

The Lord's Service

March 29, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Antiphonal Hosanna
Choristers

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.

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 Worship

based on Psalm 118.26

LEADER: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!

*Invocation

by Pastor David Stephenson

*Hymn of Adoration

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hymnal No.235

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:
to thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 30.15,18

LEADER: For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling,

PEOPLE: **Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him."**

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.

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.

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.

Private Confession of Sin

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.”

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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Hymnal No.335

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal
would thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek
would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be;
and with wisdom kind and clear
let Thy life in mine appear;
and with actions brotherly
speak my Lord's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be;
mighty so as to prevail,
where unaided man must fail;
ever by a mighty hope,
pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would holy be;
separate from sin, I would
choose and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be
give to him who gave me thee!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118.1-9, 14-29(p.511)
read by Elder Ken Hostetler

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

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.

Offertory

Hosanna

Text: Isaac Watts and Craig Courtney
Music: Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

*Hosanna to the royal son of David's ancient line!
His natures two, his persons one, mysterious and divine.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing;
Hosanna, hosanna, to Jesus Christ the king.*

*The root of David, here we find, and offspring are the same:
Eternity and time are joined in our Immanuel's name.*

*Blest he that comes to sinful man with peaceful news from Heaven!
Hosannas, of the highest strain, to Christ the Lord be given.*

*Let mortals ne'er refuse to take Hosanna on their tongues,
Lest rocks and stones should rise and break their silence into songs.*

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 Rev. Eric Mullinax

Scripture Lesson

Zechariah 9:9 & Matthew 21:1-11
(p.797 & p.826)

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

WHO IS THIS?

*Hymn of Response

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jennette Threlfall

Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Confession, 4.2

LEADER: Christian, why was our Mediator called Christ?

PEOPLE: **Because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond all measure.**

Consequently, He was set apart and completely equipped with all authority and power to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of His church, in both His humiliation and His exaltation.

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.

***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.

God Commissions Us

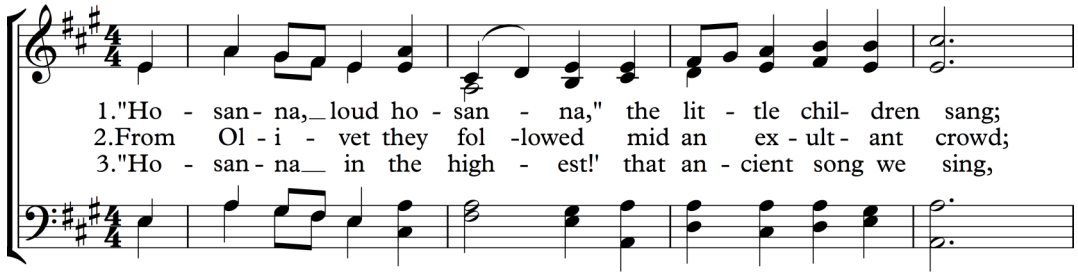
Benediction

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.

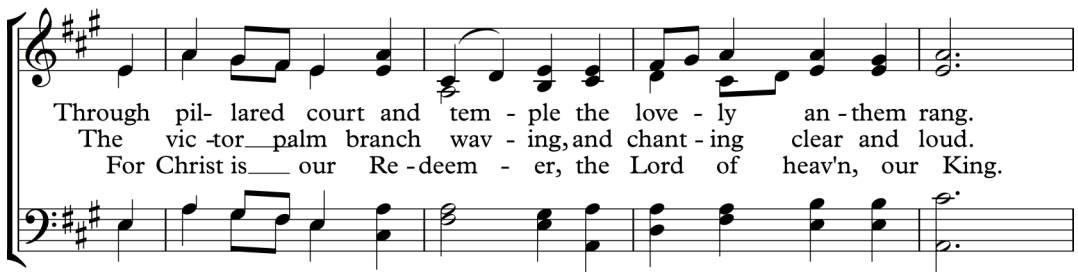
***Benediction**

Postlude

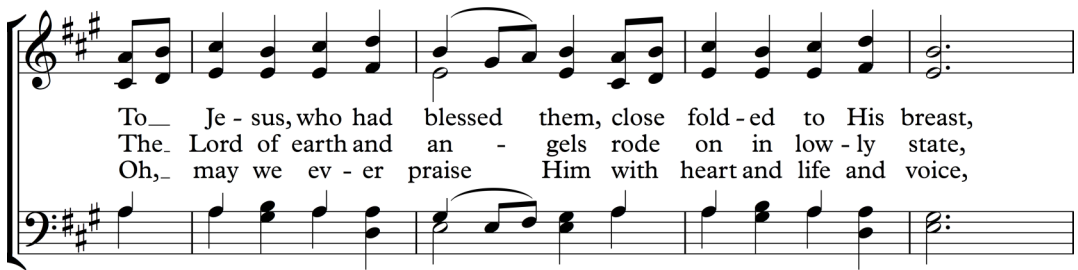
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1."Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2.From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd;
3."Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and an - gels rode on in low - ly state,
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

SERMON NOTES

Title: Who Is This?

Text: Zechariah 9.9, Matthew 21.1-11

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, Dee Hobbs, 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 - Will McDaniel, 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.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from Matthew 28.

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 29 - Palm Sunday

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Church-Wide Fellowship - Lobby - 11 am

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

No regular Midweek activities - Passion Week

HS Surf Trip returns

Thursday, April 2

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

Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary - 7 pm

Friday, April 3

Church Offices Closed - Good Friday

Good Friday Service - Sanctuary - Noon

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

No Sunday School

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at office@cpcc chatt.org to make an appointment.

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcc chatt.org

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcc chatt.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

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP

TODAY • 11 am • Lobby

Sunday school classes will not be meeting this morning as we enjoy our Sunday School hour fellowshiping together with snacks and coffee.

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.**



PASSION WEEK

Thu, Apr 2 • Maundy Thursday Service

7 pm - Sanctuary

Fri, Apr 3 • Good Friday Service

Noon - Sanctuary

Sun, Apr 5 • Easter Service

9:30 am - Sanctuary

All three services will be livestreamed.



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!



CHURCH-WIDE WORKDAY

Sat, Apr 11 • 8:30 am • Room 100

Men, women, and children are invited to a Church Workday. We'll begin with doughnuts and coffee and then tackle several inside and outside projects. We plan to complete all projects by noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug McEachern (d1m91248@aol.com).

COVENANT LIFE

YOUTH AND FAMILY PICNIC

Sat, Apr 11 • 12 pm • Heritage Park

Our students and families are invited to a picnic and games at Heritage Park! We hope you will join us for fellowship and fun after the church workday. Bring a snack or a drink to share.

OCC CRAFT DAY

Sat, Apr 18 • 9 am • SFH

Teens and adults are invited to come to OCC Craft Day. We will make several different crafts (such as bead dolls, spinners, scrunchies, fishing kits, etc), to be placed in the shoeboxes at our packing parties. Please bring a \$3 donation to offset the cost of materials.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

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)
- **Forge Camp - July 30 - Aug 1**
(Registration is open)
- **HS Lock-Out - Aug 2-4**

Scan the QR code to register for all of these events and for more information at cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

On Fri, Apr 3 (Good Friday), the church offices will be closed.

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).

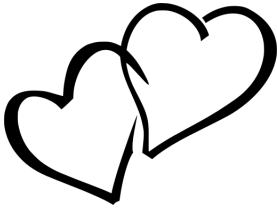
Our growth in *knowing God* involves journeying the "path of life" and no other journey promises greater joy! As David proclaims, "In your presence there is fullness of joy." Yet walking this path requires watching over our hearts with the encouragement of fellow-journeymen. "If you want to go fast, 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 SHOWERS

You're invited to join us for several wedding showers this spring! Come celebrate and encourage these young couples as they prepare for marriage. Several of them grew up at CPC—let's surround them with love and prayer. Use the QR codes to view and shop their registries.

Betsy Wade &
Caleb Ward

Sun, Apr 12 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at the Knot.



Elijah Harris &
Noémie Haberey

Sun, Apr 19 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at the Knot.



David Herberich &
Jennifer Hernandez

Sat, Apr 18 • 2 pm
Susan Helton's Home

The couple is registered at Amazon.



Clyde Haywood &
Mary Davis

Sun, Apr 26 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at Amazon.



COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

- April 1:** Passion Week -- No Midweek Meal
- April 8:** Church-Wide Chili Cookoff, Salad Bar, Cornbread, Frozen Lemonade Dessert
- April 15:** French Toast, Hash Browns, Bacon, Fruit Salad, Yogurt & Granola

- 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
Stacy Collins	Lorelei Bradley Sherlyn Hobbs	Jayda Bradley Joann Mills Jonathan Mills	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

NURSERY SCHEDULE - April 5

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Bekah Gernhard	Lois Ann Atkinson Charlotte Gernhard	David Gernhard Eleanor Gernhard Henry Gernhard	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

MISSIONS



Lee & Jen Leadbetter
UTK RUF-International

Ministry Focus:

The Leadbetters guide the ministry to more than 1100 international students at the UT-Knoxville campus. RUF-I seeks to serve international students and scholars at UT with the love and hospitality of Christ, and to sensitively engage them with authentic Christianity in order that their lives, families, and home communities might be transformed by the Gospel.

Prayer:

- For God to use the staff and volunteer Ministry Team to love and serve students well
- For students from many diverse cultural and religious backgrounds to be drawn to Jesus as Lord and Savior
- For a strong marriage that radiates the Gospel of grace



HAFF
Haiti

Ministry Focus:

Haitian American Friendship Foundation's ministries include academic education, theological education, community development, and mercy ministries. Academic training is offered primarily through their large Christian secondary school (Bohoc Training Institute). A medical clinic and dental services are also offered in the central plateau region.

Prayer:

- For stability, peace, and safety in this troubled island nation
- For the safety/health of teachers and staff
- For HAFF's finances during rapidly increasing prices of even basic supplies
- For students and their families to grow deeply in their love for the Lord

More details at cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach