

The Lord's Service

September 7, 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

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

Blessed Be Your Name
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Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness; blessed be Your name.

(Chorus) Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the Sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

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

Psalms 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.”

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

**Please stand and extend God's peace to those around 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.

Passing of the Peace

In Christ, we are one family. In this moment, we extend His peace with a handshake, a smile, or a simple greeting. We do this to remind one another of the grace we have received and now share with each other.

*Hymn of Assurance

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

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

Psalm 95 (p.499)

read by Elder Ken Henry

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

Thy Will Be Done

Text: based on Matt.26.36-42; Music: Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Our cup was filled with darkness.
Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup and drank it,
And gave us life, and gave us hope,
Gave us Himself.

"My Father, let this cup pass from me.
Yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done."

In blackest night we hear Him, In dark Gethsemane.
Pleading with the Father
For one more way, for one more hope, For one more day.

Then they took our Savior. And led Him to a tree;
And there they broke His body,
Poured out his life, put Him to death
To rise again!
“Thy will be done.”

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 Elder Jason Coffey

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2.1-4(p.980)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

JOY IN LOVING OTHERS

***Hymn of Response**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior
Hymnal No.644

May the mind of Christ my Savior
live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.

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.

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.

May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only him.

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.

[†] "catholic" -- universal

*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.**

*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 14 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.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymns for Distribution

Be Not Afraid

Text: based on Isa.43.1-3, Music: Craig Courtney

Penny James, soloist

Stephen & Rebecca James accompanists

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you,
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine; you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,
My love for you shall have no end.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Sandra McCracken, 2021

see page 10

(Chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

Sursum Corda

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

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

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

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by
Matt Redman and Beth Redman

[Verse]



Bless-ed be___Your name in the land that is plen - ti - ful; where your
Bless-ed be___Your name when I'm found in the des - ert place; though I
Bless-ed be___Your name when the sun's shin - ing down___ on me; when the
Bless-ed be___Your name on the road marked with suf - fer - ing; though there's



streams of a - bun - dance flow,	bles - ed be Your name.
walk through the wil - der - ness,	bles - ed be Your name.
world's "all as it___ should be,"	bles - ed be Your name.
pain in the off - er - ing,	bles - ed be Your name.

[Pre-chorus]



Ev-'ry bless-ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the dark-ness clos-es in, Lord,

[Chorus]



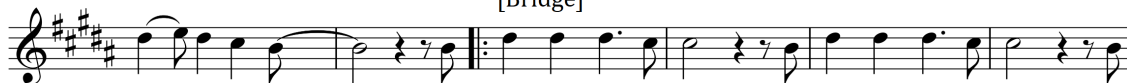
still I will say, "Bless -ed be the name of the Lord, _ bless-ed be Your name.

1. (1st time go to the beginning;
2nd & 3rd times repeat chorus) *fine*



Bless -ed be the name of the Lord,___ bless-ed be Your glo - ri -ous name."_____

[Bridge]



glo - ri-ous name."___ You give and take a-way, You give and take a-way. My

1.	2. <i>D. S. al fine</i>
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heart will choose to say, "Lord, bless-ed be your name." You name. Bless-ed be the

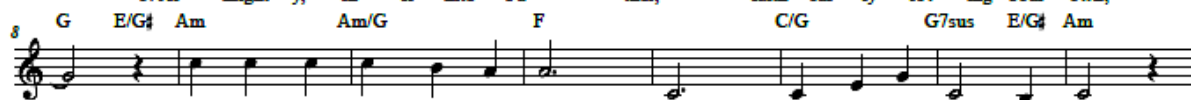
Wonderful Merciful Savior

Words and Music by
Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

VERSE

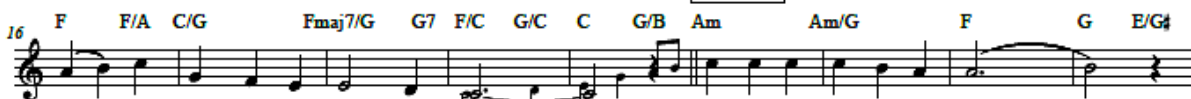


1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em - brace;
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own;

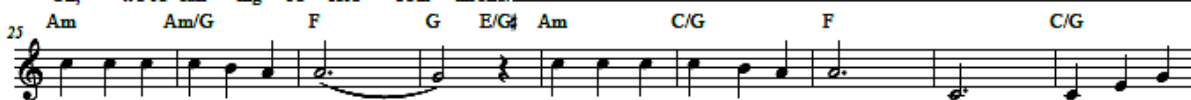


Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?
You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

CHORUS



Oh, You res - cue the souls of men. You are the One that we praise,
Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.



You are the One we a - dore. You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways

TURNAROUND



hun - ger for, oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

OUTRO



hun - ger for.

We Will Feast

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Sandra McCracken, and Sing!

[Refrain]



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re- stored. "He has



done great things," we will say to - ge - ther. We will feast and weep no more.

[Verse]



We will not be burned_____ by the fire:	He is the Lord our
In the dark of night_____ be-fore the dawn,	my soul, be not a -
Ev-'ry vow we've bro - ken and betrayed;	You are the faith - ful



God. We are not con sumed_____ by the flood:	up-held, pro-tect-ed, gath-ered up.
fraid. For the pro-mised mor - ning, O how long?	O God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
one. And_ from the gar - den to the grave,	bind us to - ge-ther; bring sha - lom.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Loving Others

Text: Philippians 2.1-4

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

CPC Pastors

David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor*),

Bill Massey (*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth & Families*)

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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.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Stephenson preaches from Philippians 2.

