Labor is Not in Vain

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

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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40.25-31 (p. 600)

read by Elder William McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Christ Created Light
Words and Music: John Wykoff (2012)
Girls Chorus

When the world was dark,
When the dark was deep,
Deep and dark as night,
Christ created light.

When my heart was dark,
When the dark was deep,
Deep and dark as night,
Christ became my light.

In the final day,
Everlasting day,
Where there is no night,
Christ will be the light.

*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 Eric Mullinax

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11.1-3 (p. 1007)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

WHAT IS FAITH?

*Hymn of Response

I Sing the Almighty Power of God
Words: Isaac Watts (1714)
Music: FOREST GREEN, traditional English melody;
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)
Hymnal No. 119

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.

The Lord's Table

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.

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed
(215)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

[†] "catholic" -- universal

*Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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.

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 11 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*
Words: Johann Franck (1649);
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1858)
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger (1649)
Hymnal No. 421

Hymn *Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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: What is Faith?

Text: Hebrews 11.1-3

Intro: At present, we enjoy the blessings of our salvation largely by faith and not by sight. And as we will observe, feeding our faith with the examples of faith in the men and women of Hebrews 11 will make us people of enduring hope. As we emulate their faith, the salvation they received from God as His gift is one that we enjoy too.

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*)

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

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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
 joyce 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.
 stroys 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.

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 following worship.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Hebrews 1.4.

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, January 5

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

Thursday, January 9

Ladies' 1-3 John Bible Study - Room 105 - 10 am

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

Youth Game Night - Room 100 - 6 pm

Sunday, January 12

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

Pastoral Care Line: Call/text your request or need to 423-521-2142

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

COVENANT LIFE

ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients:
tapioca starch, water, potato starch,
potato flakes, palm oil, honey, egg yolks,
natural vinegar, salt

NEW LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES

Precept Study on 1, 2, & 3 John
Thurs, beginning Jan 9 • 10 am • Room 105

Bev Mealor is teaching an inductive study in the epistles written by the Apostle John. Please contact Bev to order a book (\$20) or if you have any questions (mealor555@gmail.com).

Colossians & Philemon:
Continue to Live in Him Study
Tues, beginning Jan 14 • 10 am • Room 122

Valerie Massey and Dianne Cosby are leading a study on Colossians and Philemon. The study is using Kathleen Nielson's book *Colossians and Philemon: Continue to Live in Him*. If you are planning to attend and need childcare, please contact Dianne Cosby (g-dcosby@epbf.com).

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS

All giving statements will be sent digitally to the email address we have on record in ShelbyNext.

If you would like your giving statement to be mailed or have any questions, please contact the church office at office@cpcc chatt.org.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through December 30:

2024 Budget:	\$1,780,340.00
Giving To Date:	\$2,089,006.53
Diaconate Fund Balance:	\$57,610.32

Diaconate account funds are managed by the Mercy Committee and are used to care for individuals within our church and community.

If you have questions, please contact these individuals:

- Chairman of the Diaconate: Mike Mason
mmason89@comcast.net
 - Mercy Committee Chair: Geff Adams
mercy@cpcc chatt.org
 - Bookkeeper: Lauren Frye
lfrye@cpcc chatt.org
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MEN'S FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Fri, beginning Jan 10 • 8:30 am • Room 105

The Men's Friday Bible Study will return to study the book of Proverbs in the new year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDWEEK

All Sunday School classes will resume on **January 12** (see pg. 13 for more information).

Midweek activities will resume Wednesday evening, **January 15** (see pg. 14 for details).

COVENANT LIFE

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Jan 15 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot

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



PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

Sun, Jan 19 • 6pm • Room 100

Please join us for a time of music, Scripture reading, and prayer. We will gather in Schum Fellowship Hall and pray for our church during this season of transition. A time of fellowship and light snacks will follow. We look forward to seeing you there.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

CPC MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

WALKING BY FAITH

SPECIAL SPEAKER: DR. DAN STEERE

JANUARY 24 - 6:30 PM
& JANUARY 25 - 8:30 AM

SCAN TO REGISTER
BY JANUARY 19



SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

What is Presbyterian? Class: Led by Interim Senior Pastor Bill Massey | Room 105

This class is designed for visitors who wish to learn more about Covenant. This class addresses our distinctive life, doctrine, and worship as a conservative, Presbyterian, and Reformed church. The class is for those visiting or seeking church membership and is a temporary class before finding your long-term Sunday school class.

College-Age/Career Class: Led by Tim & Bonnie Schoap | Room 208

Study: Lessons from Ezra and Nehemiah. These two often overlooked Old Testament books offer rich lessons in God's faithfulness to His people, the value of biblical leadership, and the power of commitment to rebuilding and restoration.

The Church in America: Led by Dee Hobbs, Bill Higgins, and Dan Steere | Room 150 (Choir Room)

This class explores the story of the church in America, beginning with the colonial period and progressing through the beginnings of CPC. This is a mixed adult class that is open to everyone.

Ladies Class: Led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, and Lois Crenshaw | Room 119

Study: Nahum, the seventh book of the Minor Prophets. Nahum's singular focus on the impending judgment of Nineveh offers a continuation of the story that began in Jonah. Nahum reminded the people of Judah: God's justice is always right and always sure. This is a ladies-only class.

The Life of Joseph: Hosted by John Harris | Room 121-122

This class is studying the historical account of Joseph in the closing chapters of Genesis (which is part of your family history!). It plays a vital link in the unfolding of our Lord's redemptive purposes for the true Israel of God. And intriguingly, Joseph's brother, Judah, assumes a role that prefigures his descendant, Jesus. Taught by Dr. Render Caines. This is a mixed adult class that is open to everyone.

