

The Lord's Service

March 5, 2023

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

*Praise to the Lord The Almighty
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 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

Across the Lands

*Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend (2003)
see Page 9*

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

Exodus 20.2, 12-17, 2

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PEOPLE: **Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.**

LEADER: You shall not murder.

PEOPLE: **You shall not commit adultery.**

LEADER: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

LEADER: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

PEOPLE: **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Testament of Jesus Christ, Oecolampadius, Basel (1523)

**We, poor sinners, confess before God our Lord and before our brothers and sisters, that we have arrogantly sinned against God and our neighbor through many wicked thoughts, words, and deeds. Therefore we implore you, God, in the name of your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that you be gracious to us.
Amen.**

Song of Contrition

Agnus Dei

Text: ca. 7th century

Music: John Wykoff

see Page 10

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.

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

Romans 8.31-33

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Hosea 6.1-11 (p. 754)
read by Elder Ken Henry

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I'll Be On My Way

by Shawn Kirchner (2011)

Casie Runkle, violin; Taylor Brown, double bass; Alayne Griffin, piano
Tom Runkle, baritone

Sanctuary Choir

When I am gone, don't you cry for me, don't you pity my sorry soul.
What pain there might have been will now be past and my spirit will be whole.
I'll be on my way.
I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I will be glory bound,
I'll be on my way.
When I am gone, please forgive the wrongs that I might have done to you;
There'll be no room for regrets up there, high above, way beyond the blue.
I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down, I'll be puttin' on my crown,
I'll be on my way.
When I am gone, don't you look for me in the places I have been;
I'll be alive, but somewhere else, I'll be on my way again!
I will lift my wings and soar into the air, there'll be glory ev'rywhere,
I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down, I'll be puttin' on my crown,
I'll be on my way.
I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I will be glory bound,
I'll be on my way!

*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 Eric Mullinax

*Hymn of Preparation

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Words: George Croly (1854)

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson (1870)

Hymnal No. 338

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 9.9-13 (p. 814)

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

SENT TO SINNERS

*Hymn of Response

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis (1834-1925)

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams (1890)

Hymnal No. 535

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.

The Lord's Table

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.

[†] "catholic" -- universal

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed
(215)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified,
died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*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!

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 12 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

Words: William Cowper (1771)

Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason (1830)

Hymnal No. 253

Meditation

It Is Well With My Soul

Carson Pearce, saxophone; Alayne Griffin, piano

Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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

1 Thessalonians 3.12-13
by Pastor Jake Bennett

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for
one another and for all... so that he may establish your
hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father,
at the coming of our Lord Jesus along with all his saints.

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Title: Sent to Sinners

Text: Matthew 9.9-13

Jesus came to call sinners.

Jesus calls sinners to follow. (v. 9-10)

Jesus calls sinners to learn mercy (v. 11-13)

Additional Texts:

Old Testament References: 1 Samuel 15.22-35; Hosea 6.1-11

Synoptic References: Mark 2.14-17; Luke 5.27-32

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

Vision Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.

Across the Lands

D G D A



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be- fore the world be- gan; Ev-'ry
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost, and ex-
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic- to-rious, wrest-ing vic - t'ry from the grave, and as -

5 G G⁶ D/F# Em G



star and ev - 'ry pla - net has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
 -changed the joy of heav - en for the an - guish of a cross. With a
 -cend - ed in - to heav - en lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A



-a - tion holds to - geth - er by the pow - er of Your voice: Let the
 prayer You fed the hung - ry, with a word You stilled the sea. Yet how
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. From each

13 G G⁶ D/F# Em G A^{sus} G



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, let the land and seas re - joice! You're the au - thor of cre -
 si - lent - ly You suf - fered that the guilt - y may go free. You're the
 tribe and tongue and na - tion You are lead - ing sin - ners home. You're the

18 D D/F# G A² Bm Bm/A



-a - tion, You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; And Your

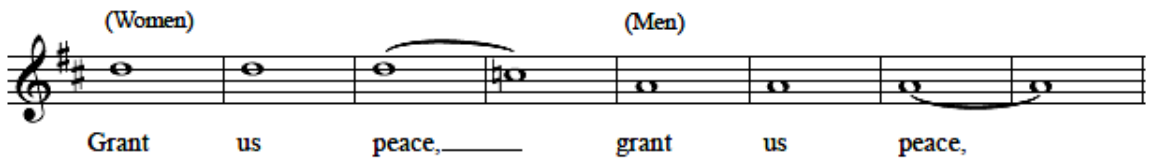
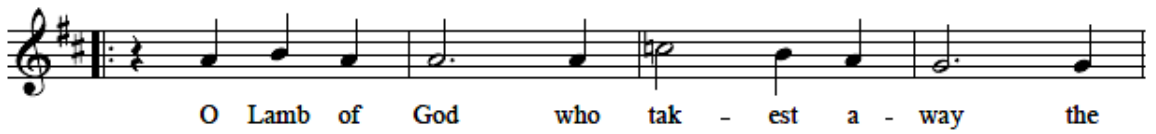
21 G G/A Bm⁷ A



cry of love rings out a - cross the lands. 1, 2. D 3. D

2. Yet You
 3. With a

Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God)



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 newer to Covenant, consider visiting the Essentials class designed for you that meets in the Sanctuary.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Bennett preaches from Luke 10.25-37.

Finding your way:

Please scan the QR code to view a map of our facilities. There are also printed maps on the bulletin board just off the Information Center 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, 2019 (deacons can direct you)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 5 (*Missions Awareness Week*)

Lord's Supper Celebrated

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - 11 am - see Missions Awareness

Booklet for details

Tuesday, March 7

Aging Faithfully Women's Study - E-106 - 10 am

WM Team Mtg - E-111 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 8

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
see website for class list

Thursday, March 9

Ladies' Titus Study - O-105 - 10 am

Friday, March 10

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am

Marriage Event: Dessert & Conversations - O-100 -
7 pm

Sunday, March 12 (*Daylight Saving Time Begins*)

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School

MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit cpcchatt.org for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church.

Contact the church office to request access to our online directory.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

COVENANT LIFE

ALLERGY-SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients:
tapioca starch, water, potato starch, potato
flakes, palm oil, honey, egg yolks, natural
vinegar, salt

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The High School and all Adult Sunday Schools
will enjoy special missionary guests who will be
sharing an update about their ministry. For a full
list of speakers, see page 16 or the Missions
Awareness Booklet.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY EVENING

This Friday at 7 pm, you are invited to an
evening of dessert and conversations about "A
Resilient Marriage" with Jon Harris. Register for
this FREE event online at cpcchatt.org.

Childcare is provided by Youth Ministry students
for families that register. Donations will be
collected for camp and retreat scholarships.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Following a light breakfast, the Men's Ministry is
sponsoring a church clean-up day Saturday,
March 25 from 8:30 am -12 pm. Come help us
get the church property ready for Easter and
summer.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Be sure to set your clocks forward
one hour before you go to bed
Saturday night. The time
change occurs early
Sunday morning,
March 12.



CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER

If you have an urgent prayer request or pastoral
care need, please call or text our Pastoral Care
line at 423-521-2142.

FORGE LEADERS NEEDED

Forge Camp (July 26-28) is being launched this
year as a camp for grades 3-8 boys where they
can learn valuable skills through a variety of
hands-on classes and the study of God's Word.
If you are interested in being a leader for Forge,
please email Ryan Hamilton for more
information (RHamilton@cpcchatt.org).



CPC Women's Ministry Presents

Living In Christ

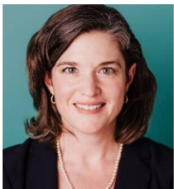
with Shelley Madueme

March 17-18, 2023
at Covenant Presbyterian Church
Cost: \$15 - Registration Required

Register online at cpcchatt.org
by Monday, March 13



Ladies, make plans to join us for this special spring event. Friday night we will enjoy supper, have an opportunity to meet our speaker, and spend some time in fellowship around fire pits with a s'more bar. Saturday will be a full-day seminar with lunch featuring Shelley Madueme. Childcare is provided. Registration is required by Monday, March 13. Cost: \$15.00.



