

The Lord's Service

March 22, 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

Psalm 7.17

LEADER: I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness,

PEOPLE: **And I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.**

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 Travis Hutchinson

*Hymn of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Hymnal No.53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 32.3-5

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long. For day and
night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I
did not cover my iniquity;

PEOPLE: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to
the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of
my sin.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Family Prayers*, Henry Thornton, London (1837)

**We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before
you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of
our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives,
and the prevalence of worldly affections within us.
Too often have we indulged the tempers which we
ought to have subdued, and have left our duty
unperformed.**

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.

O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Amen.

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 33.20-22

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

“Our soul waits for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”

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

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

Hymnal No.701

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,
his child and forever I am.

Refrain: Redeemed, redeemed,
redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy
his child and forever I am.

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence
with me doth continually dwell. *Refrain*

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
his love is the theme of my song. *Refrain*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 86 (p.494)
read by Elder Ken Hostetler

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Prayer

Text: based on Psalm 86, Isaiah 6
Music: Scott M. Finch
Sanctuary Choir

Hear my prayer, O LORD, hear my prayer, O LORD;

I am poor and full of need.

Guard well my life; I submit to You;

I am your servant, You are my God!

Have mercy on me O LORD,

I call unto You all the day long!

Work in me true joy (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy);

I lift up my soul (Lord have mercy, Alleluia).

You are forgiving (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy)

And forever good (Lord have mercy, Alleluia).

You about in love (Holy, holy, holy, holy),

So I call to You (Holy, holy, holy, holy);

Listen to my cry (Holy, holy, God Almighty);

Give me Your peace (Heaven and earth acclaim Your Glory!).

Have mercy on me (Agnus Dei, qui tolis),

O LORD (peccata mundi),

I call unto You (Agnus Dei, qui tolis)

All the day long (peccata mundi)!

Have mercy on me (miserere nobis),

O LORD (miserere nobis),

I call unto You (Agnus Dei, qui tolis)

All the day long (peccata; Alleluia)!

You abound in love (Dona nobis pacem);

So I call to You (Dona nobis, pacem),

Listen to my cry (Alleluia, pacem,

Give me Your peace (Alleluia, pacem).

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Phil Wade

Scripture Lesson

Daniel 12 (p.750)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

HOW FAITHFUL WITNESSES HOPE

*Hymn of Response

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Hymnal No.521

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **It pleased God in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world. Unto whom He did from all eternity give a people to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

*Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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.

SERMON NOTES

Title: How Faithful Witnesses Hope

Text: Daniel 12

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*)

CPC Officers

ELDERS: Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Don Griffin, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders (Clerk), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Phil Wade, Rex Wagner, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

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Musicians

Director - Mark Perry, Piano - Alayne Griffin, 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.

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Bill preaches from Matthew 21.

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 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

Tuesday, March 24

Ladies' Bible Study (John) - Room 122 - 10 am

Wednesday, March 25

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list

Thursday, March 26

Growing Together (Moms) - Room 105 - 9:30 am

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

HS Surf Trip #2 Begins
Women's Hike - Enterprise South - 8 am
Resurrection Celebration - SFH - 9 am

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Church-Wide Fellowship - Lobby - 11 am

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

FORGE CAMP VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING

TODAY • 12:15 • Youth Room

MEN, we need you to invest in the lives of young men at Forge Camp! Join us for a short meeting to learn what the week of camp will look like, including the schedule, classes, and the goals of Forge. **Volunteers to teach new skills are needed for 2026 class options.**

Forge Camp is July 30 - Aug 1.

JOHNSON/MENNENGA SHOWER

TODAY • 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"

WOMEN'S MINISTRY HIKE

Sat, Mar 28 • 8 am • Enterprise South

Ladies, 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 (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 • Lobby

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

CHURCH-WIDE CHILI COOKOFF

Wed, 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.**

Scan the QR code to sign up and get ready to cook up some competition!



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.**



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

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



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 THIS Wednesday, March 25.**

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

Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Women's Conference

Sat, Apr 25 - 9 am-3 pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church
8451 E Brainerd Rd. Chattanooga, TN



Speaker: Paula Miles

Topic: Body, Bride, & Building

Cost: \$20

Includes breakfast, lunch, & sessions



Scan the QR code for more info, or to sign up by Apr 19.



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

April 1: Passion Week -- No Midweek Meal

April 8: Church-Wide Chili Cookoff, Salad Bar, Cornbread, Frozen Lemonade Dessert

- 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
Susan Helton	Judy Foster Lillie Yonkofski	Debby Gardner Dawn Reynolds Tim Warren	Eleanor James Sarah McCurry	Jonathan McClelland Mollie McClelland

NURSERY SCHEDULE - Mar 29

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Stacy Collins	Lorelei Bradley Sherlyn Hobbs	Jayda Bradley Joann Mills Jonathan Mills	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

MISSIONS



Josiah & Miriam
Central Africa

Ministry Focus:

Josiah & Miriam serve in Central Africa in the difficult work of Bible translation among the Dazagara people. They are also involved with the small number of Daza brothers and sisters there.

In addition to her crucial work as a wife and mother, Miriam uses her nursing degree to help those with little access to medical care.

Prayer:

- That their translation work will serve to strengthen Gospel efforts among the Dazagara
- For their marriage and family (six young kids)
- For health in a very hot and tough environment - Josiah had recent heart troubles
- For safety from any opposition



Stepan & Alla
Belarus

Ministry Focus:

Stepan and Alla are nationals serving in their home country of Belarus. They have six children and several grandchildren. Stepan pastors a small church as well as travelling to many other small towns to offer Communion to those believers without a pastor.

The church has faced opposition yet continues to serve the homeless and disabled.

Prayer:

- For many people in Belarus to become Christians
- For the provision of their extra needs as they help others
- For safety and health as they travel daily
- For locals that have visited their church to be saved

More details at cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach

