

# The Lord's Service

November 19, 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

Exodus 15.2

LEADER: The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;

PEOPLE: **This is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

\*Hymn of Adoration

*We Gather Together*

*Text: Theodore Baker (1917)*

*Music: KREMSER, Edward Kremser (1877)*

*Hymnal No. 363*

### 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 Jim Hildebrand

# God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

Psalm 32.3-5

**LEADER:** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**PEOPLE:** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Book of Common Prayer*, London (1552)

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 23.6

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

## \*Hymn of Assurance

*Let All Things Now Living*

*Text: Katherine K. Davis (1939)*

*Music: ASH GROVE, arranged by Katherine K. Davis (1939)*

*Hymnal No. 125*

## 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.

## Baptism

In baptism, ordinary water represents God's work in the covenant of grace to forgive sins through Spiritual washing and the blood of Jesus. It cannot save. It symbolizes that we belong to Jesus and is commanded of every Christian. A child of Christian parents may be baptized because "household" baptism of the New Testament is similar to circumcision of the Old Testament.

## Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than ourselves.

## Doxology

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

## Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands elders to pray with and for God's people, not just publicly, but privately.

# God Consecrates Us

## Scripture Lesson

Psalm 92 (p. 498)

read by Elder Danny Grant

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## Sacrament of Baptism

by Pastor Bill Massey

*Calvin and Hannah Ingram present Esther Damon for baptism.*

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*Ubi Caritas*

*Text: Traditional Latin*

*Music: Michael John Trotta (2021)*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Ubi caritas et amor.  
Deus ibi est.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.*

*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor,  
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero, Amen.*

*Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.*

## \*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 Jake Bennett

## Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4.17-24 (p. 978)

<sup>17</sup> Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!—

<sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

## Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

### A NEW LIFE FOR THE OLD

#### \*Hymn of Response

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Text: Martin Rinckart (1636);*

*translated by Catherine Winkworth (1858)*

*Music: NUN DANKET, Johann Crüger (1647)*

*Hymnal No. 98*

#### \*Confession of Faith

Psalm 23.1-6

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters. He restores**

**my soul. He leads me in paths of**

**righteousness for his name's sake. Even**

**though I walk through the valley of the**

**shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you**

**are with me; your rod and your staff, they**

**comfort me. You prepare a table before me in**

## 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.

## 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.

the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup  
overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life, and I shall  
dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

\*Gloria Patri

*CORONAE*

Glory be to God the Father!  
Glory be to God the Son!  
Glory be to God the Spirit!  
God Almighty, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

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:** A New Life for the Old

**Text:** Ephesians 4.17-24

**Intro:** Out of his great concern for our souls, Paul marks out the path of life and *fulness* for us--the way of righteousness and holiness. How many, even of those who profess faith in Christ, believe that a life of holiness must inevitably lead to settling for less happiness than can be gained by going our own way! But that is the unbelieving mind's misunderstanding and the way of *futility*. God's way ultimately leads to the knowledge of His love which surpasses understanding and is better than life itself. To help us grasp this truth, Paul contrasts two ways of living in this passage:

1. The Way of *Futility*

2. The Way of *Fulness*

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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 Pastors**

Bill Massey (*Interim Senior Pastor*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth Ministry*),  
Jake Bennett (*Executive Pastor*), Eric Mullinax (*Elder Emeritus-Volunteer for Congregational Care*)

### **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  
DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Jonathan Calloway, Adam Cathey, David Close,  
Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steve Leach,  
Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, John Morrison, Caleb Ray,  
Chris Rimondi, Tim Sotelo, John Spalding, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Tim Warren

## 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 Bennett preaches from Ephesians 4.25-32.

### 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, November 19

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 12 pm  
Diaconate Mtg - Room 105 - 12:30 pm  
Praise, Prayer, & Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

### Monday, November 20

OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 8:30 am

### Tuesday, November 21

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 22

No Midweek Meal or Regular Activities/Classes  
Thanksgiving Eve Service - Room 100 - 6:30 pm

### Thursday, November 23

Officed Closed - Thanksgiving Day

### Friday, November 24

No Men's Proverb Study  
Office Closed Thanksgiving Break

### Sunday, November 26

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School

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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)

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

# COVENANT LIFE

## PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

**Sun, Nov 19 • 6 pm • 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.

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## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

For the Thanksgiving holidays, the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24. The office will resume regular hours on Monday, November 27.

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## 24TH GRATEFUL GOBBLER 5K WALK/RUN

**Thurs, Nov 23 • 8 am • Coolidge Park**

This walk benefits the Maclellan Shelter for Families, an emergency homeless shelter located on site at the Community Kitchen. It provides a stable environment for families to remain together as they search for permanent housing solutions. Register at [www.gratefulgobblerwalk.org](http://www.gratefulgobblerwalk.org).

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY POP-UP HYMNS & CAROLS NIGHT

**Thurs, Nov 30 • 6:30 pm • Lander home**

We will be singing a mix of sacred and secular festive music to kick off the Christmas season.

Bring a favorite finger food to share.

RSVP to Linda by Tuesday, November 28.

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Sat, Dec 2 • 8:30 am • Room 100**

Our speaker, General B.B. Bell, is one of the foremost experts on military and public policy due to his extensive background serving our country. He will share insights into current world events (Ukraine, Israel, China, etc.). Cost: \$5.

