

The Lord's Service

June 16, 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 34.1-3

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;

PEOPLE: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

LEADER: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

PEOPLE: Let the humble hear and be glad.

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me;

PEOPLE: And let us exalt His name together!

*Hymn of Adoration

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1834)

Music: ANDREWS, Mark Andrews (1930)

Hymnal No. 77

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 Todd Smith

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.4-6

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: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

PEOPLE: And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

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

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of
our hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done,
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord,
have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are repentant,
according to your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and
sober life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.33-34

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Who shall bring any charge against God's
elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to
condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—
more than that, who was raised—who is at the
right hand of God, who indeed is interceding
for us.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

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**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Text and Music: Stuart Townend (1995)

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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

Exodus 19.1-8 (p. 60)

read by Elder Woody Brauer

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**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

We Are Held

Text: Robert Bode

Music: Susan LaBarr and Jim Wilson (2022)

Young Ladies Vocal Ensemble

As the sunset by the sky,
And as all the birds that fly,
By His arms, both you and I,
We are held.

As the ship is by the sea,
And the nest upon the tree,
Ever cradled, ever free,
We are held.

As a tune rung clear and fair,
And the silence trailing there,
As the music by the air,
We are held.

As our life is by its span,
So we rest in God's own hand,
And are bold to sing again,
We are held.

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.

***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 Bill Massey

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2.1-12(p. 837)

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Sermon

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

CRAZY LOVE

*Hymn of Response

All for Jesus!

Text: Mary D. James (1889)

Music: WYCLIFF, John Stainer (1887)

Hymnal No. 565

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 Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.1 (1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: It pleased God in His eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus,
His only begotten Son,
to be the Mediator between God and man,
the Prophet, and King,
the Head and Savior of His Church,
the Heir of all things,
and Judge of the world.
Unto whom He did from all eternity
give a people to be His seed,
and to be by Him in time redeemed, called,
justified, sanctified, and glorified.

*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: Crazy Love

Text: Mark 2.1-12

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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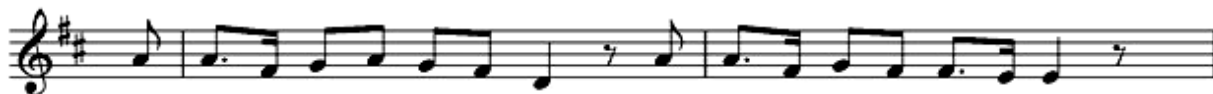
How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fath-er's love for us. How vast be - yond all meas - ure.
2. Be - hold a Man up - on the cross, My sin up - on his shoul - ders,
3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing. No gifts, no pow'rs, no wis - dom,



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fath - er turns His face a - way,
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - comp - lished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fi - nished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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 New Member's Class that meets in Room 120.

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We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from God's Word.

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, June 16

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School

Monday, June 17

Middle School's The Edge begins

Tuesday, June 18

Ladies' Psalms Study - Rooms 121-122 - 10 am
Ladies' AM Cultural Book/Discussion Series - Room 120 - 10 am
Ladies' PM Cultural Book/Discussion Series - Rooms 121-122 - 7 pm

Wednesday, June 19

Men's Ministry Iron Men Time - Room 208 - 7 pm
Midweek Prayer Group - Room 101 - 7 pm
Session Mtg - Room 105 (FR) - 7 pm

Thursday, June 20

Swim Day at Mays' pool - 11 am - 4 pm
Rekindled Ladies Luncheon - Room 100 - 12 pm

Friday, June 21

Men's Proverbs Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Middle School's The Edge ends

Saturday, June 22

Ladies' Prayer, Plates, & Percolating - 10 am

Sunday, June 23

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Congregational Mtg - Sanctuary - following worship
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

COVENANT LIFE

PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

...will NOT be meeting tonight as originally planned.

Please make plans to join us for the July 21 evening service.

REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thurs, Jun 20 • 12 pm • Room 100 (SFH)

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 a light lunch in Room 100 (Schum Fellowship Hall).

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

MIDWEEK PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays • 7 pm • Room 101

The Midweek prayer group continues to meet throughout the summer. Especially consider joining us if you are not able to during the school year. This group gathers in Pastor Massey's office (Room 101).

LADIES' SUMMER STUDIES

Ladies are meeting together on Tuesdays this summer to study God's Word.

