

The Lord's Service

November 24, 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 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing
praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the
heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty
voice.

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over
Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God
of Israel -

PEOPLE: He is the one who gives power and strength
to his people.
Blessed be God!

*Hymn of Adoration

We Gather Together

Text: Netherlands folk hymn;

translated by Theodore Baker (1917)

Music: KREMSER, arranged by 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 Jason Coffey

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28.13

LEADER: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

PEOPLE: ... but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Family Prayers*, Henry Thornton, London (1837)

**We have great reason, O Lord,
to be humbled before you,
on account of the coldness and insensibility of our
hearts,
the disorder and irregularity of our lives,
and the prevalence of worldly affections within us.
Too often have we indulged the tempers which we
ought to have subdued,
and have left our duty unperformed.
O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's
sake.
Produce in us deep repentance,
and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our
sins,
and risen again for our justification.
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.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Lamentations 3.22-25

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

Now Thank We All Our God

Text: Martin Rinckart (1636)

translated by Catherine Winkworth (1858)

Music: NUN DANKET, Johann Crüger (1647)

Hymnal No. 98

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 99 (p. 500)

read by Elder Ken Hostetler

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Baptism

by Pastor Bill Massey

Nathan and Maria England present Eloise Jayne, Ivy Jean, Asher Harrison, and Silas Nathanael for baptism.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

For These Blessings
by Natalie Sleeth
Covenant Choristers
Abby Coffey, soloist

Gracious God, for every blessing
We would bring thee thanks alway.
Every gift thy love expressing
To thy children day by day.

Father, all thy creatures, great and small,
Give thee now our thanks unending
For these blessings, one and all.

Help us live, forever sharing
From the plenty we receive,
That the world may know thy caring,
And in thee, in truth believe.

*Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

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 7.7-11 (p. 812)

⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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.

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.

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

by Pastor Bill Massey

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

*Hymn of Response

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Text: Henry Alford (1844, 1867)

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey (1859)

Hymnal No. 715

*Confession of Faith

2 Timothy 2.11b-13

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: If we have died with Him, we will also live
with him; if we endure, we will also reign
with him; if we deny Him, He also will deny
us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful -
for he cannot deny himself.

*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

SERMON NOTES

Title: Ask, Seek, Knock

Text: Matthew 7.7-11

Intro: One thing Jesus' instruction on prayer reminds us of is that we are beggars before God. We have nothing but what we have received first from Him according to His grace. We are dependent on God for the next breath we take. But Jesus is also reminding us that we are more than beggars. We are also God's children, at great cost to Himself. If God gave His Son to death and judgment to make us His children, then we can ask, seek, and knock in prayer with the assurance that our Father will hear and will answer.

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*)

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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.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Matthew 1.1-17.

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 24

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

Monday, November 25

OCC Collection Week - Lobby - 8:30 am

Tuesday, November 26

Ladies' Thessalonians Study - Rooms 121-122 - 10 am

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Room 100 - 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving! - Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

Offices Closed for Thanksgiving holidays

Sunday, December 1

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary - immediately after worship
CPC Christmas Fellowship & Steere Retirement Reception - Room 100 - after Congregational Meeting

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

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.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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.

ONLINE OCC SHOEBOXES

deadline is Sun, Nov 30

As OCC Collection comes to an end tomorrow, you still have a few more days to Build a Shoebox 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.



Churchwide Christmas Fellowship

AND RECEPTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - ROOM 100

Join us for fellowship and brunch favorites "potluck style" following the Congregational Meeting.

We will be honoring Dan and Susan Steere in their retirement from Equipping Leaders International (ELI).



COVENANT LIFE

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*)



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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Walt and Sue McFarland and their family on the loss of their son, Kevin McFarland.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through November 17:

2024 Budget:	\$1,780,340.00
Giving To Date:	\$1,340,925.66
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
- Mercy Committee Chair: Geff Adams
mercy@cpcchatt.org
- Bookkeeper: Lauren Frye
lfrye@cpcchatt.org

MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



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

December 18 Christmas Feast: Cherry Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Chocolate Peppermint Cake

- 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.

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.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

If you want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NOV 24 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Laura Spotts

Worship - 9:15 am

Micah & Hannah Schreiner (Little Lambs)

Peyton & Lina McDaniel (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.

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!



DEC 1 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Stacy Collins

Worship - 9:15 am

Wesley & Grace Durgin (Little Lambs)

Kristin & Abby Sotelo (Busy Bees)

Congregational Meeting

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.



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



GRATEFUL GOBBLER

THANKSGIVING DAY 5K GRATEFULGOBBLER.ORG



**REGISTER
ONLINE**

**THURS, NOV 28 - 8 AM
COOLIDGE PARK**

Come out to build community support and provide funding for the Maclellan Shelter for Families!

100% of the proceeds of the walk will benefit their emergency homeless shelter located on site at the Community Kitchen. The Shelter provides a stable environment for families to remain together as they search for permanent housing solutions.



**Cost: \$30 for Individuals 13+
\$15 for Juniors 12 and Under
\$20 for Virtual Walkers and Sleep Walkers**

OUTREACH

CHOICES CHATTANOOGA



Choices is a Chattanooga-based ministry seeking to obey Christ by lovingly influencing women and men to choose life-giving alternatives for crisis pregnancies. They accomplish this task by communicating

both God's plan for sexuality, the sanctity of the lives of unborn children, and by ministering to men and women's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Choices empowers women and men facing pregnancy decisions to pursue abundant life in Christ. Thousands of people have been served at the ministry's two centers over the years, as well Choices' telephone "helpline" and the internet. Services offered include: free pregnancy testing, assistance with housing, confidential counseling, 24-hour hotline, post-abortion counseling, spiritual support, maternity clothes, baby clothes and equipment, educational ultrasounds, medical referral, childbirth and parenting classes, and men's ministry.

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For good opportunities with clients, that they make God-honoring decisions
- For strong relationships with area churches and fruitful outreach to UTC's campus
- For wisdom for ministry decisions (staff, expansion, finances)
- For more volunteer staff

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As shoeboxes finish being collected, and as givers our active role is done, we must remember to continue praying for the ministry of Operation Christmas Child and for the children who will be receiving the Good News and these boxes.

Please pray that the Lord will bless this ministry in these particular ways:

- For the technology and mechanical systems in the Processing Centers to work well and keep things operating smoothly
- For partnerships with freight and shipping carriers to continue to be strong
- For favor with customs and government officials within countries receiving shoeboxes
- For all boxes to arrive intact and undamaged
- For the local pastors who will be trained as OCC Ministry Partners to present the gospel at outreach events
- For the children who will invited to come to the outreach events, that nothing would hinder them from attending and hearing the gospel



