



The Mustard Seed

February 2022

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

Current Session Elders

Clerk of Session

Mary Ann Epperson

Administration

John Gurney

Congregational Care & Welcome

TBD

Christian Education

TBD

Fellowship & Pastoral Care

TBD

Property

Jim Barkley

Meaningful Service

Linda Stamps

Treasurer

John Gurney, Karen Wimpee

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

Class of 2022

Jim Barkley, John Gurney

Class of 2023

Linda Stamps

Class of 2025

Mary Ann Epperson

2022 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, February 27



From the Pastor's Desk

In Worship on Sunday we always say an “Affirmation of Faith” together. The “Apostles Creed” is the most commonly used affirmation or “Confession of Faith” in Presbyterian churches, but there are many other historic confessions that we can use. My favorite confession is to use verses of scripture that are summations of the things we believe. We Presbyterians are an odd people, however, who actually have a whole book of confessions. In fact, the Book of Confessions is Part I of our PC(USA) church Constitution. It consists of twelve creeds and confessions with the most recent one, the Belhar Confession, having been approved for inclusion by the 222 General Assembly in 2016. Each of the confessions is a historic summary of Christian belief, but each is also a product of the world and time of its composition. That is very important to recognize and understand as we read and study the different ones.

The majority of our confessions are expressions of the Reformed Faith to which we ascribe.

Our Creeds and Confessions are not scripture themselves and are not to be taken with the same authority as the Bible, but they are not simply historical curiosities. Confessions do carry weight for us Presbyterians. One of the most formative is the 1647 Westminster Confession of Faith. Westminster consists of not only a confession but two Catechisms as well -The Shorter Catechism, and The Larger Catechism. Each is in the form of questions and answers and was written for the instruction of believers in the Reformed Faith. You will find an excellent summary and explanation of our historic Presbyterian beliefs in the Westminster Confession of Faith. I would very much encourage you to read it through.

Besides doctrines of scripture, the Trinity, etc., you'll find doctrines of election and predestination which we are likely to find problematic today. You'll also discover some very interesting sections about the Church and it's relationship to civil authority and principles and structure of government. There you will especially notice the strong belief in the separation of church and state that is so



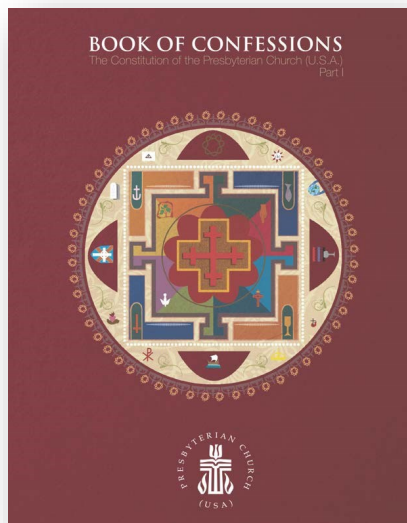
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~ PASTOR

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foundational to our Constitution. It's all worth a look and some thought about our Reformed history and belief. You can find "The Book of Confessions" online at: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/book-confessions>.

Blessings <><



~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

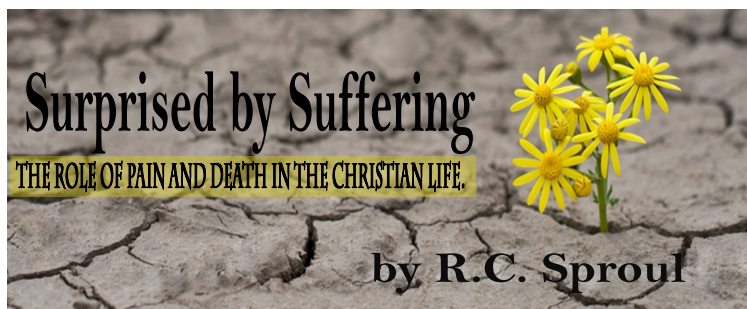
YOUTH STUDY

Led by Ashley Wright and Amanda and John Gurney, this class for middle/high school students is currently studying "Battlefield of the Mind for Teens" by Joyce Meyers. This study takes an honest look at what teenagers face every day--peer pressure, expectations for the future, the struggle for independence. The most important battle is the one waged in the mind.



SURPRISED BY SUFFERING

Led by Kevin Robinson, this class continues to meet in the After Dave room next to the church office. This study by Dr. Sproul helps us deal with the topic of suffering that we face in our life. The study uses videos as well as some book materials and our Bibles as needed. Join us at any time!



~ PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The next class is Sunday, February 6, following worship. We will be studying Lesson 5 in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair.