**Shelley
Madueme**

Our guest speaker, will be sharing about "Living in Christ" (Theology, Discipleship, and Community for God's People). She is the Director of Digital Marketing at The Chalmers Center and serves as the women's ministry and adult discipleship coordinator at St. Elmo Presbyterian Church. She holds a ThM in New Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and an MTS from Beeson Divinity School. Shelley lives in Flintstone, Georgia, with her husband, Hans, and their two children.

MIDWEEK

MIDWEEK MEAL INGREDIENTS

If you have food allergies/dietary restrictions and want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Kitchen Services Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at NLewin@cpcchatt.org.

This email will include the ingredients used in preparing the meal and if any adaptations are available (gluten free, dairy free, etc.).

APRIL 5 MIDWEEK

No meal or activities are scheduled for the Wednesday evening of Holy Week (April 5). Be watching for a Holy Week schedule as we approach Easter.

March Midweek Menu



March 8: Chicken Divan, Broccoli, Rice, Brown Butter Blondies

March 15 St. Patty's Feast: Corned Beef, Roasted Potatoes and Cabbage, Cheddar Soda Bread, Irish Apple Cake

March 22: Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Cheesecake

March 29: Smothered Beef Burritos, Rice, Mexican Salad Bar, Sopapillas

- 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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. For your convenience, you may sign-up on the Children's Ministry page of the website, or you may contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpccchatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

EDGE REGISTRATION

The Middle School students (grades 6-8) are headed back to The Edge on Lookout Mountain for summer camp on June 19-23. Online registration is open. The cost is \$315. Spots are limited.

MS BOYS TEACHERS NEEDED

Men, we need two or three substitute teachers for the Middle School Boys' Sunday School Class, please email our Youth Ministry Director for more information or to sign up (RHamilton@cpccchatt.org).

YOUTH HIKE

We hope you can join us for our youth hike on Sunday, March 26. Families are welcome to attend! We will meet at CPC at 3:00 pm and then head to the trail, returning at 6:30 pm. Stay tuned to hear where we will be hiking!

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - MARCH 12
Front Desk: Emily Calloway	Front Desk: John Pearce
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Sherlyn Hobbs (Infant Room) Hannah Schreiner (Infant Room) David Gernhard (Toddler Room) Micah Schreiner (Toddler Room)	Marianne Doran (Infant Room) Sarah Wade (Infant Room) Fionna Wade (Toddler Room) Sylvia Wade (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Bekah Gernhard (Infant Room) Melissa Horton (Infant Room)	Jason Collins (Infant Room) Stacy Collins (Infant Room)

OUTREACH



Jamie & Bethany -
in E-106

Due to the sensitive area in which these missionaries serve, their picture and last names are withheld.

Their vision is to leverage their skills in Agriculture and Music to restore hope through Christ to those overlooked in Asia. Jamie partners with local farmers to implement conservation farming practices, and they both work at an English adventure camp. (Bethany is the daughter of Jon and Alayne Griffin.)



Dan & Mako Gilchrist -
in O-105

Dan and Mako Gilchrist serve with Equipping Leaders International (ELI). Dan serves full-time with primary responsibility for three training partnerships in Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania.



Aubrey & Jerri Fritz -
in Choir Room

Aubrey and Jerri served with CRU to the Howard School in Chattanooga for years. Recently they transitioned to a ministry with Family Life Local. They continue serving the campus, but with the purpose of reaching and discipling both children and parents with the Gospel.



Andy & Kathy Napier -
in O-100

The Napiers were faithful members of Hixson PCA. In the fall of 2013 Andy and Kathy, along with sons, Sam and John Edward, moved to Trans World Radio's America Headquarters in Cary, NC to begin work there. Andy's primary responsibility is a radio program "Footsteps" which tells the amazing story of what God is doing around the world through TWR and its partner ministries.



Pete Vaughn -
in E-104

Pete and Joanna Vaughn team-lead the Amani Chattanooga center. Amani Chattanooga houses the Amani US Warehouse and is specifically dedicated to coordinating Amani's Ambassador Sale Program and managing Amani's Online Shop. Amani ya Juu ("*peace from above*" in Swahili) is a sewing and training program for marginalized women established in Nairobi, Kenya.

