

The Lord's Service

May 11, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Ukrainian Alleluia

by Craig Courtney

Covenant College Chamber Singers

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

2 Samuel 22.47

LEADER: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,

PEOPLE: **And exalted be my God,
the rock of my salvation.**

*Hymn of Adoration

*O Worship the King, v.1,2,6
Hymnal No. 2*

*Invocation

by Elder Todd Smith

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.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalms 25.10-11

LEADER: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

PEOPLE: **For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

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.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Book of Common Prayer*, London (1789)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 23.6

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

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

All Things New

Text: Frances Havergal; Music: Elaine Hagenberg
Covenant College Singers

*Light after darkness, gain after loss
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears
Home after wandering, praise after tears*

*Alpha and Omega
Beginning and the end
He is making all things new
Springs of living water
Shall wash away each tear
He is making all things new*

*Sight after mystery, sun after rain
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom
Love after wandering, life after tomb*

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.

God Consecrates Us

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.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 110 (p.509)

read by Elder Todd Gaither

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Text: Thomas Chisholm, Music arr by Dan Forrest
Combined Choirs*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be*

*Great is Thy faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside.*

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Bill Massey

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12.1-3 (p. 1008)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the

race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Sermon

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

WELCOME TO THE ARENA

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

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*Confession of Faith

2 Timothy 2.11b-13

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: If we have died with Him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

*Gloria Patri

GREATOR EX

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.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Postlude

Witness

Covenant College Chamber Singers

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.

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.

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end less life, He will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
 bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Adas Habershon (1861-1918)

Matt Merker

SERMON NOTES

Title: Welcome to the Arena

Text: Hebrews 12.1-3

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*)

CPC Officers

ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither, Jon Harris,
Ken Henry, Dee Hobbs, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey (Moderator), Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders,
(Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner, Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

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Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steven James,
Steve Leach, Eric Mantel, Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry,
John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Matt Wright

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 1&2.

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, May 11 - *Mother's Day*

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Tuesday, May 13

Moms of Teens - Room 120 - 10:30 am

Men's Ministry Leadership Mtg - Room 105 - 7 pm

Wednesday, May 14

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

Thursday, May 15

Rekindled Ladies Luncheon - Room 100 - 12 pm

Friday, May 16

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

Sunday, May 18

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Graduate Reception - Room 100 - 11 am

Diaconate Mtg - Rooms 121-122 - 12:30 pm

Praise, Prayer, and Fellowship - Room 100 - 6 pm

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

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, May 14 • 4:30-8:30 pm • Parking Lot

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile.

Sign up for an appointment time by visiting cpcchatt.org, scanning this

QR Code, or contact Sherry Baiertl - 423.899.5377 or email: love2walk@comcast.net.



REKINDLED

- LADIES' FELLOWSHIP LUNCH -

Thu, May 15 • 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.

RSVP to Joan at 423-899-8385; if no answer, leave a message or call the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

May 18 & 25

All Sunday School classes will take a break between semesters. The summer Sunday School semester begins June 1. Make plans to attend our graduate reception May 18.



GRADUATING SENIORS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

As we prepare to recognize graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctoral programs, please email the church office with the name of the graduate, degree earned, and name of school.

GRADUATE RECEPTION

Sun, May 18 • 11 am • Room 100

Please join us for a reception honoring our graduates during the Sunday School hour.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR NIGHT

Fri, May 23 • 6 pm • Tony's Pasta Shop

Seniors! Celebrate the end of an era! Join us for a night out to celebrate your accomplishments!

PRAISE, PRAYER, & FELLOWSHIP

Sun, May 18 • 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.

COVENANT LIFE

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Strengthening Connection & Communication

Sections 1 & 2 of *The Marriage Course* by Nicky & Sila Lee

Fri, May 30 & Sat, May 31
CPC - Room 100 (SFH)

Scan the QR Code or visit www.cpcchatt.org
for more info and to **register by Wed, May 28**



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Marriage Seminar,
Strengthening Connection and Communication

from Sections 1 and 2 of *The Marriage Course* by Nicky and Sila Lee.

Fri, May 30 - 6:45-9:00 pm - Dessert and Seminar

Sat, May 31 - 9:00-11:30 am - Coffee/Snacks and Seminar

The cost is \$25 per couple.

Childcare provided by registration only -- children 10 and under.

For more information, email heather.c.harris73@gmail.com.

COVENANT LIFE

MUSIC CAMP

June 2-6, 2025

For children entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade

REGISTRATION

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to attend Music Camp. Scan the QR Code to register. If you have any questions or need help getting signed up, please contact the church office.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

If you are interested in volunteering to help during Music Camp, scan the QR Code to sign-up or contact the church office. For more information, contact Mindy Horton (horton.melynda@gmail.com).



FORGE CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Dates • Jul 17-19

Online registration for 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Moses Theodore Mantel, son of Eric and Lucy Mantel, born April 30.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance during our services, we now offer a hearing assistive technology called Listen Everywhere. Download it from your phone or tablet's app store or scan this QR Code to be directed to download the app. Your phone or tablet can connect to a special Wi-Fi network where you can listen via your personal headphones/earbuds that are also connected to that device.



Once you have launched the app, please see one of our deacons in the Narthex to finish configuring your connection.

We also have a small number of hearing assistance devices available in the Narthex, please see a deacon if you need one.

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

May 14: Grilled Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn, Salad Bar, Key Lime Squares

- 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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Judy Foster Sarah Wade Sylvia Wade	Hannah Pittman Nathan Pittman Connie Sanders	LoisAnn Atkinson Sarah McCurry	Neal Doran Nicole Doran

NURSERY SCHEDULE - May 18

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Bekah Gernhard	Jayda Bradley Grace Doran Maria England	Lorelei Bradley Hannah Schreiner Micah Schreiner	No Nursery Graduate Reception	No Nursery Graduate Reception

MISSIONS



Heidi Meiners
Hungary

Ministry Focus:

Heidi is a special education teacher at a Christian school that also accepts non-Christian students and students of other nationalities. She now has many students she works with using the NILD (National Institute for Learning Development) program based in Norfolk, VA. The goal is to help students develop the weaker areas of their brains so that they can function in a standard classroom.

Prayer:

- For daily wisdom in teaching and guiding students, both in academic and spiritual needs.
- Staff to fill openings for 2025-26 school year.
- For this year's seniors beginning the next steps of their journey across the globe



Mario & Keila Xoca
I-55 Mexico

Ministry Focus:

Mario leads the spiritual oversight for the ministry, teachers, staff, and community center and also continues to pastor the Camino de Fe Church. Keila organizes community outreach, ministers to young women, and leads a tutoring program in the Aquiles Serdán neighborhood which surrounds the mission. They desire to see a church planted in this same community.

Prayer:

- For their marriage and family
- For the Isaiah 55 ministry with young people and their families as well as community outreach
- For safety and continued financial support

