

# The Lord's Service

November 17, 2024

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Preparation for Worship

*It Is Well With My Soul*  
*Bell Choir*

## 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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Text: Joachim Neander (1680);*

*translated by Catherine Winkworth (1863)*

*Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, from 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 Woody Brauer

# 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

Ephesians 2.4-5

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with 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.

## \*Hymn of Assurance

*Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call*  
Text and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa (2019)  
see Page 7

# God Consecrates Us

### 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.

### Scripture Lesson

Psalm 98 (p. 500)

read by Elder Mike Walker

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

### Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*O Clap Your Hands*

Text: based on Psalm 47.1-7

Music: John Rutter (1973)

*Sanctuary Choir*

O clap your hands together all ye people;  
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.  
For the Lord is high and to be feared:  
He is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us,  
And the nations under our feet.  
He shall choose out an heritage for us:  
Even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise,  
And the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises unto our God;  
O sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
Sing ye praises with understanding.

O clap your hands together all ye people!

### \*Doxology

*LASST UNS EFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Eric Mullinax

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7.1-6 (p. 812)

<sup>1</sup> Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup> Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Sermon

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

## THE VITAL TASK OF BEAM RESEARCH

\*Hymn of Response

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*

*Text: Isaac Watts (1707)*

*Music: ST. COLUMBA, old Irish hymn melody*

*Hymnal No. 469*

## 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.

## 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.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, 1  
(1563)

**LEADER:** Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**PEOPLE:** That I am not my own,  
but belong body and soul, in life and death  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins  
with His precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the  
devil.

He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together  
for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy  
Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and  
ready from now on to live for Him.

## **\*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**

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:** The Vital Task of Beam Research

**Text:** Matthew 7.1-6

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

### **CPC Officers**

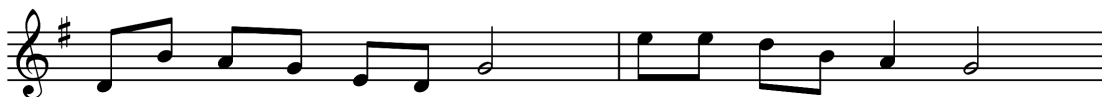
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Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey (Moderator),  
Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner,  
Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Thomas Blackburn, Jonathan Calloway, David Close,  
Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steven James,  
Steve Leach, Eric Mantel, Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry,  
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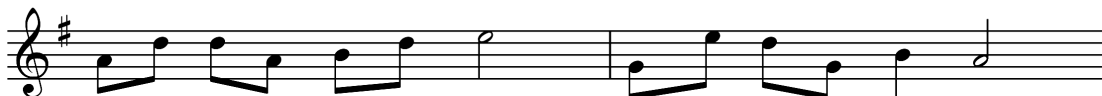
## Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call



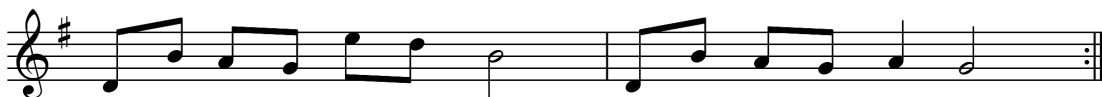
1. Lord, from sor rows deep I call	when my hope is shak - en;
2. Storms with-in my trou-bled soul,	ques-tions with out an - swers;
3. Should my life be torn from me,	ev - 'ry world ly plea - sure:



torn and ru - ined from the fall,	hear my des - pe - ra - tion.
on my faith these bil-lows roll-	God be now my shel - ter.
when all I pos-sess is grief,	God be then my trea - sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed,	"God, come to my res - cue!"
Why are you cast down my soul?	Hope in Him who saves you.
Be my vi-sion in the night;	be my hope and re - fuge.



E - ven so, the thorn re - mains;	still my heart will praise you.
When the fires have all grown cold,	cause this heart to praise you.
'Til my faith is turned to sight,	Lord my heart will praise you.