The Life of Moses: Led by Ken Henry | Room 100

This class will study the life of Moses as well as selected passages throughout the Pentateuch. Additionally, this class will look at the culture of ancient Egypt and the impact of Moses on our understanding of Christ and the New Testament. This mixed adult class of all ages is open to everyone.

Romans (continued, beginning in Chapter 5): Led by Dr. Lamar Allen | Room 105

Romans has profoundly affected those who read it. Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Wesley were converted. In the preface to his commentary on Romans, Martin Luther wrote, *"This Epistle to the Romans is the true masterpiece of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul."* This is a mixed adult class of all ages and is open to everyone.

MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



January 15: Chicken & Dumplings, Salad Bar, Carrot Cake

January 22: Baked Potato Bar, Broccoli Salad, Lemon Squares

January 29: Meatball Subs, Green Beans, Salad Bar, M&M Bars

February 5: Soup Night (Creamy Tomato/Chicken Gnocchi), Bread, Salad Bar, Chocolate Striped Delight

- 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, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

ADULT MIDWEEK RESUMES

Beginning Wed, Jan 15 • 5:30 pm

5:30-6:30 pm: **Dinner** - Room 100

6-6:30 pm: **Bell Choir** - Room 126

7-8 pm: **Adult Classes**

- **C.S. Lewis Discussion Group** - Room 122 - led by Edyne Vatt & Ken Henry - Join this group for engaging discussions of Lewis' book God in the Dock and other Lewis works as time allows.

- **Philippians** - Room 105 - led by Lamar Allen - Unlike most NT letters, this one was not written in response to a crisis. Paul wrote to express his appreciation and love for the Philippian believers whose material support had greatly helped in his ministry.

- **Ladies' Connect Group** - Family Worship Room (in Sanctuary) - led by Ginger Holler - This group meets to pray for one another and will study the LifeGuide IVP Bible study Mark: Follow Me. Email Ginger (gingerholler@yahoo.com) for more info.

- **Iron Men Study** - Room 208 - led by Scott Barber - Come and study the book How Does God Change Us by Dane Ortlund. All believers need change to be more like Jesus. This book shows what change is needed and how to change. Come early (6:45 pm) for prayer.

- **Prayer Group** - Room 104 - led by Doug McEachern - This group intercedes for the various needs of our church body and members.

- **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - Room 150 (Choir Room) - led by John Wykoff - No audition or experience is required.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

JAN 5 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Sherry Baierl

Worship - 9:15 am

Stephen & Mindy Haywood (Little Lambs)

Camille Ambrose & Teva Wooten (Busy Bees)

No Sunday School

CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK RESUMES

6:30-8 pm: **Nursery** (Birth -2 Yrs.)

6:30-7 pm: **Children's Choir (K-5th)** - Room 220

7-8 pm: **3 & 4 Yrs.** - Room 110 (enter through Nursery) - *They will play with toys and games and participate in a short Bible lesson. They may enjoy music, prayer time, Scripture memory, crafts, games, and activities related to Bible lessons.*

Children's Classes - Rooms 221-225 - *Students will learn about how God intends us to live in our thoughts, emotions, and actions. Kindergarten – 2nd Grade students will study stories from Scripture that point us to the gospel, and students 3rd-5th Grade will look at examples of God's faithfulness in men and women throughout Scripture and history. All children will work toward catechism and Scripture memorization goals.*

JAN 12 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Lauren Warren

Worship - 9:15 am

Lisa & Sophie Wright (Little Lambs)

Matt & Ellie Wright (Busy Bees)

Sunday School

Raul Romero Núñez & Maria Lopez Tello
(Little Lambs)

Jim & Connie Hildebrand (Busy Bees)

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Sat, Jan 11 • 6 pm • Room 100

We hope you can join us for Game Night!

We will be playing a few group games.

Pizza is provided!

YOUTH MIDWEEK RESUMES

6:30-6:45 pm: **Youth Worship** - Room 200

6:45-7:45 pm: **Youth Class & Small Groups** - Rooms 200-206 - *Dr. Richard Krabbendam is continuing a focused series on Evangelism; after this study, Pastor Hutchinson will focus on Apologetics for the remainder of the semester.*

OUTREACH

HAITIAN AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION



HAFF's ministries include academic and theological education, community development, and mercy ministries. Currently, Haiti is still experiencing extreme gang violence. From a December update, Colin and Carla Wilson (HAFF staff members) wrote: *"...the head of the gangs, declared a new 'reign of terror'... Though our area has absorbed some of the 700,000 people made homeless by gang violence, it suffers more from the disruption of transportation and commerce, 27% inflation and ongoing drought. Now 50% of the population experience acute hunger – a percentage similar to only 4 other countries in the world... The good news for Haiti, the US, and every nation is that Jesus Christ has overcome the world and joy in Him is what gives us strength to face its many troubles."*

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

- For stability, peace, and safety for this troubled island nation; that God would bring His shalom
- For the Lord to provide through new fundraising venues and for a miraculous turn around among previous donors
- For successful peacekeeping in Port-au-Prince
- For the gospel to go forth with power and change hearts for ever for the Kingdom

CPC MISSIONARIES WITH EFI



**Frank & Cindy
Sindler**

Frank and Cindy serve with Equipping Farmers International (EFI). This ministry exists to engage the global church in agricultural discipleship that results in food security and improved livelihoods. They work diligently to provide comprehensive training in conservation agriculture methods, empowering farming families to not only sustainably provide for their households but also to steward their lands effectively. This holistic approach addresses both physical sustenance and spiritual well-being.

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

- For Frank's many travels - health, safety, stamina, and support for the costs
- For the farming families they work with in the Global South, as food insecurity is on the rise
- For people to join the work in East Africa and the work of EFI; for them to have wisdom and direction in their callings
- For the continued effective and fruitful work of the Gospel

