

The Lord's Service

March 15, 2026

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

Prelude

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

1 Chronicles 16.8-11

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

PEOPLE: **Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

LEADER: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those
who seek the Lord rejoice!

PEOPLE: **Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

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 Pastor Bill Massey

*Hymn of Adoration

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Hymnal No.1

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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.**

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Church Practices*, Bucer, Strassburg (1539)

**Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and
acknowledge to you that we were conceived in
unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression
in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe
your Word nor follow your holy commandments.
We implore you, remember your goodness and for
your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our
wrongdoing, which indeed is great. Amen.**

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. We
confess in prayer both
corporately and privately as
people equally in need of
God's grace.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

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

Passing of the Peace

In Christ, we are one family. In this moment, we extend His peace with a handshake, a smile, or a simple greeting. We do this to remind one another of the grace we have received and now share with each other.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2

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

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

**Please stand and extend God's peace to those around you.*

*Hymn of Assurance

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Music page 7

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death, and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 72 (p.485)
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford

Music: Philip P. Bliss, Arr. by Robert Sterling
Sanctuary Choir

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll:
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bless of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.*

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.

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.

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.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Bill Massey

Scripture Lesson

Daniel 9 (p.746)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

HOW FAITHFUL WITNESSES PRAY

*Hymn of Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Hymnal No.629

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: God, the great Creator of all things, does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

*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.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Postlude

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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fath-er's love for us. How vast be - yond all meas - ure.
2. Be - hold a Man up - on the cross, My sin up - on his shoul - ders,
3. I will not boast in a - ny-thing. No gifts, no pow'rs, no wis - dom,



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure.
A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scoff - ers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fath - er turns His face a-way,
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - comp - lished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fi - nished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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SERMON NOTES

Title: How Faithful Witnesses Pray

Text: Daniel 9

Mission Statement of CPC

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

CPC Pastors

David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor*),

Bill Massey (*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth & Families*)

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Musicians

Director - Todd Gaither, Piano - Melissa Ferrel, Organ - Evangeline Wykoff

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 119.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from Daniel 12.

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, 2022 (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 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Diaconate Meeting - Room 121-122 - 12:30 pm
HS Surf Trip #1 Begins
Marriage Ministry Retreat Ends

Tuesday, March 17

ROMEO - Ringgold Cracker Barrel - 8 am
Ladies' Bible Study (John) - Room 122 - 10 am

Wednesday, March 18

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, March 19

Growing Together (Moms) - Room 105 - 9:30 am
Senior Saints Visitation - Room 105 - 11:05 am

Friday, March 20

Men's Job Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am
Women's Craft Evening - Morrison's Home - 7 pm

Saturday, March 21

HS Surf Trip #1 Ends

Sunday, March 22

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Forge Interest Meeting - Youth Room - 12:15 pm
Johnson/Mennenga Wedding Shower - SFH - 3 pm

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org. *These needs are shared M-F. If you have an urgent need, contact your shepherding elder.*

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

COVENANT LIFE

SENIOR SAINTS VISITATION

Mar 19 • 11 am • Room 105

Join us to sign cards and prepare baskets and then travel in pairs to visit our senior saints who aren't able to attend church regularly. We will pray together and then visit our assigned seniors.

If you would like to join us in this ministry or if you have questions, please contact Judy Foster.

WOMEN'S CRAFT EVENING

Mar 20 • 7 pm • Christine Morrison's Home

Ladies, join us for a fun evening where we will learn how to make paper bag books. Supplies will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

Please email Christine to sign up.
(rpgchatt@comcast.net)

JOHNSON/MENNENGA SHOWER

Mar 22 • 3 pm • SFH

We are excited to invite you to a shower in honor of Drew Johnson (who grew up at CPC) and Maddie Mennenga. Let's gather - men and women - to encourage and support this young couple as they prepare for their marriage.



Scan the QR code for their registry. Password is "Edward&Jayne"

FORGE CAMP VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING

Mar 22 • 12:15 • Youth Room

If you are interested in serving at Forge Camp this summer, join us in the Youth Room after Sunday School. We will walk through what the week of camp will look like, including the schedule, classes, and the goals of Forge. We are looking for new volunteers and skill sets for new class options. Forge Camp is July 30 - Aug 1.

WOMEN'S HIKE

Mar 28 • 8 am • Enterprise South

Ladies, plan to join us for a hike and breakfast. We will meet at the Enterprise Visitor's Center (190 Still Hollow Loop, Chattanooga, TN) for a hike to Hidden Lake and back. There will be options for an easy 1-mile or moderate 3-mile hike. Afterwards, relax over coffee/breakfast at Oaks Coffee House (2916 Silverdale Rd, Chattanooga, TN). In case of rain, we will meet for breakfast at Oaks Coffee House at 8:30 am.