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## LADIES' CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Fri, Dec 8 • 6:30 pm • Room 100**

Come celebrate the arrival of Immanuel, in Simplicity & Contentment. Dress in festive attire. Now through December 3, scan the QR Code to sign-up online or register in the Welcome Center.





# COVENANT LIFE

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sun, Dec 3 • Sanctuary**

Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting directly after worship. Sunday School will be canceled for this meeting. During this time, we will receive our annual report and vote on CPC's 2024 Board of Directors.

Following the meeting, please make plans for your whole family to join us for our annual churchwide Christmas Fellowship. We will enjoy good food and conversation in Room 100.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through November 12:

2023 Budget:	\$1,720,000
Giving To Date:	\$1,170,425
Diaconate Fund Balance:	\$ 24,128

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*

## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please be in prayer for our committee as they serve our congregation through this process:

*Pat Barber, Jason Coffey, Jason Collins,  
Gary Cosby, Justin Martin, Will McDaniel,  
Susan Miller, Hannah Pittman, Lisa Wright*

Please direct any questions about the pastor search to Jason Coffey or Ken Henry.

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Wendell Varnell and his family on the loss of his father, Kenneth Varnell.

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## THANK YOU

"We cannot express the depth of our gratitude for your tangible and intangible love and support during the long journey of caring for Dawn's parents and in the recent home going of her mother. As Jesus said in John 13.35, you have demonstrated to us and to the world that you are His disciples."

-- Eric and Dawn Reynolds

# MIDWEEK

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



**November 22:** No Meal - Thanksgiving Service

**November 29:** White Chicken Chili, Biscuits, Salad Bar, Apple Cobbler and Ice Cream

**December 6:** Butter Chicken, Grilled Naan Bread, Broccoli, Spice Cake

**December 13:** Beef Burgundy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Challah Bread, Chocolate Peppermint Layer Dessert

- 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).

## 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.

## CPC BLOOD DRIVE

**Wed, Dec 6 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot**

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot. Register online at [www.BloodAssurance.org/cpc](http://www.BloodAssurance.org/cpc) or scan the QR Code to sign-up!



## 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.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## NOV 26 NURSERY SCHEDULE

### **Front Desk**

Bekah Gernhard

### **Worship - 9:15 am**

Esther McEachern & Lillie Yonkofski  
(Little Lambs)

David Gernhard & Ezra Harris (Busy Bees)

### **Sunday School - 11 am**

Amy Creamer & Danielle Doran (Little Lambs)  
Selah Cross & Marianna Lopez-Tello  
(Busy Bees)

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at [nursery@cpccchatt.org](mailto:nursery@cpccchatt.org) and let her know when you are available to serve.

## MOM'S NIGHT OUT

**Thurs, Nov 30 • 7 pm • Catherine Coffey's home**

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.

We will not have on-site nursery but email [SSouthard@cpccchatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpccchatt.org) if you need childcare.

## FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

**Fri, Dec 1 • 11:30 am • Zaxby's**

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Zaxby's (7643 East Brainerd Road).

## JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Sat, Dec 2 • 6 pm • Summer home**

Linda Summer (the director of Agape Puppets Ministry) has invited our Middle School students to attend Jesus' Birthday Party.

Transportation is provided; meet at CPC at 5 pm. Scan the QR Code to register.



# OUTREACH

## VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE, CHATTANOOGA



Volunteers in Medicine, Chattanooga (VIM Chattanooga) is a faith-based primary care clinic. Volunteer physicians and nurses provide free medical services to financially eligible adults who are uninsured. The mission of the VIM Chattanooga Clinic is to understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved in our community by providing quality, compassionate, and personalized care in a caring faith-based environment.

From their recent letter, they report that our support has helped volunteers “*touch the lives of 78,000 neighbors since 2005 - whether they were facing an urgent need, a devastating disease, or seeking to improve quality of life. The value of the care provided by volunteers is greater than \$27 million (clinic rates) and \$112 million at ER rates, at a cost of nearly \$10 million to VIM.*”

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For wisdom for VIM’s Board, Staff, and Volunteers
- For the ongoing need for volunteers, especially nurses
- For financial contributions from churches and individuals, as they are dependent on this community to fund operations

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## CPC MISSIONARIES WITH RUF INTERNATIONAL



**Lee & Jennifer  
Leadbetter**

Lee and Jennifer serve with Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville. They guide the ministry to more than 1,100 international students on campus. This ministry seeks to share the love and hospitality of Christ. They included this comment from a PhD student from Nigeria in their last update: “*Tonight changed my life! I’ve always heard about the love of Jesus from growing up in church. But tonight, as we discussed ‘Where Justice & Mercy Meet,’ I finally understood for the first time why Jesus had to die, and just how vital his death was. All I want to do now is go tell everyone I know about Jesus!*”

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

- For their RUF-I Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations
- For their African Christian Student Fellowship in late November
- For their Indian and Nepalese friends as they celebrate Diwali--that Jesus, the True Light, would overcome the spiritual darkness that holds them captive
- For their son Daniel’s marriage to his fiancé Allie on December 30





