

The Lord's Service

March 16, 2025

**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 40.1-3a

LEADER: I waited patiently for the Lord;

PEOPLE: **He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

LEADER: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

PEOPLE: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Creation Sings the Father's Song

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townsend

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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 Woody Brauer

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28.13

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: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

PEOPLE: **... but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.**

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Philip Melancthon, from Psalm 88.13

Almighty, eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of heaven and earth, and all humanity, together with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word and Image, and with your Holy Spirit: have mercy upon us, and forgive our sins for your Son's sake, whom you have made our Mediator according to your wonderful counsels; and guide and sanctify us by your Holy Spirit, which was poured out upon the Apostles. Grant that we may truly know and praise you throughout all eternity! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 40.11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1846;

Music: Traditional English tune, arr. by Vaughn Williams, 1906

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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 22.1-14 (p.16)

read by Elder Jason Coffey

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

*O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

*Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
Then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.*

*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

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11.17-19 (p. 1008)

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

FAITH TESTED

*Hymn of Response

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1675, Trans. by Winkworth

Music: from the Weimar Gesanbuch, 1681

Hymnal No. 108

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 12.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: All those that are justified, God guarantees in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption.

By which they are taken into the number and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have His name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him as by a father.

They are never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*Gloria Patri

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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.

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.

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

Creation Sings the Father's Song



- 1 a. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
 b. His fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow, His breath up - on this spin - ning globe,
 2 a. Cre - a - tion gazed up - on His face; the age - less One in time's em - brace
 b. A sec - ond A - dam walked the earth, whose blame - less life would break the curse,
 3 a. Cre - a - tion longs for His re - turn, when Christ shall reign up - on the earth;
 b. When He re - news the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth re - ply—



— and run the course of day 'till ev - ning falls in crim - son rays.
 — He charts the ea - gle's flight; com - mands the new - born ba - by's cry.
 — un - veiled the Fa - ther's plan of rec - on - ci - ling God and man.
 — whose death would set us free to live with him e - ter - nal - ly.
 — the bit - ter wars that rage are birth - pains of a com - ing age.
 — with one re - splen - dent theme: the Glo - ries of our God and King!

REFRAIN



Hal - le - lu - jah! Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing, "Hal - le - lu -



jah!" Fill the earth with songs of wor - ship; tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; Lay
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give The
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look



down, O wea - ry one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I
un - to me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, Wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream; My
looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun; And



found in him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Faith Tested

Text: Hebrews 11.17-19

Intro: As we walk with God, he tests our spiritual stamina and faith. And why? Because he disciplines and trains the child he loves. He's committed to helping us grow. Increasingly, he's weaning us from finding our chief delight in things other than him. He's committed to accomplishing a great work in our lives. He's making our lives count for eternity. In glory we will say all the pain was worth it. We'll say, "Look at the glorious thing God has done!"

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*),
David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor Elect*)

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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 *What Is Presbyterian?* Class that meets in Room 120.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Massey preaches from Hebrews 11.

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 Family Worship Room)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 16

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Diaconate Mtg - Room 105 - 12:30 pm
Praise, Prayer, & Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm
High School Surf Trip #1 Begins - Jenson Beach, FL

Tuesday, March 18

ROMEO Breakfast - Cracker Barrel (Ringgold) - 8 am
Colossians-Philemon Ladies' Study - Room 122 - 10 am
Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10:30 am
Exodus Ladies' Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 19

CPC Blood Drive - Bloodmobile - 4:30 pm
Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
visit cpcchatt.org for class list
Session Mtg - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, March 20

Rekindled Ladies' Luncheon - Room 100 - 12 pm

Friday, March 21

Men's Proverbs Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

Saturday, March 22

HS Surf Trip 1 Ends

Sunday, March 23

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

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

Pastoral Care Line: Call/text your request or need to 423-521-2142

COVENANT LIFE

PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

TONIGHT • 6 pm • Room 100

Join us for a time of music, Scripture reading, and prayer. We will pray for our church during this season of transition. A time of fellowship and light snacks will follow.

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Mar 19 • 4:30-8:30 pm • Parking Lot

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile. Please be sure to sign-up for your appointment time by visiting cpcchatt.org and clicking the slide on the homepage.

You can also scan this QR Code or contact Sherry Baierl (email: love2walk@comcast.net or call: 423-899-5377).



REKINDLED LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thu, Mar 20 • 12 pm • Room 100

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 lunch.

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

WOMEN'S PERSONAL SAFETY CLASS

Sat, Mar 29 • 9 am • Room 100

Hosted by Revolution Academy of Martial Arts, ladies aged 7 & up are invited to register for a one day self-defense class. Cost is \$40 per person (\$35 for 2 or more per family). This is a reduced rate for church members and regular attenders.

Contact Shannon Ratliff for more information: (423) 847-5513 (call/text) or email sratliff@cpcchatt.org.

CHATTANOOGA BACH CHOIR CONCERT

Sat, Mar 29 • 7:30 pm • Sanctuary

www.chattanoogabachchoir.org



COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING SHOWERS



Creamer/Gildard Shower

Sun, Mar 30 • 2 pm • Room 100

Please join us to shower CPC members Rebecca (Gildard) and McKellan Creamer (son of James and Amy Creamer) who were wed in an intimate ceremony just after Christmas.