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP

Sun, Mar 29 • 11 am • SFH

Sunday school classes will not be meeting this week for Palm Sunday and we will enjoy a day of fellowshiping together with snacks and coffee. Please mark your calendars for this special event!

COVENANT LIFE



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

RESURRECTION

Celebration

MARCH 28 - 9-11 AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & ACTIVITIES

\$10 per family (*pay at the door*)



Scan For More Info

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate funds for fresh flowers to adorn the chancel for our Easter worship service, scan the QR Code and donate online or contact the church office for assistance. Designate your gift "*In Honor Of*" or "*In Memory Of*" a friend or loved one.

Donations will be received through Wednesday, April 1.



CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Resurrection Celebration on Saturday, March 28. **Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Wednesday, March 25.**

COVENANT LIFE

2026 SUMMER CAMP DATES

- **Music Camp - Jun 1-5**
(Registration opens Apr 15)
- **The Edge Conference - Jun 15-19**
(Registration is open)
- **HS Mission Trip - June 27 - July 4**
(Registration is closed)
- **SHINE Camp - July 20-24**
(Registration is open for CPC)
- **Forge Camp - July 30 - Aug 1**
(Registration is open)
- **HS Lock-Out - Aug 2-4**

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



CONGRATULATIONS

The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Gemma Grace Warren, daughter of Tim & Lauren Warren, born March 5.

CHURCH WIDE CHILI COOKOFF

Apr 8 • 5:30 pm • SFH

Dust off your apron and fire up your best chili recipe! It's time for our Church-Wide Chili Cookoff! Bring the heat, compete for bragging rights, and maybe even take home a prize! Come hungry and enjoy great food and fellowship. All donations will support our Youth Summer Camps. Save the date and get ready to cook up some competition!

Men's JOURNEY groups

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore
(Psalm 16:11).*

Our growth in *knowing God* involves journeying the "path of life" and no other journey promises greater joy! As David proclaims, "In your presence there is fullness of joy." Yet walking this path requires watching over our hearts with the encouragement of fellow-journeymen. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together," the saying goes. The Gospel of Jesus Christ meets this need by uniting us not only to God but also to one another. *Men's Journey Groups* are one way of enjoying fellowship with God and with each other as we walk the path of life together.

To join a Men's Journey Group scan the QR code or visit:
www.cpcchatt.org/journeygroups



If you would like to lead a Journey Group, please let us know when you sign up.
The leadership training will be April 18, 8:30 am until 12:00 PM in Room 105.

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

March 18: Spaghetti Pie, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Strawberry Cream Cheese Pie

March 25: Smothered Burritos, Mexican Salad Bar, Tortilla Chips & Salsa, Mexican Faux "Fried" Ice Cream

April 1: Holy Week -- No Midweek Meal or Activities

- 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.

MIDWEEK KITCHEN CLEAN-UP HELP

We currently have a need for ONE PERSON in the kitchen for weekly help with dish duty!

Please consider serving your church family this way. It is important work that will bless you as well as blessing others. Contact Emily Calloway ecalloway@cpcchatt.org

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Grace Durgin Hannah Ingram	Wesley Durgin Calvin Ingram Esther McEachern	Connie Hildebrand Jim Hildebrand	Evangeline Wykoff Priscilla Wykoff

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Mar 22

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Susan Helton	Judy Foster Lillie Yonkofski	Debby Gardner Dawn Reynolds Tim Warren	Eleanor James Sarah McCurry	Jonathan McClelland Mollie McClelland

MISSIONS



Yohan & Chloe Prudente
Harvest USA

Ministry Focus:

Yohan graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary and lives with his beloved wife, in the greater Philadelphia area. Yohan is on the Men's Ministry staff at Harvest USA, assisting in the equipping mission through preaching, teaching, and creating content for the local church. Harvest USA ministers to those who struggle with sexual issues of all types - bringing the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to 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



Linda Summer
Agape Puppets - worldwide

Ministry Focus:

Each year, Agape Puppets shares the true love of Jesus Christ with over 70,000 children, teenagers, and adults across five continents. They also train and equip teams in many countries to reach their children (and parents) for Jesus. Using puppets and storytelling, they tell children living in desperate places that there is hope.

Prayer:

- For Linda's physical health and spiritual vigor
- For international traveling safety and finances
- For new believers to grow and be connected to a local church for discipleship and encouragement

More details at cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach