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 Family Worship Room)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Lord's Supper Celebrated

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Youth Parent Meeting - Room 200 - 12:05 pm

Monday, September 8

Women's Ministry Team Mtg - Morrison's Home - 6 pm

Tuesday, September 9

Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am

Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

Men's Ministry Leadership Planning Mtg - Lobby - 7 pm

Wednesday, September 10

CPC Blood Drive - Bloodmobile - 4:30 pm

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes - *Visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Thursday, September 11

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200 (*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am

Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 14

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

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

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

TODAY • 12:05 pm • Room 200

We will have a brief parent meeting check-in about calendar events, curriculum, and to address any questions you may have.

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Sept 10 • 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.



SENIOR SAINTS VISITATION

Tue, Sept 16 • 11:30 am • Room 100

We'll meet at CPC prior to the visit - we will pray together and sign cards for those who cannot receive visitors. Typically, we will visit in pairs and each pair goes to two senior saints. We will leave the church around noon and should be done in a couple of hours.

For **September**, volunteers please bake and bring wrapped muffins. Then, we will take three or four muffins to each senior along with their special card.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Judy Foster at 423-645-1086 or grammiesno1@live.com.

YOUTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Sept 19 • 11:30 am • Chick-Fil-A

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Chick-Fil-A (1804 Gunbarrel Road).

LADIES' MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Sept 19 • 7 pm • Bonnie Schoap's Home

Ladies you're invited to come enjoy the movie, "Tender Mercies" at Bonnie Schoap's home. Relax, fellowship, and make new friends. Drinks provided, please bring a snack to share.

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*

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

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING: Nehemiah, *Led by Dianne Cosby and Valerie Massey* - 10 am -
Room 122 (begins Sep. 9); The main theme of Nehemiah is one of restoration - how one
individual's dedication can lead to significant change and renewal within our community.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING: Ezra, Esther, & Nehemiah, *Led by Bev Fowler* - 6:30 pm -
Room 119. Bring your Bibles and a pen as we explore the times of God's blessing on His people
even during exile and the rule of pagan leaders.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING: "Growing Together" (for moms of littles), *Led by Ryan Hostetler
& Peyton McDaniel* - 9:30 am - Room 200 (Youth Suite), childcare provided; Join us as we study
Risen Motherhood together.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING: teachings from Forge Ministries, *Facilitated by Phil Spotts* - 6:30 pm -
Room 105; FORGE is a weekly gathering of Christ-following men of all ages and backgrounds
who are being shaped by the Father into the men they want to be and were originally designed to
be. We will be watching and discussing select Forge Ministry videos by Pete Alwinson.

MEN'S FRIDAY MORNING: Proverbs, *Led by Eric Mullinax* - 8:30 am - Room 105; Join us each
Friday morning for a time of fellowship and study. Our reading and discussion seek to uncover
the foundation of wisdom, mark out the paths that make us wise, and point us to the ultimate
source of all true wisdom and understanding, Jesus Christ.

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UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

Sept 10: Glazed Pork Loin, Rice, Carrots, Salad Bar, No-Bake Éclair Cake

Sept 17: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Italian Bread, Caesar Salad, Vanilla Mousse Cheesecake

Sept 24: Sweet and Sticky Grilled Chicken, Roasted Broccoli, Salad Bar, Spice Cake

Oct 1: Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, Peas, Salad Bar, Brownies & Ice Cream

- 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 have food allergies/dietary restrictions and want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

RUNNING LATE FOR SUPPER?

If you realize that you will be arriving late for our Midweek meal, you can text Emily by 6:15 pm at 423.432.1743 with your name and ask for a boxed meal to be set aside for you to pick up when you arrive.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Bekah Gernhard	Lorelei Bradley Judy Foster Volunteer Needed	Grace Doran Marianne Doran Connie Sanders	Brooke Lieving Timothy Lieving	Neal Doran Nicole Doran

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Sept 14

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Lauren Warren	Hannah Ingram Hannah Pittman Hannah Schreiner	Calvin Ingram Nathan Pittman Micah Schreiner	Lina Lewin Nicole Lewin	David Gernhard Zach Southard

MISSIONS



Josiah & Miriam
Central Africa

Ministry Focus:

They serve in Central Africa in the difficult work of Bible translation among the Dazagara people. They are also involved with the small number of Daza brothers and sisters there.

Other than her crucial work as a wife and mother, Miriam uses her nursing degree to help those with little access to medical care.

Prayer:

- That their translation work will serve to strengthen other Gospel efforts among the Dazagara
- For their marriage and family (six young kids)
- For health in a very hot and tough environment
- For safety from any opposition



Third Mill

Ministry Focus:

Third Millennium was launched in 1997 to provide: "Biblical Education. For the World. For Free." This goal is being met by building a multimedia seminary-level curriculum in English, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian, and Spanish. These lessons are recorded and designed in house and are similar to the style of what one might see on the History Channel. Their featured teachers are seminary professors from accredited seminaries.

Prayer:

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

