

# The Lord's Service

October 15, 2023

*\*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 92.1-4

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing  
praises to your name, O Most High; to declare  
your steadfast love in the morning, and your  
faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute  
and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

PEOPLE: **For you, O LORD, have made me glad by  
your work; at the works of your hands I  
sing for joy.**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Text: Joachim Neander (1680);*

*translated by Catherine Winkworth (1863)*

*Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, found in Stralsund Gesangbuch (1665)*

*Hymnal No. 53*

### 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 Todd Smith

# God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

Matthew 6.31-34

**LEADER:** ... do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**PEOPLE:** **Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**

## Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *The Valley of Vision*, Bennett (1975)

**O Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb. We remain in the foothills when we should be on the heights. We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race; sullied consciences, wasted hours, and unspent opportunities. We are blind to the light shining around us. Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our stony hearts of unbelief. Make it our highest joy to study you, to meditate on you, to gaze on you, to sit like Mary at Your feet, to lean like John on your breast, to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things but as rubbish. We believe. Help our unbelief.  
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 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

*My Worth is Not in What I Own*

*Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick (2014)*

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## **God Consecrates Us**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 84 (p. 493)

read by Elder Jason Coffey

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

### **Tithes and Offerings**

## Offertory

### *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

*Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

*Music: "Repton", Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

*Sanctuary Choir*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

## \*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 Bill Massey

## Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2.19-22 (p. 977)

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the

## 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.

apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### 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.

### Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

## BUILT TOGETHER IN CHRIST

### \*Hymn of Response

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*Text: Edward Mole (1834)*

*Music: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury (1863)*

*Hymnal No. 521*

### \*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, 70  
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what is justification?

PEOPLE: It is the act of God's free grace to sinners by which he pardons all their sins and accepts and looks on them as if they were righteous, not because of anything worked in them or done by them, but because God imputes to them the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, that can only be appropriated by faith.

### \*Gloria Patri

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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

Ephesians 3.16-19

May he grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Postlude

## 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.

# SERMON NOTES

**Title:** Built Together in Christ

**Text:** Ephesians 2.19-22

**Intro:** In this passage, the Apostle Paul continues to explain a believer's union with Christ. As followers of Christ, we have been reconciled to God. God has killed the hostility between Himself and His people. Paul explains that this work and union has brought both Jew and Gentile together as citizens of a new kingdom. Despite vastly different cultures, histories, and even enmities, God has given a new identity to all who belong to Jesus. In Christ, those who were once far off are being built together as God's dwelling place among the nations.

Christ has changed our identities...from strangers to family. (v. 19)

1. We are desired--being brought into a large family. (vv. 19-20)
2. We are secure--built on a formational cornerstone. (v. 20)
3. We are valued--joined as a holy temple. (vv. 21-22)

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## **Mission Statement of CPC**

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

## **CPC Officers**

ELDERS: Jake Bennett, Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither,  
Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Bill Massey (Moderator),  
Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright

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Chris Rimondi, Tim Sotelo, John Spalding, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Tim Warren

# My Worth is Not in What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
2. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by.
3. Two won-ders here that I con-fess: My worth and my un-worth-i-ness.



But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name;  
 But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. I will not boast in wealth or might,  
 My va-lue fixed-my ran - som paid at the cross. 3rd TIME TO CHORUS



in win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.  
 or hu-man wis-dom's fleet-ing light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.

## 16 CHORUS



I re-joice in my Re-deem-er-great-est trea-sure, Well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis-fied in Him a - lone.



## 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 newer to Covenant, consider attending the Visitor's Class that meets in Room 105 (just off the Lobby).

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We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Ephesians 3.1-13.