Oh, my soul, put you hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

# 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 7.7-12.

## 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, November 17

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Diaconate Mtg - Room 105 - 12:30 pm  
Arbuckle/Cook Wedding Shower - Room 100 - 2 pm  
Praise, Prayer, & Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

## Monday, November 18

OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 2 pm

## Tuesday, November 19

ROMEO Breakfast - Cracker Battel (Ringgold) - 8 am  
Ladies' Thessalonians Study - Rooms 121-122 - 10 am  
Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10:30 am  
OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 4 pm  
Ladies' Genesis Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

## Wednesday, November 20

OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 4 pm  
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, November 21

OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 4 pm

## Friday, November 22

Men's Treasury of David Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am  
OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 4 pm

## Saturday, November 23

OCC Packing Day - Room 100 - 9 am  
OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 12:05 pm

## Sunday, November 17

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 12:05 pm



# COVENANT LIFE

## PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pastor Search Committee has made a final recommendation to the Pulpit Committee, and we have carefully vetted their work. With the consultation and assistance of Chuck Frost, our consultant from the McGowan group, we are ready to bring a recommendation for our next senior pastor to the church body.

We will make an announcement on Sunday morning, November 24. For those unable to be present for worship that morning, we will also email a copy of the announcement to the congregation on Sunday afternoon.

Please continue to pray for our congregation. Remember that while the Session is responsible for the spiritual oversight of CPC, it is the responsibility of the congregation to call a senior pastor. Pray that the Spirit will give us wisdom as we make decisions, unity as we work with each other, and peace that the Lord has a man for CPC.

This is an exciting time in the life of our church.

We are thankful for the Lord's blessing and leadership as we seek to further his Kingdom through our service at CPC.

*Ken Henry, Pulpit Committee Chairman*

## ARBUCKLE/COOK WEDDING SHOWER

**Today • 2 pm • Room 100**

You are invited to a shower for Kallie Arbuckle, daughter of Matt and Kristy Arbuckle, and Josiah Cook, son of Nathan and Betta Cook. They both grew up here at CPC.



The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, and Crate & Barrel.

*Kallie & Josiah*

Let's celebrate their upcoming marriage!

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## PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

**Tonight • 6 pm • Room 100**

Join us for a time of music, Scripture reading, and prayer. We will pray for our church during this season of transition. A time of fellowship and light snacks will follow.

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## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

**Wed, Nov 27 • 6:30 pm • Room 100**

If you are in town during the Thanksgiving holiday, we would love for you and your family to join us for a special time of prayer, singing, and reflection on God's goodness.

# COVENANT LIFE

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sun, Dec 1 • 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 2025 Board of Directors.

According to the church constitution, these trustees serve one-year terms alongside permanent members of the Board of Directors (filled by certain church officers) and represent the church on legal transactions.

To nominate a member in good standing to serve on the board, scan the QR Code to submit a name by online form or visit [cpcchatt.org/nomination](http://cpcchatt.org/nomination).



Paper forms are available in the Welcome Center and can be submitted in the marked box.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Sat, Dec 7 • 8:30 am • Room 100**

We look forward to you joining us for this encouraging time of fellowship. Our speaker will be Pastor Joe Novenson, who was most recently the Senior Teaching Pastor at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. He will be helping us answer the question: *What does it mean to be made in the image of God?* Young men in High School are also invited to join us. Cost: \$5.

## LADIES' CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Fri, Dec 13 • 6 pm • Room 100**

You are warmly invited to our annual Christmas dinner. This year's theme, *The Grace of God Has Appeared*, focuses on God's grace to us, along with the grace we can extend to others, particularly through the ministry of foster care.

Ryan Hostetler will be sharing with us about local foster care ministries.

Scan the QR Code to register by December 8.

**Cost:** \$10/ adult

\$8 children up to 12 years old

\$30 cap per household,

*(extended family members  
not included in that price)*



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through November3:

2024 Budget: \$1,780,340.00

Giving To Date: \$1,278,697.79

Diaconate Fund Balance: \$45,456.90

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:

- Chairman of the Diaconate: Mike Mason  
[mmason89@comcast.net](mailto:mmason89@comcast.net)
- Mercy Committee Chair: Geff Adams  
[mercy@cpccchatt.org](mailto:mercy@cpccchatt.org)
- Bookkeeper: Lauren Frye  
[lfrye@cpccchatt.org](mailto:lfrye@cpccchatt.org)

# OCC Final Countdown

## Participate in CPC's Packing Day (Nov 23 at 9 am in Room 100)

All ages are invited to help pack. CPC still needs the following items:

- bowls & spoons
- combs/brushes (50)
- 2-4 yrs. old coloring books (25)
- scissors (50)
- LOTS of toys (*etch-a-sketch, cards, yo-yos, sunglasses, matchbox cars, harmonicas, trucks, small plastic/wooden animals, etc.*).  
*We do not need stuffies or bouncy balls.*
- *items for older boys and girls (small tools for boys, stick deodorant - both, pads and non-liquid makeup for girls, etc.)*