Lesson 5: "Ruth & Redemption" found on page 45.
Scripture: Ruth 3-4

Focus: Ruth and Naomi, who started out empty and bereft, are filled and redeemed through the honesty and care they show one another. The foreign daughter-in-law is praised for her faithfulness and, in the end, Ruth is shown to be the main reason King David's family line can continue.

Questions? Contact [Mary Ann Epperson](#).

All women are invited to attend!

If you haven't gotten a study book, you can find one in the cabinet on the west wall in the Session Room.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

as off February 2 , 2022

YTD Income: \$9,012

YTD Expenses: \$15,119

YTD Net Ordinary Income: (\$6,107)

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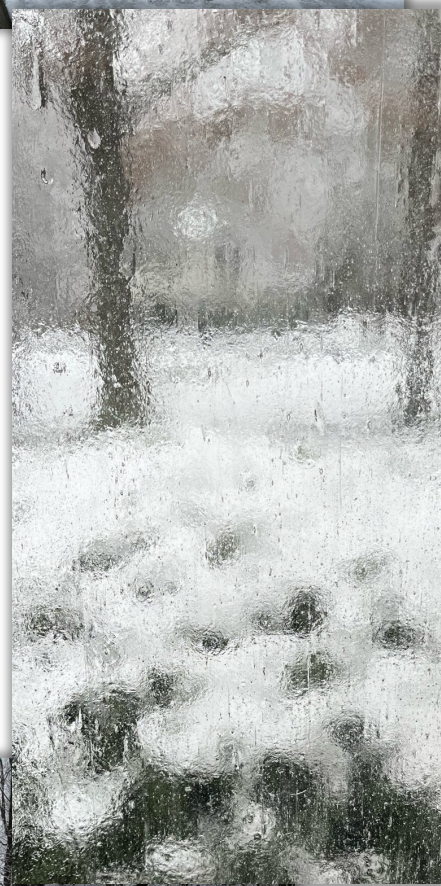
Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17



Beauty in the Snow

Photos by Karen Wimpee





Thank you for your donations and helping to spread the word! We have had several large loads of clothes sent to Constance Abbey. We are still looking for the below. There is a great need for gloves and socks.

Sweats
Coats, jackets
Gloves, hats, scarfs
Thermal wear
Socks

Blankets
Sleeping bags
Shoes

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Being part of a family means caring for one another. Providing a meal is one way we can help during an illness or difficult times. Let Melanye Lunsford know how we can help.

For those wishing to volunteer services, here is how you can help:

- Provide a gift card to a restaurant
- Provide a casserole/meal that can be kept in the freezer. A meal would include items such as a casserole, dessert, and bread—items that can be frozen.

You can also sign up online at bit.ly/cpcmeals to be part of an on-call group for meals as needed. Questions? Please contact Melanye Lunsford (lunsfordcentral@protonmail.com).

Collierville Food Pantry

Collierville Food Pantry can use your help restocking shelves. Items needed:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Corn
- Beans
- Fruit
- Soups

Items can be left in the gray bins provided for manna bags. Leave in bag and/or place a note for Food Pantry.



Presenting the Elders that are rolling off of Session with a special graphic of the church. Thank you all for sharing your time, talents, and leadership.

L to R: Melanye Lunsford, Suzanne Dunn, Rev. Mark Wright, and Kevin Robinson. Not pictured are Karen Wimpee and Wes Ashworth.



The Christmas poinsettias provided by members added such a beautiful touch to our Sanctuary.

Join us

WELCOME RECEPTION
FOR
REV. JAMES GALE

Sunday, February 13th
11:45am | Fellowship Hall



CPC is excited to have Reverend James Gale, the Executive Presbyterian for the Presbytery of the Mid-South, joining us on Sunday, February 13. Prior to coming to Memphis, he served as Associate Executive for the Synod of Mid-America, as well as pastoring churches in North Carolina and Kansas. James is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and The University of North Carolina. His wife Mary is also a Presbyterian pastor. Together, they have two beautiful girls, Ainsley and Fiona.



*If you'd like to help by providing finger foods, contact Linda Stamps
at colliervillepresbyterian@gmail.com.*

2022 COMMITMENT OF GIVING

As the Session prepares the budget for 2022, your help is needed. Please revisit your current giving. Complete a pledge card at church, print and mail in the one below, or visit our website at colliervillepres.org/pledge and complete it online. We pray that you will be moved to give sacrificially in response to Christ's movement within you and in response to the way God is moving in powerful ways throughout our church.

If it concerns you to offer a commitment, please know that the church understands. While it may seem difficult to plan out the year, we want you to know that estimates of giving are precisely that—estimates—and they can be adjusted at any time.

