

# The Lord's Service

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Preparation for Worship

*Sing Hosanna  
by Charles McCartha  
Covenant Choristers*

Sing Hosanna! Shout the news King Jesus comes.

Sing Hosanna! Worship Him with joyful song.

Sing Hosanna! Wave your palms and shout his praise.

Sing Hosanna! Sing with hearts and voices raised.

Now to our city Christ comes to bring peace and love,

Sing Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing Hosanna! Let your songs and praises ring.

Sing Hosanna! Jesus reigns as King of Kings.

## 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 100.1-5

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his  
presence with singing!**

LEADER: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who  
made us, and we are his; we are his people, and  
the sheep of his pasture.

PEOPLE: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his  
courts with praise!**

LEADER: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love  
endures forever, and his faithfulness to all  
generations.**

\*Hymn of Adoration

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Words: Theodulph of Orleans (ca.820);  
translated by John Mason Neale (1854)*

*Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchior Teschner (ca. 1615)*

*Hymnal No. 235*

\*Invocation

by Elder Todd Gaither

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 53.6

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have  
turned - every one - to his own way;

PEOPLE: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of  
us all.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Prone to Wander*, Duguid (2014)

As we come to you today to confess our weakness  
and rebellion against you, we thank you that you have  
chosen to love desperate sinners like ourselves. Your  
love and determination to rescue us from our sin give  
us the courage to admit the profound depravity of our  
desires, thoughts, and actions. We are people who  
want our kingdoms to come and our will to be done.  
Instead of pursuing spiritual wisdom with all our  
strength, we are delighted by our own wisdom and  
impressed with our own understanding. We despise  
your will because it is so much stronger than ours  
and reminds us that we are not the gods we wish to  
be. We want to be worthy of your love, instead of  
resting in the radiant worthiness of your Son. Father,  
forgive us. Give us spiritual wisdom to behold our  
risen Lamb, perfect, spotless, and worthy to receive  
all our worship, adoration, and praise.  
Amen.

### 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.

### 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.

## Song of Contrition

*Agnus Dei*

*Text: ca. 7<sup>th</sup> century*

*Music: John Wykoff*

*see Page 10*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Holy Scripture assures  
Christians, sinners saved  
by grace, that they  
are united to Jesus in His  
death and resurrection.

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1-2

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

“Therefore, since we have been justified by  
faith, we have peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also  
obtained access by faith into this grace in  
which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the  
glory of God.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

## 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

Psalm 118 (p. 511)

Zechariah 9.9-11 (p. 797)

read by Elder Tracy Wright

**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

## The Ground

by Ola Gjeilo (2011)

Rebecca James, Violin I; Steven James, Violin II;  
Sue Saliny, Viola; David Fray, Cello; Alayne Griffin, piano  
Sanctuary Choir

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. (*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*)

Osanna, Osanna in excelsis. (*Hosanna in the Highest!*)

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. (*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*)

Osanna, Osanna in excelsis. (*Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!*)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, (*O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,*)

Dona nobis pacem. (*Grant us Peace.*)

## \*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 Jake Bennett

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Words: Isaac Watts (1707)

Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes (1866)

*Hymnal No. 332*

## Scripture Lesson

John 11.55-56; 12.12-19 (p. 898)

<sup>11.55</sup> Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. <sup>56</sup> They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?"

<sup>12.12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the

## 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.

name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> “Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

### 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.

### Sermon

by Pastor Render Caines

## THE KING

### \*Hymn of Response

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

Words: Georg Weissel (1642 );  
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1855)  
Music: TRURO

*Hymnal No. 198*

## 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.

### \*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<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

\*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.

## 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

### *The Power of the Cross*

*Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, 2005*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,  
then nailed to a cross of wood.

#### *Chorus:*

This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the  
cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry. (*Chorus*)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
won through Your selfless love.

