

The Lord's Service

October 29, 2023 • Reformation Sunday

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Battle Hymn of the Huguenots

(Psalm 68)

God shall arise, and by His might
Put all His enemies to flight;
In conquest shall He quell them.
Let those who hate Him, scattered, flee
Before His glorious majesty,
For God Himself shall fell them.
Just as the wind drives smoke away,
So God will scatter the array
Of those who evil cherish.
As wax that melts before the fire,
So vanquished by God's dreadful ire,
Shall all the wicked perish.

But let the just with joyful voice
In God's victorious might rejoice;
Let them exult before Him!
O sing to God, His praise proclaim
And raise a Psalm unto His Name;
In joyful songs adore Him.
Lift up your voice and sing aloud
To Him who rides upon the clouds
High in the spacious heavens.
The LORD, that is His glorious Name.
Sing unto Him with loud acclaim;
To Him be glory given.

O Praise God and magnify His worth,
O kings and kingdoms of the earth!
Unto the LORD sing praises,
To Him who in the heavens rides,
Who in the ancient skies resides,
From whence His voice He raises.
Ascribe then strength to God alone,
Whose glory is in Israel known,
Whose might is in the heavens.
He from His temple terror sows,
But on His people strength bestows.
To God let praise be given.

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Psalm 98.1-6

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

PEOPLE: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

*Hymn of Adoration

Give Thanks unto the Lord Jehovah

Text: adapted from Psalm 118.1-25; anonymous

Music: RENDEZ A DIEU, Strasbourg Psalter (1545)

Hymnal No. 613

*Invocation

by Elder Todd Smith

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

LEADER: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

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.

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.

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.

**PEOPLE: Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.**

Private Confession of Sin

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

written by Martin Luther (1483-1546)

**O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I
am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin,
death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have
given me your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more
precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger
than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice,
praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out
of pure grace you have given me this boundless
blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin,
death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that
belongs to him.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures
Christians, sinners saved
by grace, that they
are united to Jesus in His
death and resurrection.

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
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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Psalm 46)

Words: Martin Luther (1529);

translated by Frederick Henry Hedge (1853)

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther (1529)

Hymnal No. 92

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 87 (p. 494)

read by Elder Mike Walker

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

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.

Offertory and Doxology

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune (Psalm 100)

Text: William Kethe (1561)

Music: Genevan Psalter (1551);

arranged by Vaughn Williams (1953)

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
(All) 2. The Lord, ye know, is God in - deed,
(Choir) 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise,
(Choir) 4. For why? the Lord out and God is good:
(All Standing) 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
With - out our aid he did us make;
Ap - proach with joy his courts un - to;
His mer - cy is for - ev - er sure;
The God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
Praise, laud, and bless his name al - ways,
His truth at all times firm - ly stood,
From men and from the an - gel - host
Come ye be - fore him, and re - joice.
And for his sheep he doth us take.
For it is seem - ly so to do.
And shall from age to age en - dure.
Be praise and glo - ry ev - er more.

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.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3.14-21 (p. 977)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may
grant you to be strengthened with power through his
Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in

your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

A PRAYER FOR GOD’S STRENGTH

*Hymn of Response

In Christ Alone

Text and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend (2002)

see Page 9

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.1
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **Those whom God effectually called, He also freely justified: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ’s sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto**

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.

them, they receiving and resting on Him and
His righteousness by faith; which faith they
have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

*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: A Prayer for God's Strength

Text: Ephesians 3.14-21

Intro: Paul, the veteran of many spiritual battles, helps us not to succumb to self-defeat. He encourages us to seek God's strength in prayer. We learn to pray by listening to mature believers around us. Here in this passage, we eavesdrop on Paul's model prayer for God's power, love, and fullness.

1. Strengthened by God's Power
2. Strengthened by God's Love
3. Strengthened by God's Fullness

Mission Statement of CPC

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

CPC Officers

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In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a-lone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe;
3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay, light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor-ner stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-ests drought and storm.
This gift of love and righ-teous-ness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst-ing forth in glor-ious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain.
From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my dest-in-y.