Come support and encourage the newlyweds!

Their registry can be found at:
honeyfund.com/site/creamer-wedding-registry

Fowler/Asbury Shower

Sun, Apr 6 • 1:30 pm • Room 100

We are excited to invite you to a shower in honor of members Daniel Fowler (who grew up at CPC), and Annagrace Asbury. Let's gather - men and women - to encourage and support this young couple as they prepare for their marriage.

The couple is registered at Amazon.

BUILDING USE AND SAFETY

We have recently upgraded CPC's security system. Some church members have unknowingly set off the alarm.

Please contact the church office to schedule any use of the building so the details can be added to the event calendar. Setting off the alarm may result in the police being dispatched if the event is not on the event calendar.

Thanks for your help.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Resurrection Celebration on Saturday, April 12. Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Wednesday, April 9.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for encouraging and uplifting other women? The Women's Ministry is looking for caring and dedicated ladies to join our Women's Ministry Team. We have several positions open for coordinating Visitor Outreach, Bible Studies, Hospitality, and Women's Events. If you've been a member of CPC for over a year and would like more information, please contact

Dianne Cosby or Sarah Wade by emailing
women@cpcchatt.org.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The PCA General Assembly host committee needs your help. As we prepare to host thousands of visitors in Chattanooga this June, we have over 400 opportunities for volunteers to serve throughout the course of the week. We need people to help load and unload, stuff bags, serve in the nursery, chaperone youth events, greet people, prepare communion elements, and much more. The service opportunities range from two hours to all day.

Scan the QR code for
volunteer sign-up information



CHILDREN & YOUTH

SHINE CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Dates: Jul 21-25

Online registration is open. All spots are filled, but you may sign-up on the waiting list for any potential openings. Please email Heather Morrison at HMorrison@cpcchatt.org if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

FORGE CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Dates: Jul 17-19

Online registration Forge Camp is open. Visit cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth to sign-up.

Please email Heather Morrison at HMorrison@cpcchatt.org if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

YOUTH REGISTRATIONS OPEN

**Apr 12-16 - Surf Trip #2
to Jacksonville, FL**

High School students sign-up now to participate in an exciting surf adventure to Florida.

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Jun 16-20 Edge Conference

Middle School students, make plans to join us for an exciting week at Covenant College.

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Jul 5-9 High School Beach Retreat

High School students join us for an exciting camp experience at Isle of Palms, S.C.

Scan the QR code to register at:
cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth



NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Bekah Gernhard	Judy Foster Mindy Haywood Stephen Haywood	Annabelle Cross Brandon Cross Donna Schreiner	Abby Knecht Sarah McCurry	Sandy Coffey Eleanor James

NURSERY SCHEDULE - MARCH 23

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Lauren Warren	Hannah Pittman Nathan Pittman Ada Wooten	Debby Gardner Marie Horton Connie Sanders	Vangie Wykoff Magdalene Wykoff	Jack Hostetler Tim Warren

MIDWEEK

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

Mar 19: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Banana Pudding

Mar 26: Lasagna, Italian Chopped Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Cheesecake

Apr 2: Grilled Mediterranean Chicken with Flatbread, Greek Salad Bar, Strawberry Sugar Cookie Bars

Apr 9: Sticky Asian Meatballs, Rice, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Snickerdoodle Bars

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- 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.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

For a list of Midweek meal ingredients please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

MIDWEEK KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS & CLEAN UP HELP

Midweek suppers are delicious, but they don't just appear on their own. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen before supper, email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ecalloway@cpcchatt.org.

We always are looking for helpers to pitch in and clean up after supper.

RUNNING LATE FOR SUPPER?

If you realize that you will be arriving late for our Midweek meal, you can text Emily by 6:15 pm at 423.432.1743 with your name and ask for a boxed meal to be set aside for you to pick up when you arrive.

MISSIONS



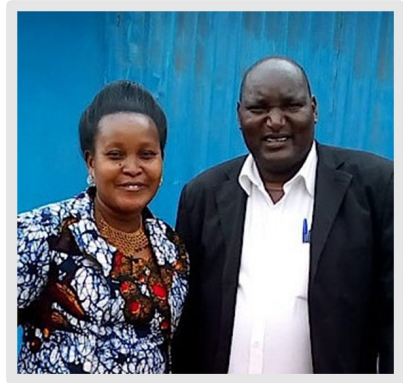
Yohan & Chloe Prudente
Harvest USA

Ministry Focus:

Harvest USA brings the truth and mercy of Jesus Christ by helping individuals and families affected by sexual struggles and by providing resources that address biblical sexuality to individuals and churches. Their purpose is to partner with and equip the Church by bringing the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of those affected by sexual sin.

Prayer:

- For Yohan and Chloe in their marriage
- For success in raising financial support
- For the Men's Ministry section of Harvest and their small group meetings



Daniel & Lydia Mathuva
Kenya, E Africa

Ministry Focus:

Daniel and Lydia Mathuva work with Equipping Leaders International in their native Kenya, training and equipping church leaders. Daniel is an experienced Presbyterian pastor who has planted a number of churches in Kenya. Nationals already know the language and culture where they are ministering, and their support needs are generally lower than American missionaries.

Prayer:

- For their marriage and family
- For increased support from ministry partners
- For good attendance at training events