This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

### Meditation

### *My Song is Love Unknown*

*Nicole Lewin and John Wykoff, vocalists  
Rebecca James, Violin I; Steven James, Violin II;  
Sue Saliny, Viola; David Fray, Cello*

## Hymn

### *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*Words: American folk hymn*

*Music: WONDROUS LOVE,*

*from The Southern Harmony (1835)*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

\* (please stand)

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

by Pastor Render Caines

Postlude

### **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 NOTES

## **Mission Statement of CPC**

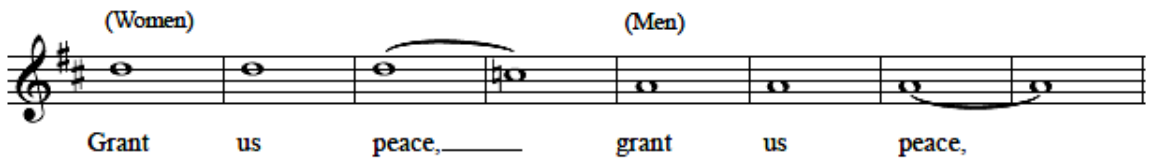
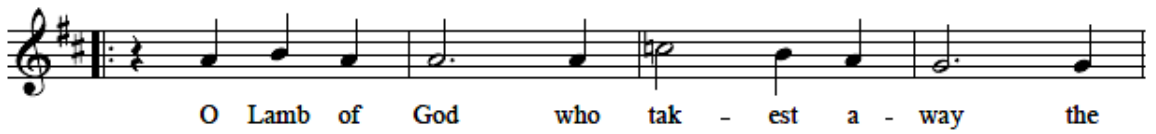
*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.*

## **CPC Officers**

*ELDERS: Jake Bennett (Moderator), Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Coffey, Tony DeMarco, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor, Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright*

*DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Jonathan Calloway, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Vanna Ker, Steve Leach, Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Doug McEachern, John Morrison, John Pearce, Caleb Ray, Chris Rimondi, Tim Sotelo, John Spalding, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Tim Warren*

# 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 Matthew 28.5-10, 16-20.

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### 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, April 2 (*Palm Sunday*)

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Church-wide Fellowship

### Wednesday, April 5

No Midweek Meal, Classes, or Activities  
Session Meeting - O-105 -8:15 pm

### Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday Communion Service - O-100 - 6:30 pm

### Friday, March 31

Church Offices Closed  
Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am  
Good Friday Service - Sanctuary - 6:30 pm

### Sunday, April 9 (*Easter*)

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

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## MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church.

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

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at [office@cpcchatt.org](mailto: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

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## CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP

We hope you will join us today for a church-  
wide fellowship following worship. No Sunday  
school classes will meet, and we will enjoy time  
together with snacks and coffee.

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## EASTER FLOWERS

In past Easter worship services, we have used  
lilies graciously purchased in honor of friends  
and family to beautify our sanctuary.

This year, we would like to switch from potted  
lily plants to fresh flower arrangements on the  
chancel. If you would like to help sponsor these  
flowers "*In Honor Of*" or "*In Memory Of*" a friend  
or loved one, you can scan the QR Code and  
donate online or contact the church  
office for assistance. Donations will  
be received through Wednesday,  
April 5.



## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Friday, April 7  
in observance of Good Friday.

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## BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of  
Maggie Murphy, bride-to-be of Anderson Morris.  
Anderson is Scott and Lisa Morris' son. The  
couple is registered with Amazon,  
Anthropologie, and Target.

The shower will be in E-104  
on Sunday, April 16 from  
3-4:30 pm. Join us!



## REKINDLED LUNCH

Ladies, if you have suffered the loss of a spouse,  
living alone, or just need some fellowship, please  
join us for a time of refreshment and  
encouragement. We will gather in the Fellowship  
Hall on Thursday, April 20 at 12:30 for lunch.

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

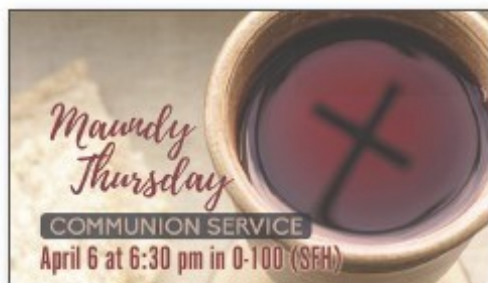
Christian sympathy is extended to Marie Wilson  
and her family on the loss of her father, Ed Daly.



**COVENANT**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# *You're Invited*

Join us as we remember and celebrate Holy Week



## **April 6 - 6:30 pm**

Christ commanded his disciples the night before His crucifixion to love one another (John 13.34). "Maundy" originates from the Latin word "mandatum" meaning "a command". We invite you to join us as we observe the Lord's Supper in O-100 (Schum Fellowship Hall).



## **April 7 - 6:30 pm**

We would love for you to participate in our Good Friday service which denotes the growing darkness that would encompass the two days before Christ's glorious resurrection. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm.