What heights of love, what depths of piece, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
'Til on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied,
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand,



My comf-ort-er, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine; bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
'Til He re- turns or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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).

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Hutchinson preaches from Ephesians 4.1-6.

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 29

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Geer Baby Shower - Room 100 - 12:30 pm
Reformation Hymn Festival - First Pres - 6 pm

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

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, November 3

Men's Proverb Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
First Friday Fellowship - Dos Bros - 11:30 am
West Visitation - Room 100 - 5 pm
Mom's Night Out - Room 121 & 122 - 7 pm

Saturday, November 4

Churchwide Work Day - Room 100 - 8:30 am
West Funeral - Sanctuary - 2 pm

Sunday, November 5 *(Daylight Saving Time Ends)*

Lord's Supper Celebrated
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

COVENANT LIFE

GEER BABY SHOWER

Today • 12:30 pm • Room 100

Avery and Meadow Geer are expecting their first baby--a girl!--to arrive in November. Let's celebrate and help them get ready! They are registered on Babylist.com.

REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL

Today • 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.



CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY

Sat, Nov 4 • 8:30 am

Men, women, and children are invited to a Church Work Day. A light breakfast is provided. Inside and outside projects are planned.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Be sure to *Fall Back*! Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night., November 4.

WEST VISITATION & FUNERAL

Fri, Nov 3 • 5 pm • Room 100

Sat, Nov 4 • 2 pm • Sanctuary

Visitation for the family of Ardeth West will be on Friday, November 3. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall.

The funeral service is in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 4.



Thanks & Giving

Share A Blessing

We are collecting funds to distribute as grocery store gift cards to those in need. Mark your gift “*Thanks & Giving*” if placing in the offering or choose “*Other Giving*” and “*Thanks & Giving*” at cpcchatt.org/give. Donate by Sunday, November 12. If you know someone in need, please contact an elder or the Church Office.

COVENANT LIFE

MARRIAGE MINISTRY RETREAT SAVE THE DATE

Apr 5-7, 2024 • Oak Haven Resort

Plan now to getaway for a special weekend with your spouse. This retreat is always a time of fellowship, strengthening, refreshment, and encouragement for the marriages at CPC.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REQUEST

If you know a pastor who might be a good fit for the Senior Pastor role at CPC, please forward his name to Jason Coffey (jason@canaangroup.com) or Chuck Frost (chuck@mcgowanglobal.com).

All potential candidate names will go to Chuck at MGI to begin the vetting process with our Pastor Search Committee.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends for their loss of their mother, grandmother, and friend Ardeth West.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The November birthday/anniversary calendar is available (on a table near the church office).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through October 23:

2023 Budget:	\$1,720,000
Giving To Date:	\$1,066,593
Diaconate Fund Balance:	\$ 17,813

CPC budgeted income is weighted by month and considers that a large percentage of giving is received in December. 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:

- CPC Treasurer: David Gernhard
treasurer@cpcchatt.org
 - Mercy Committee Co-Chairs:
Geff Adams & Tim Sotelo
mercy@cpcchatt.org
 - Administrator: Becky Pearce
bpearce@cpcchatt.org
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COAT CLOSET DONATIONS

Donate extra coats and jackets to our Coat Closet. Items like socks, gloves, etc. are also welcome. Place them in the marked green bins located in the Youth stairwell.

MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



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

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

November 15: Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Rice, Salad Bar, Coconut Cake

November 29: White Chicken Chili, Biscuits, Salad Bar, Apple Cobbler and 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 Kitchen Services

Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at
NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wed, Nov 22 • 6:30 pm • Room 100

If you are in town with family during the Thanksgiving holiday, please mark your calendar and join us for a special time of worship and reflection of God's goodness.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Fri, Nov 3 • 7 pm • Room 121 & 122

Moms of nursery and elementary age children are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will enjoy dessert, a devotion, conversation, and a craft to make and take home. Due to the West Visitation, please enter through the rear door on the far side of the playground.

