

The Lord's Service

October 13, 2024

**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 75.1

LEADER: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks,
for your name is near.

PEOPLE: **We recount your wondrous deeds.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Text: Latin, 7th century; translated by John Mason Neale (1851)

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell (1659-1695);

arranged by Ernest Hawkins (1802-1868)

Hymnal No. 343

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 Will McDaniel

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 25.10-11

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.

LEADER: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

PEOPLE: **For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, London(1789)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left
undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.1-5

**LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless his holy name! Bless the
Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who
heals all your diseases, who redeems your life
from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast
love and mercy, who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle’s.”**

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

He Will Hold Me Fast

Text: Ada R. Habershon (1906)

Music:: Matt Merker(2013)

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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.

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 87 (p. 494)

read by Elder Jim Hildebrand

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Introduction of New Members

*Ben Atkinson, LoisAnn Atkinson, Bob Elliott, Aline Ingle,
Charlee McCurry, Jonathan & Joann Mills, Marnie & Anne Moore,
Hilary & Suzanne Nixon, Noah & Megan Pope, Bob & Cathy Slaton*

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

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Music: Hubert 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!

With that deep hush subduing all our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call, as noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down.

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 Travis Hutchinson

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6.1-8,16-18 (p. 811)

¹ Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

² Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

¹⁶ And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have

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.

received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

HOLINESS OR HYPOCRISY?

*Hymn of Response

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Text: Johann Franck (1655);

translated by Catherine Winkworth (1863)

Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger (1649)

Hymnal No. 656

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 Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto Him.

*Gloria Patri

GREATOR EX

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

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.

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre-vail, He will hold me fast.
pre-cious in His ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.
jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with Him to end less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is of-ten cold; He must hold me fast.
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Holiness or Hypocrisy?

Text: Matthew 6.1-8,16-18

Intro: Jesus is warning us that in our practice of righteousness we can fall into the trap of being more concerned about our reputation with others than our reputation with God. We can delight more in the praise of men than in the praise of God. That's hypocrisy. And if we have walked with the Lord for any amount of time, we know how easily we may become entrapped by this! What's the remedy for hypocrisy? It's not by doing away with disciplined effort. Rather, it's recognizing that our disciplined effort must be the fruit of faith--faith and reliance on the grace of our heavenly Father. Have you noticed how often Jesus refers to God as "Father" here? Jesus is saying that the real problem with the hypocrite is that he doesn't serve God as his heavenly Father. Instead, he serves him as a tyrant. But if we know God as our Father, it will transform how we practice our righteousness before others.

1. The *Practice* of Righteousness
2. The *Problem* of Righteousness
3. The *Power* of Righteousness

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*),
Eric Mullinax (*Elder Emeritus-Volunteer for Congregational Care*)

CPC Officers

ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither,
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John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Matt Wright

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 Massey preaches from Matthew 6.7-15.

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, October 13

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School
Fowler/Sims Wedding Shower - Room 100 - 2 pm

Tuesday, October 15

ROMEO Breakfast - Cracker Barrel (Ringgold) - 8 am
Ladies' Thessalonians Study - Rooms 121-122 - 10 am
Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10:30 am
Ladies' Genesis Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 16

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 17

OCC Prep Day - Rooms 121-122 - 9:30 am

Friday, October 18

Men's Treasury of David Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Youth Fall Retreat begins - meet at CPC - 5:45 pm

Saturday, October 19

Youth Fall Retreat

Sunday, October 20

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
No Sunday School
Church Picnic - Heritage Park - 11:30 am

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

COVENANT LIFE

FOWLER/SIMS WEDDING SHOWER

Today • 2 pm • Room 100

You are invited to a Wedding Shower for
Ashley Sims and Zach Fowler,
son of Jay and Bev Fowler.
Zach grew up here at CPC.



Ashley & Zach

Let's celebrate their upcoming
marriage! The couple is
registered at Target and
Amazon. Join us!

ROMEO BREAKFAST

Tues, Oct 15 • 8 am • Cracker Barrel (Ringgold)

Our monthly ROMEO breakfast is for retired
men from CPC and sister churches who meet at
Cracker Barrel (50 Biscuit Way, Ringgold, GA)
for a time of fellowship. If you're looking for a
time of fellowship and encouragement, please
join the Retired Old Men Eating Out; we'd love
to see you there.

OCC PREP DAY

Thurs, Oct 17 • 9:30 am • Rooms 121-122

Everyone is invited to help prepare for this
year's Operation Christmas Child outreach. We
will count donated items to see what is lacking,
build OCC shoeboxes, and put up and
decorate the OCC Christmas tree.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sun, Oct 20 • 11:30 am • Heritage Park

Join us at Heritage Park (1428 Jenkins Road) for
a B.Y.O.P.B. (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket)
church picnic. Drinks and desserts will be
provided. Fun activities for everyone!

REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thurs, Oct 24 • 12 pm • Room 100

Ladies, if you suffered the loss of a spouse, are
living alone, or just need some fellowship, we
invite you to come and be rekindled through a
time of ministry and encouragement over lunch.

Please RSVP with Joan at 423-899-8385,
if no answer please leave a message. Contact
the church office if you need more information.