### 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, 2020 (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, October 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Church Picnic - Heritage Park - 12:30 pm  
Praise, Prayer, & Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

### Tuesday, October 17

Ladies' Connect Group - Room 119 - 10 am  
Women's Joshua Study - Room 122 - 10 am  
Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10 am

### Wednesday, October 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

### Thursday, October 19

Rekindled Luncheon - Room 100 - 12 pm

### Friday, October 20

Men's Proverb Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am  
Youth Fall Retreat - Camp Alpine - 5:30 pm

### Saturday, October 21

Youth Fall Retreat  
Ladies' Fall Fellowship and Nature Walk -  
Red Clay State Park - 9 am

### Sunday, October 22

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Youth Fall Retreat Ends

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## MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

**Website:** [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org)

**Online Directory:** Contact the church office to request access

**Prayer Requests:** Email your request or update to [prayer@cpcchatt.org](mailto:prayer@cpcchatt.org)

# COVENANT LIFE

## CHURCH PICNIC

**Sun, Oct 15 • 12:30 pm • Heritage Park**

B.Y.O.P.B. (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket)!

Drinks and desserts are provided.

Activities for everyone!



Join us for a time of music, Scripture reading, and prayer for our church during this season of transition. Fellowship and light snacks to follow.

## REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

**Thurs, Oct 19 • 12 pm • Room 100**

If you have suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, we invite you to come and be *Rekindled*.

RSVP with Joan Denkinger at 423-899-8385, if no answer please leave a message.

## LADIES FALL FELLOWSHIP & NATURE WALK

**Sat, Oct 21 • 9 am • Red Clay Historic State Park**

We will have a short morning hike through the woods (less than 1 hour, no big hills). There are places to sit for those who would like to enjoy the outdoors without the walk. Bring a snack or bagged lunch. Bottled water will be provided.

Meet at 9 am at CPC to car pool; we expect to return by 1 pm. Please contact Rose Frazier ([rosefrazier@mail.com](mailto:rosefrazier@mail.com)) to coordinate carpooling and to let us know you're meeting us there.

## OCC PREP DAY

**Thurs, Oct 26 • 9 am • Rooms 121 & 122**

Everyone is invited to help prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child outreach. We will organize, separate, and package all collected items and place them in containers. We will also need some help building OCC shoeboxes and decorating the OCC Christmas tree.

## GEER BABY SHOWER

**Sun, Oct 29 • 12:30 pm • Room 100**

Avery and Meadow Geer are expecting their first baby--a baby girl!--to arrive in November.

Let's celebrate and help them get ready!

They are registered on Babylist.com.

# COVENANT LIFE

## REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL

**Sun, Oct 29 • 6 pm • First Pres Church**

First Presbyterian Church (in downtown Chattanooga) is hosting a Reformation Day observance. Combined choirs and orchestra from multiple churches will lead us in great hymns of the faith. Foundational readings and Scripture will be shared to remind us of the significance of Reformation Day.

If you would like to use their nursery, you will need to sign-up in advance. Scan the QR Code to register with First Presbyterian.



## COAT CLOSET DONATIONS

Please donate your extra coats and jackets to our Coat Closet. Additional items such as socks, gloves, etc. are also welcome!

Place them in one of the marked green bins located in the Youth stairwell just off the Lobby.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Denkinger at 423-605-9677 or the church office.

## BUILD-A-SHOEBOX ONLINE

For \$25, you choose great items to send in an OCC box, and it pays for the shipping (also includes the Greatest Gift booklet in the child's language). Scan the QR Code to access our CPC OCC Goal Page.



## Thanks & Giving

**Share A Blessing**

We are collecting funds to distribute as grocery store gift cards to those who are in need. Mark your gift “*Thanks & Giving*” if placing in the offering or choose “*Other Giving*” and “*Thanks & Giving*” at [cpcchatt.org/give](http://cpcchatt.org/give).

All donations should be received by Sunday, November 12. If you know someone in need or if you could use help this year, please contact an elder or the Church Office.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## HS MISSION TRIP SIGN-UP

**Jun 23-Jul 2 • Brazil**

Our mission team will be partnering with the Agape Puppets ministry and be participating in service projects and child evangelism. Scan the QR Code to register.