## **April 9 - 9:30 am**

Please make plans to join us on this special Lord's Day to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the finished work of Jesus Christ and the victory that we have through His sacrifice and atoning work.

# 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](mailto: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.).

## OCC AFTER EASTER NEEDS

Our OCC team has had great success in the past being able to purchase items at a great discount after Easter. Small stuffed animals/plushies and smaller Easter basket toy type items often are reduced to clearance prices in the stores.

Please consider purchasing these kinds of items and placing them on the OCC collection cart across the hallway from the Fellowship Hall doors.

## April Midweek Menu



**April 5:** No Midweek Meal

**April 12:** Fettuccini Alfredo with Grilled Chicken, Creamed Spinach, Focaccia, Wonna-Be Tiramisu

**April 19:** Philly Cheesesteak (Ham & Cheese for kids), Fries, Salad Bar, Salted Caramel Pretzel Bars

**April 26:** Cobb Salad Bar (Chicken Nuggets for kids) Homemade Sourdough, Lemon Mousse

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online ([cpcchatt.org/give](http://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@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:nursery@cpcc chatt.org) and let her know when you are available to serve.

## RENT - A - YOUTH

Church members have the opportunity to "hire" the youth to tackle various projects that you always need a few extra hands to complete quickly. The funds help our students raise money for their summer camps and fall retreat.

Complete an online form about the job you want done and to hire a youth. Scan the QR Code to access it. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Morrison at [HMorrison@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:HMorrison@cpcc chatt.org).



## CPC YOUTH FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

All Youth homeschool students are invited to join us for a time of fellowship. Parents are welcome! We will meet at Panda Express (2260 Gunbarrel Rd.) on Friday, April 14 from 11:30 am - 1 pm.

## HS YOUTH LOCK-IN

High School students are invited for a night of fun activities at Defy Chattanooga Trampoline Park and CPC. Meet at CPC at 7:30 pm on April 21 and pick up will be at 8 am on April 22. The cost per student is \$25. Registration is required by April 19. Email Heather Morrison at [HMorrison@cpcc chatt.org](mailto:HMorrison@cpcc chatt.org) for more information.

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - APRIL 9
Front Desk: Stacy Collins	Front Desk: Rebekah Gernhard
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Camille Ambrose (Infant Room) Diane Lazor (Infant Room) Tammy Knotts (Toddler Room) Marianne Doran (Toddler Room)	Danielle Doran (Infant Room) Ann Kistner (Infant Room) David Gernhard (Toddler Room) Donna Schreiner (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
-- No Sunday School --	-- No Sunday School --

# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES AT UTC



**John Mark &  
Caroline Scruggs**

John Mark and Caroline serve with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UTC. They help to lead a weekly large group meeting of worship, preaching, and fellowship, usually on Wednesday nights. They also plan and help to facilitate small groups throughout the week consisting of intentional Bible studies, book studies, and components of fellowship. They desire for students to connect to God and connect with each other, and view small groups as an effective way to facilitate meeting their goal of connection. They also have one-on-ones with students for side-by-side and face-to-face time together.

Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- For fundraising; it continues to be a concern. RUF is 100% support-based. They rely on the generosity of churches and individuals for funding.
- For getting physical and mental rest (the stress level of this ministry is challenging)
- For good family time, protection, and the blessing of their family

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## TN VALLEY PRESBYTERY CHURCH PLANTING



You may ask yourself, “Why does the Tennessee Valley need another church? We already have so many churches already!” Pastor Corby Shields from Rock Creek Fellowship answers: *“Even if 60% of Southerners report that they are ‘religious,’ doesn’t that leave 40% of our cities, counties, and neighborhoods where almost half the residents are outside the local church, which*

*is the ordinary means of salvation? It has been proven time and again that new church plants are the most effective way to reach that 40% of your neighbors who are in need of new life in Christ.”*

For God's glory, our presbytery is planting 20 new Presbyterian churches by 2027. Together with already existing churches, these plants will reach the lost and renew the communities in which they are planted.

Its two goals are to Reach the Lost and Renew Communities through the power of the gospel. In the first three years of this undertaking, the presbytery has planted seven churches and is aiming to plant five more over the next 12-24 months.

Please pray for this unique burden and call to ministry. To learn more about new plants, future areas of interest, and how you might get involved or pray, visit: [www.tnvalleypres.org/church-planting](http://www.tnvalleypres.org/church-planting).