The **Psalms Study (at 10 am in Rooms 121-122)** will use Kathleen Nielson's book, *Psalms - Volume 2: Finding the Way to Prayer and Praise*. This group will be led by Valerie Massey.

The **AM and PM Cultural Book/Discussion Series (at 10 am in Room 120; at 7 pm in Rooms 121-122)** will use Rebecca McLaughlin's book *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*. Both groups will be led by Alayne Griffin. RSVP to Alayne.

Note: Choose morning OR evening on Tuesdays. Same material will be covered in both sessions.

Need a book for either study? Ask Dory. Psalms books are \$10; Confronting Christianity books are \$15.

SUMMER IRON MEN TIME

Wednesdays • 7 pm • Room 208

The Men's Ministry will continue Iron Men Time gatherings on Wednesdays in the summer.

We will gather to watch a video from Forge Ministries – A PCA Men's Ministry located in Orlando. After watching the video we will break up into small groups for discussion/application.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." For more information, contact Jay Fowler (423-309-4255).

COVENANT LIFE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REGARDING OFFICER CANDIDATES

Sun, Jun 23 • following worship • Sanctuary

Members of CPC will be voting on candidates for the offices of deacon and elder that were nominated from the church body during the most recent nomination period. They have been trained, examined, and interviewed by the Session and judged eligible for election to church office at a congregational meeting (BOCO 24-1).

The candidates for the office of deacon are Thomas Blackburn, Mike Evatt, Steven James, Eric Mantel, Jared McCurry, Vince Pereski, and Matt Wright

The candidates for office of elder are Adam Cathey, Ken Hostetler, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, and Tim Warren.
(And Jason Brown returning from sabbatical)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Linda Lander and her family on the recent passing of her brother, Steve Stephens.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you all so very much for your kindness shown in the many cards, texts, encouraging words, and hugs at the passing of my dad, Bob Elder. I am grateful for the way you welcomed him into this church body very late in his life. You loved him well, and I am beyond grateful for that.
--Alayne Griffin

Thank you so much for all that you did for Jenny and her girls during her illness. Also thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and food! Thank you for everything! You went above and beyond. She was a beautiful person both inside and out. We miss her deeply. Our hearts are broken. Again, we can never thank you enough for all that you did!
--the family of Jenny Touchstone Wahlers



CHILDREN & YOUTH

JUN 16 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Susan Helton

Worship - 9:15 am

Melissa Horton & Teva Wooten (Little Lambs)

Shirley Jones & Esther McEachern (Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Stacy Collins & Bekah Gernhard (Little Lambs)

Jason Collins & Tim Warren (Busy Bees)

SWIM DAY AT THE MAYS'

Peg May has graciously opened her pool for CPC families to enjoy. (The repair work has been delayed for now.)

Swim Day is every Thursday through August 8 and is open 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Parents, this is NOT a drop-off event.

You are responsible for supervising your children and for cleaning up after yourself.

JUN 23 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Front Desk

Sherry Baierl

Worship - 9:15 am

Leanna Cathey & Eva Herberich (Little Lambs)

Adam and Evie Cathey & Dianne Cosby
(Busy Bees)

Sunday School - 11 am

Sarah McCurry & Abby Knecht (Little Lambs)

Selah Cross & Eric Mullinax (Busy Bees)



Thurs & Fri, 5:30-8:30 pm • Sat, 8:30 am-3 pm

Registration is still open!
Space is limited; sign-up today.

Scan the QR Code to register
and for more information.



Please email Heather Morrison
at HMorrison@cpcc chatt.org with any questions.

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

CPC MISSIONARY TO LOCAL ATHLETES



Jay Fowler

Jay serves with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as Director of the Greater Chattanooga and Southeast Tennessee region. FCA's mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Locally, FCA serves on 60 campuses (college, high school, middle school) in a five-county area and carries out its mission through Coaches Bible Studies, team ministry, multi-sport campus huddles, summer camps, and a variety of special events.



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

- For staff and volunteers to faithfully make disciples of coaches and athletes who will make disciples of others
- For ministry funding and faithful stewardship of resources
- For God to raise up workers (staff and volunteers) to serve on the mission field of area schools
- For summer camps (a large one next week) and sports outreach events to be filled with the gospel and biblical discipleship