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GROWING IN
FAITH TOGETHER

Collierville Presbyterian Church 2022 Pledge
Give. Serve. Attend. Grow. Coming together as one.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

In gratitude for God's generosity, I/we commit to give the following in 2021:

\$ _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ As follows _____ for Annual Total of \$ _____

☐ I do not wish to make a formal pledge but will give as I am able.

Signature (s) _____ Date _____

This card is a commitment of intent and may be altered as needed.

A Stewardship Blessing

– Adapted from a prayer by Vienna Cobb Anderson

May God who lovingly created you bless you with faithfulness amidst your life's journey.

May God who gave us Jesus Christ bless you this day with a heart of peace, gratitude, and worship.

May God, the Giver of gifts and resources for us to share, bless you with extravagant generosity.

Now, blessed, may God send you into the world as a steward of God's love, that all may share in God's abundance. Amen.

Live Simply
Love Generously



I will

extol you, my God

and King, and bless your

name forever and ever.

One generation shall laud your works

to another, and shall declare your mighty

acts. On the glorious splendor of your

majesty, and on your wondrous works, I

will meditate. The might of your awesome

deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your

greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of

your abundant goodness,

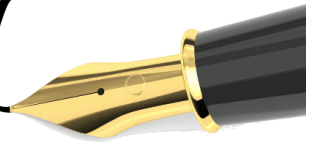
and shall sing aloud of your

righteousness.

—Psalm 145 NRSV



Thank you



Joy Tiffin Sutherland

12-30-21

Dear CPC Family,

Scott and I want to express our deep appreciation for the generous gift cards and beautiful Christmas carols. We miss seeing so many of our church friends and hope 2022 brings a safer time for all of us to gather in person. With love and thanks, in Christ, Joy and Scott



Dear CPC Family & friends,

Thank you for the generous gift at Christmas. Your love and kindness means more than you'll ever know. May God be with you and keep you this new year.

Blessings,

Love, Stamps



Volunteers needed for upcoming concert:

February 11, 2022

Ellendale Baptist Church

3861 Broadway Rd | Bartlett, TN 38135

Anyone interested should visit <https://bit.ly/mattwestconcert>.

Matthew West is a five-time GRAMMY® nominee, a multiple ASCAP Christian Music Songwriter/Artist of the Year winner and a 2018 Dove Award Songwriter of the Year (Artist) recipient. He has received an American Music Award, a Billboard Music Award, a K-LOVE Fan Award and named Billboard's Hot Christian Songwriter of the Year. A recipient of the Rich Mullins Impact Award, West also received a Primetime Emmy® Award nomination for Original Music & Lyrics for the title track for the feature film "The Heart of Christmas." He has been awarded a RIAA Gold certification for his single "Hello, My Name Is" and RIAA Platinum certification for the song "The Motions."

In addition to his own recording career, he has co-hosted the K-LOVE Fan Awards five times and has more than 130 songwriting credits to his name, including cuts by Rascal Flatts, Scotty McCreery, Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Mandisa, Danny Gokey and others, along with back-to-back No. 1 songs by Casting Crowns including their recent single, "Nobody," which West is featured.

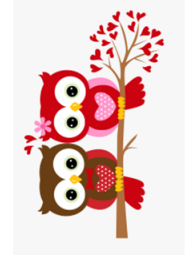
Adding author to his list of accolades, West has written five books to date: Give This Christmas Away, The Story Of Your Life, Forgiveness, Today Is Day One and his latest, Hello, My Name Is. He is also passionate about providing hope and healing through the power of prayer and story. Along with his father, Pastor Joe West, they founded popwe, a non-profit ministry helping others to craft, share, and live a more meaningful life. Please visit popwe.org for more information.




☺ Birthday ♥ Anniversary

FEBRUARY 2022

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Communion Service (10:30am) GS Troop 13141 (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (3pm) <p>☺ Ethan Wright</p> 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) GS Troop 13141 (7pm) 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (12pm) BS Lock-in (12pm thru Sat.) <p>☺ Glen Watkins</p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BS Lock-in (to 3pm) Hopefuls AA (7pm)
<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Worship Service (10:30am) Reception for Rev. Gale GS Troop 13139 (2pm) Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) <p>♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm) CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) GS Leader's Meeting (6:45pm) 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) GS Troop 13141 (7pm) 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (12pm) 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (7pm)
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Worship Service (10:30am) Session Meeting (11:30am) Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) <p>☺ Gabriel Nicholson</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (12pm) <p>☺ Carl Epperson</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (7pm) <p>☺ Terri Hall Cunningham</p>
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Worship Service (10:30am) Congregational Meeting PW Bible Study (11:30am) GS Troop 13139 (2pm) Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) <p>☺ Sharon Epperson</p>					