We will not have on-site nursery but email SSouthard@cpcchatt.org if you need childcare.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpcchatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

HS MISSION TRIP SIGN-UP

Jun 23-Jul 2 • Brazil

Our mission team will partner with the Agape Puppets and participate in service projects and child evangelism.

Scan the QR Code to register.



FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Nov 3 • 11:30 am • Dos Bros

Youth homeschool students and families are invited to join us for a time of fellowship at Dos Bros (2396 Lifestyle Way #114).

YOUTH BONFIRE

Fri, Nov 17 • 7 pm • Horton home

Join us for a youth bonfire at Duane and Mindy Horton's home! Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship! Bring a drink or snack to share.

OCC Final Countdown

Be a Collection Site Volunteer (Nov 13-20).

- Training is on Saturday, November 11 at 9 am in Room 100. A light breakfast and door prizes will be available.
- To volunteer for Collection Week, sign-up near the Christmas tree in the lobby or contact Judy Foster (grammiesno1@live.com). It is fun! Adults and teens are needed. Your children (12 and under) are welcome to help alongside you. We need workers EVERY day that week!
- Homemade cookies are needed for this week to encourage volunteers and thank those who drop off boxes. Contact Judy if you would like to bring some goodies.

Participate in CPC's Packing Day (Nov 18 at 9 am in Rooms 121-122).

All ages are invited to help pack. CPC still needs the following items: combs, bar soap, toothbrushes and holders, pencil sharpeners, scissors, glue sticks, crayons (24 pk), notebook paper, small skeins of yarn

Build a Box Online or at Home (by Nov 19).

- **Online:** For \$25, you choose great items for your box and pay for the shipping (also includes the Greatest Gift booklet in the child's language). Scan the QR Code to be directed to CPC's Goal Page.
- **At Home:** Get your boxes in the Narthex or in the Lobby. Return filled shoeboxes under the Christmas tree. Be sure to pray over your child, pack it with great items, include a note and picture, and \$10 for shipping.



Please pray for Operation Christmas Child and for all of the children who will receive boxes. May the Gospel be clearly shared with hearts ready for the Good News. May we magnify Lord and exult His name together this OCC season.

**SENDING THE GOSPEL
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

OUTREACH

CPC MISSIONARIES IN MUSLIM AFRICA



Frank & Cindy

Due to the sensitive areas in which these missionaries serve, their picture and last names are withheld.

Frank and Cindy serve with MTW reaching out to Muslims in Africa. Frank works with emerging churches, national leaders, MTW regional directors, team leaders, and US churches to build deeper, more effective partnerships.

Equipping Farmers International (EFI) is thriving and opening communities to the gospel. The regional East Africa mission organization called PREACH (Presbyterian Reformed East Africa Council with the Horn) is also growing, but many of these churches are experiencing severe food shortages.

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

- For Frank's trips before the end of the year (to Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Panama, India)
- For EFI's efforts to launch the program in South America and open a training center in Panama; also exploring India as another location and gateway into Asia
- For stamina, energy, and providential meetings/schedules during upcoming trips
- For remaining funds needed to launch EFI's South America program

CPC MISSIONARY IN HUNGARY



**Heidi
Meiners**

Heidi serves with United World Mission in Budapest, Hungary, as a special education teacher. This is an excerpt from a recent update: *"As the head of Supplemental Services... my department is always blessed and challenged by the conversations that are one-on-one and in small group therapy sessions that we are allowed to have with the students... Most of you know I moved to Hungary [almost 20 years ago] to work with Anthony Farina, a then 2nd grader. Anthony has been making videos at home for a few years. Recently he began making videos to help him memorize Scriptures."*

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 too
- Praise for the needed staff who were hired for the 2023-24 school year
- For safety at school, here and globally
- For this year's seniors beginning the next steps of their journey across the globe