

Welcome to Worship at CPCC

It's a joy to welcome you to worship this morning! We worship the LORD with our heart's affections and mind's attention focused on His glory and His grace. Take a moment to preview *the order of worship* in the bulletin. **We're glad you are here!**

Sunday Worship

Unhappiness is often expressed in the psalms, often in the form of a lament. A famous preacher once said spiritual depression is described in some passages. One of these is Psalm 42 source of today's sermon on **"When God Seems Far Away."** May the testimony of the inspired psalmist, and the inner working of the Holy Spirit, direct our feelings and our faith to hope in the Lord.

*If the Spirit of God is working in you today, calling you to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of sin, or otherwise respond to the Word of God, then **please** take a moment to speak with one of our Elders (in the front of the room) after this morning's service.*

Children in Worship

All children are welcomed and encouraged to be in worship as parents train them to praise the Lord and to listen to God's Word. As needed, the **church nursery** is ready for infants & toddlers during the worship service and the Sunday School hour.

Visiting Today?

We're glad you're here! If you need a Bible during the service they are available at the ushers' stations in the back of the sanctuary. Help yourself. ***All first time visitors** should pick up a **Welcome Gift Bag** from the ushers' station after the service — and then enjoy some light refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Family Class

Our **"Family Class"** continues its study on the **Fruit of the Spirit** from Gal. 5:22-23 with Pastor Bissett teaching today on **"Gentleness"** & Elder George Bailey on **"self-control"** next week.

Wednesday Prayer meetings

CPCC has three regular times for corporate prayer in Room #8: **Sunday mornings @ 9:15 AM**; and **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**, and again in the evening at **7:00 PM** (also on Zoom).

Women's Connection...

The Women's Connection is planning a **"Restaurant In Review"** lunch at The Flats Restaurant and Tavern in Clifton Park on Saturday, **August 30th** at 1:30 pm. Enjoy a meal with your sisters! Use the sign-up sheet on the round table.

Befriend an international student

First Presbyterian Ch, Schenectady will host a welcome dinner for international students, at 5:45 PM on **Thursday, Sept. 4th**. Everyone brings some food followed by socializing. *There's an opportunity to become a Christian friend with a student for the school year (with gospel potential).* PDB and others from CPCC recommend getting involved! For more information or to RSVP, contact Jim or Edee Silva, 518-877-8032 (JSilva.ny@gmail.com).

The "Book Nook"

CPCC's **Book Nook** has many new titles to buy and read for your spiritual growth! Purchases are "self-service" (using the envelop & collection can). See Deacon Chad for help. *Plan for some spiritually profitable reading this spring & summer!*

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THE WEEK AHEAD @ CPCC —

Tuesday: 10:30 AM Service at Schuyler Ridge home
7:00 PM **Elders-board meeting**

Wednesday: 10:00 AM **Morning Prayer meeting** at CPCC
7:00 PM **Evening Prayer meeting** (CPCC & Zoom)

Next Sunday: 9:15 AM Sunday morning Prayer (Room #8)
9:30 AM **Sunday Morning Worship**
11:00 AM **Family Class on Fruit of the Spirit**

Scheduled Volunteers: (TODAY)

• **Coffee:** Laurel Bissett
• **Nursery:** Stephanie Bugos, Sue P., and K.C. Meisner
2nd hour: Stephanie Bugos, Sue P.

(NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH)

Eva & Roger Bowman
Tracey & Angelina Kucerak and Kim Rios
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School supplies for City Mission

It is almost back-to-school time, and sales of school supplies are underway! In addition to collecting non-perishable food items for the City Mission in Schenectady, CPCC collects **school supplies** for them every August. Participate by buying & bringing school supplies to CPCC, which we will then take to them before the month ends.

Help a local camp...

Local Christian **Camp Cedarbrook** just completed their 60th summer! Their **Labor Day Work Weekend** is **Aug. 29—Sept. 1st** and open to all. Volunteers arrive as early as Friday and stay through Monday or just come for a day. You'll enjoy delicious meals, great fellowship, and meaningful work — all while supporting the ministry of Camp Cedarbrook. More info on our church bulletin board & website.

Covenant Sunday

Sunday, **Sept. 7th** is our annual **"Covenant Sunday"** when we gather and refocus after the summer. We'll have an **"All Church Sunday School Assembly"** to remind us from Scripture why we emphasize Christian education, to present our Sunday School staff for the year, and to award gift Bibles to any incoming first graders. We'll also have a time of prayer for each teacher and class. Plan to attend this important assembly at 11 o'clock on Sept. 7th.

Upcoming Calendar items...

- ★ Tues., August 19th — 10:30 AM, Service at Schuyler Ridge home
- ★ Tues., Aug. 19th — 7:00 PM, Elders Board Meeting
- ★ Sunday, Aug. 24th — Rev. Ken MacLeod, guest preacher
- ★ Sat., Aug. 30th — 1:30 PM, Women's "Restaurant In Review"
- ★ Sunday, August 31st — No Family Class (Labor Day Weekend)
- ★ Thurs., Sept 4th — Intern'l students welcome dinner at F.Pr.Ch.
- ★ Sun., Sept. 7 — **Covenant Sunday** & Sunday School Assembly
- ★ Monday, Sept. 8th — serve meal at Schenectady City Mission
- ★ Sept. 12-14th — *Camp of the Woods'* Women's Conference
- ★ Oct 14-17th — host a Simeon Trust Preaching Workshop
- ★ Fri.-Sat., Oct. 24-25 — *The Bolton Conference*, near Boston
- ★ Sunday, October 26th — **Joint Reformation Day service** (PM)
- ★ Sunday, Nov. 2nd — Daylight Savings ends, "Fall back 1 hour"

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.."

Psalm 51:17 esv