## YOUTH FALL RETREAT

**Oct 20-22 • Camp Alpine • Mentone, AL**

Make plans to join us for a great weekend of fun games, fellowship, and time in God's Word together! It won't be the same without you. Scan the QR Code to register.



## HS HARVEST PARTY

**Sat, Oct 28 • 6 pm • Linda Summer's home**

We have the opportunity to attend Linda Summer's (director of Agape Puppets) Harvest Party. Transportation will be provided. Scan the QR Code to register.



NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - OCTOBER 22
Front Desk: Stacy Collins	Front Desk: Leanna Cathey
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Abby Knecht (Little Lambs) Sarah McCurry (Little Lambs) Laura Spotts (Little Lambs) Donna Schreiner (Busy Bees) Tim Warren (Busy Bees)	Hannah Schreiner (Little Lambs) Kristin Sotelo (Little Lambs) Adam Cathey (Busy Bees) Evi Cathey (Busy Bees) Micah Schreiner (Busy Bees)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Tammy Bacon (Little Lambs) Bekah Gernhard (Little Lambs) Dave Gernhard (Busy Bees) Jason Collins (Busy Bees)	Hans Anderson (Little Lambs) Rachel Anderson (Little Lambs) Catherine Coffey (Busy Bees) Vangie Wykoff (Busy Bees)

# MIDWEEK

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



**October 18:** Pork Enchiladas, Rice, Salad Bar, Dulce de Leche Cheesecake

**October 25:** Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Muddy Buddies

**November 1:** Soup & Bread, Salad Bar, Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cake

**November 8:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Cake

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online ([cpcchatt.org/give](http://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 Kitchen Services

Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at [NLewin@cpcchatt.org](mailto:NLewin@cpcchatt.org).

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION

**Wed, Oct 25 • 6 pm • Room 100/Front Lawn**

Everyone is invited to our annual Reformation Celebration. Activities for all ages!

Come enjoy carnival games, inflatables, candy, and prizes, while learning about key figures and events in the Reformation.

A fun hot dog dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, and festivities last until 8 pm. Children should feel free to wear costumes. Invite and bring your neighbors and friends!

# OUTREACH

## AMANI YA JUU



*Amani ya Juu* ("peace from above" in Swahili) is a social economic enterprise committed to peace and reconciliation for women from many African nations and cultures. These women create beautiful African materials as high quality fair trade home goods and accessories. Through faith in God who provides a transcendent peace, they heal from their past. Together they grow in dignity and respect for one another. Each Amani center is locally registered and independently managed with support from an international leadership team. Amani's American distribution center is located in Chattanooga. Pete and Joanna Vaughn direct the distribution center, storefront, and Amani's local coffee shop, The Livingstone (420 S. Willow Street).



**Becky Chinchin,**  
Executive Director

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For God's sustaining, transformational peace on each center and all Amani participants
- For Becky Chinchin and her leadership role with Amani in Nairobi, Kenya
- For Pete and Joanna Vaughn and their leadership roles in Chattanooga
- For a broader and greater client list for Amani products

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## CPC MISSIONARIES WITH CRU



**Aubrey & Jerri Fritz**

CRU is a non-denominational outreach organization passionate about connecting people to Christ. Aubrey and Jerri had been serving Howard School (Chattanooga) and reaching students until CRU asked them to lead a Gap Year Project. After the Gap Year experience, God turned their hearts to their students' parents. With CRU Family Life Local, they will continue serving the school campus, but with the purpose of reaching and discipling both child and parent(s) with the Gospel.

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

- For connections with neighbors and neighborhoods through outreach events
- For support - that God would continue to lead churches to partner with them financially
- For recruiting - They are trusting God to raise up to 100+ God Chasers to partner with them to fulfill the Great Commission.
- For God to continue to bless their marriage and grow them closer together