TN VALLEY REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL

Sun, Oct 27 • 6 pm • 1st Presbyterian Church

This Reformation Hymn Festival is a joint
service where combined choirs and orchestras
from multiple local PCA churches will lead great
hymns of the faith, foundational readings, and
Scripture that remind us of the significance
of Reformation Day. Nursery is available upon
request. Please email Mary Campbell,
1st Presbyterian's Nursery Coordinator, by
Sunday, October 20 (MC@1stpresbyterian.com).

COVENANT LIFE

CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY

Sat, Nov 2 • 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. We will aim to complete all projects by noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Fowler (jfowler@fca.org).

CPC FOOD DRIVE “A GRATEFUL HARVEST”

Sun, Oct 13 – Sun, Nov 10

Statistics of our area tell us that 1 in 7 people (and 1 in 6 children) are not sure where their next meal will come from. To minister into that need, CPC is partnering this fall with the Chattanooga Area Food Bank.

To donate to this “Grateful Harvest,” bring non-perishable food items such as canned goods (vegetables, soup, proteins, fruit) and shelf-stable dry goods such as peanut butter, pasta, rice, and oatmeal to the marked boxes outside of the Fellowship Hall.

You can also make a monetary contribution to our local food bank by scanning the QR code.

Have any questions? Email Jan Griffin at jigriffin@epbf.org or call her at 423-718-0788.



JOIN THE CHOIR

The choir is beginning to learn music for our Christmas program, and it is not too late to join. No audition is required. Anyone is welcome to join. Men are especially encouraged to consider helping fill out the tenor and bass sections. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the choir room (Room 150). Contact John Wykoff for more information (JWykoff@cpcchatt.org).

CPR CERTIFIED?

CPC's Parish Nurse Sherry Baierl is updating the list of members who are CPR certified. Please contact her at sherrybaierl@gmail.com to let her know, along with your CPR date of expiration.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to June Fleming and her family on the loss of her son, Mitchell Fleming.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

OCT 13 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Laura Spotts

Worship - 9:15 am

Leanna Cathey & Grace Durgin (Little Lambs)

Adam & Evie Cathey & Wesley Durgin
(Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Amy Creamer & *Volunteer Needed* (Little Lambs)

Sandra Coffey & Eric Mullinax (Busy Bees)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of a few volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings in the nursery this fall. Please email Bekah Gernhard to let her know when you can serve (Nursery@cpcc chatt.org).

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Reformation Celebration. Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Monday, October 28.

OCT 20 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Tammy Bacon

Worship - 9:15 am

Mary Rahm & Sarah Wade (Little Lambs)

Debby Gardner & Ryan Hostetler (Busy Bees)

No Sunday School - Church Picnic

MS COMMUNICANTS CLASS

Wed • 5:45 pm • Room 103

Pastor Hutchinson is leading another Communicants Class this fall. This class is specifically designed for 6-8th grade students. Come to supper at 5:30 and bring your meal with you to class.

Contact Shannon Ratliff to sign-up for this class (SRatliff@cpcc chatt.org or 423-899-5099).

YOUTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Fri, Nov 1 • 11:30 am • Jimmy John's

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Jimmy John's (1672 Ooltewah Ringgold Rd #124 - *in the new Publix plaza at the intersection of East Brainerd Road and Ooltewah Ringgold Road*).

MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



October 16: Sloppy Joes, Fries, Salad Bar, Coffee Blondies

October 23: Butter Chicken, Rice, Glazed Carrots, Grilled Naan Bread, Spice Cake

October 30: Pigs in a Blanket, Chips, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Muddy Buddies

November 6: Chicken Stroganoff, & Egg Noodles (*Nuggets for Kids*), Green Peas, Salad Bar, Cinnamon Bars

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

REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Wed, Oct 30 • 6 pm • Front Lawn

Everyone is invited to our annual Reformation Celebration. Come enjoy carnival games, inflatables, candy, and prizes, while learning about key figures and events in the Reformation. A fun 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! Activities for all ages!

MIDWEEK KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS & CLEAN UP HELP

Midweek suppers are delicious, but they don't just appear on their own. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen before supper, email our Hospitality Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

We always are looking for helpers to pitch in and clean up after supper.

OUTREACH

AMANI YA JUU



**Pete & Joanna
Vaughn**

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).

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For God’s sustaining, transformational peace on each center and all Amani participants
- For Becky Chinchon 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

CPC MISSIONARIES WITH ELI



**Dan & Mako
Gilchrist**

Dan and Mako Gilchrist serve with Equipping Leaders International (ELI). ELI partners with influential yet under-resourced Christian leaders from around the world to equip and multiply Biblically mature Christian leaders for every area of community life. Dan serves full-time with primary responsibility for three training partnerships in Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. He is also responsible for receiving and processing requests from prospective faculty members as well as Christian leaders seeking leadership training partnerships. In addition to her full-time responsibilities as a mother and registrar at a local school, Mako is responsible for ELI’s social media communications.

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

- For the nearly 100 Christian leaders in the three leadership networks we serve in Kenya who are struggling in the midst of an on-going drought
- For wisdom, resources, and personnel for six prospective partnerships in Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Guatemala