## Build a Box Online (by Nov 30) or at Home (by Nov 23)

- **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**

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## NOV 17 NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Front Desk

Tammy Bacon

### Worship - 9:15 am

Camille Ambrose, Ada & Teva Wooten  
(Little Lambs)

Emily Calloway & Bea Sanders (Busy Bees)

### Sunday School - 11 am

Tammy Knotts & Tim Warren (Little Lambs)

Sue Spalding & Penny James (Busy Bees)

## NOV 24 NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Front Desk

Laura Spotts

### Worship - 9:15 am

Micah & Hannah Schreiner (Little Lambs)

Peyton McDaniel & *Volunteer Needed*  
(Busy Bees)

### Sunday School - 11 am

Sarah McCurry & Abby Knecht (Little Lambs)

David Gernhard & Peter Wykoff (Busy Bees)

## MS CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Fri, Dec 6 • 6 pm • Hostetler home**

We will have dinner, games, and a white elephant gift exchange! Wear your best “funny Christmas sweater”! Please RSVP to Heather Morrison by Thursday, December 5.

## HS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

**Sat, Dec 14 • 5:30 pm • Lobby**

We are so excited for the Progressive Dinner this year! We will stop by different church members' homes for the various courses of the meal and end with a white elephant gift exchange. Scan the QR Code to register by Thursday, December 12.



## JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Sat, Dec 7 • meet at CPC at 5 pm**

Linda Summer, director of Agape Puppets Ministry, has invited us to attend the Jesus Birthday Party at her home. Transportation will be provided. We will return at 9 pm. Scan the QR Code to register by Wednesday, December 4!



## 2025 SUMMER CAMP DATES

- Music Camp - June 2-6
- The Edge Conference - June 16-20
- HS Beach Retreat - July 5-9
- Forge Camp - July 17-19
- SHINE Camp - July 21-25

# MIDWEEK

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



**November 20:** Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Coconut Cake

**November 27:** No Meal - Happy Thanksgiving!

**December 4:** Soup Night, Challah, Salad Bar, Bread Pudding

**December 11:** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad, Focaccia Bread, Cheesecake

- 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.

## THANKSGIVING MIDWEEK BREAK

**Wed, Nov 27**

No Midweek meal or classes are scheduled during Thanksgiving week. Instead, our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held in Room 100 at 6:30 pm. We would love for you and your family to join us for a special time of prayer, singing, and reflection on God's goodness.

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## FOOD ALLERGY INFO

If you want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at [NLewin@cpcchatt.org](mailto:NLewin@cpcchatt.org).

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## 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](mailto:NLewin@cpcchatt.org).

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

# OUTREACH

## LOVE'S ARM OUTREACH



Love's Arm engages in transformative Christ-centered relationships with persons in addiction-related prostitution. They believe that all human beings are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God and worthy of love, respect, and dignity. Community members and volunteers from the Chattanooga area actively engage and foster relationships on the streets, strip clubs, jails, and hotels/motels. The foundations of these relationships are unconditional love, continual prayer, and grace-filled wisdom. Relationships foster growth, trust, and

hope. Rahab's Rest is our cost-free holistic recovery home for women survivors. Transition into recovery includes trauma-informed holistic care, residential recovery, and medical/mental health services.

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

- For the ongoing financial support of the ministry, since the services provided are free
- For those who struggle with these sexual sins and related drug addictions

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## HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY (HFIC)



Hope for the Inner City is a non-profit organization that has deep roots with New City Fellowship. New City Fellowship is a multi-racial and multi-socioeconomic congregation located in the Glenwood neighborhood of Chattanooga. Working with New City, as well as

other churches and agencies, HFIC seeks true change in both the lives of individuals and of whole communities by applying the gospel of Jesus Christ to real life situations. HFIC seeks to transform an individual holistically. Programs are designed to meet those fundamental human needs that lead to success as an individual and as a member of the community. HFIC seeks to reconcile relationships and change lives by providing leadership development, economic stability, educational opportunities, and affordable housing.

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For strategic partnerships with other inner-city ministries
- For wise leadership to promote a unified mission to meet the needs of the inner-city
- For wisdom to promote community transformation and to develop a better scope of services
- For staffing and ministry financial concerns
- For stronger relationships with area churches