

The Lord's Service

April 12, 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.

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

Psalm 65.4

LEADER: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

PEOPLE: **We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of your house, the holiness of your temple!**

*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

*Hymn of Adoration

I Sing the Almighty Power of God
Hymnal No.119

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn mine eye,
if I survey the ground I tread
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that man can be,
you, God, are present there.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Scottish Psalter*, Psalm 51, Edinburgh (1595)

**Father of all mercies, who delights not in the death of
a sinner, have compassion upon us, and wash us from
all our sins that we have committed against your holy
majesty since the time we first came into this world.
Create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us
continually with the power of your Holy Spirit that
we, being truly consecrated to your service, may set
forth your praises, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

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.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-4

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

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

Before the Throne of God Above
music on page 7

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart. *(repeat)*

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me. *(repeat)*

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God. *(repeat)*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 16 (p.453)
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Introduction of New Members

Rodney & Mary, Nathan, Levi, Toby McChargue and Faith Ledbetter

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Give Me Jesus
African American Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan
Mariana Lopez Tello

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus,
Nobody but Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*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. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24.13-35(p.885)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

EMMAUS: WHEN JESUS WALKS WITH YOU

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.

*Hymn of Response

Speak, O Lord
music on page 8

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

*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

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

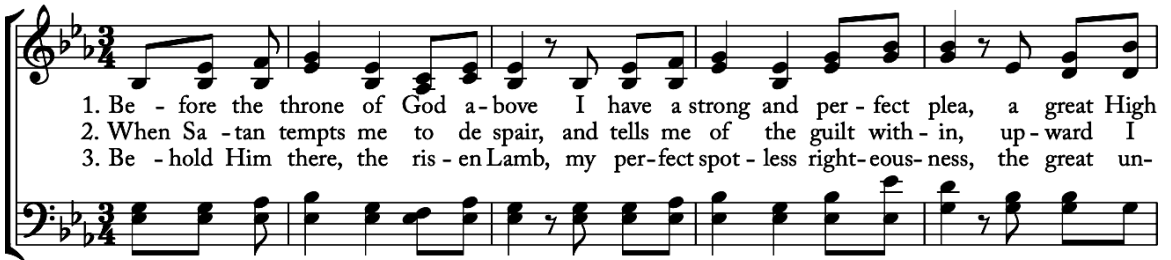
Confession of Faith

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.

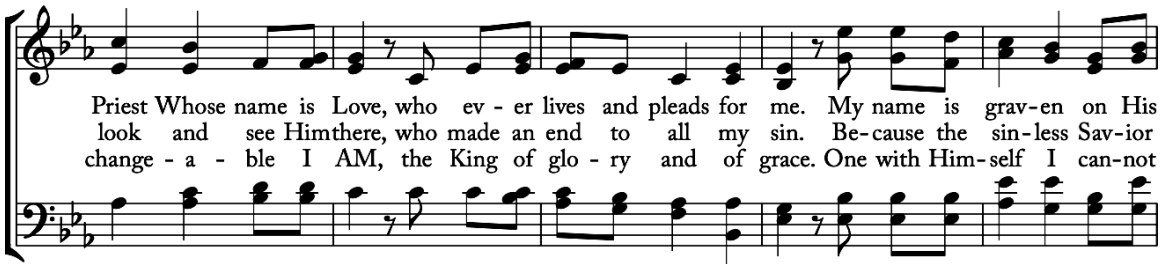
Benediction

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.

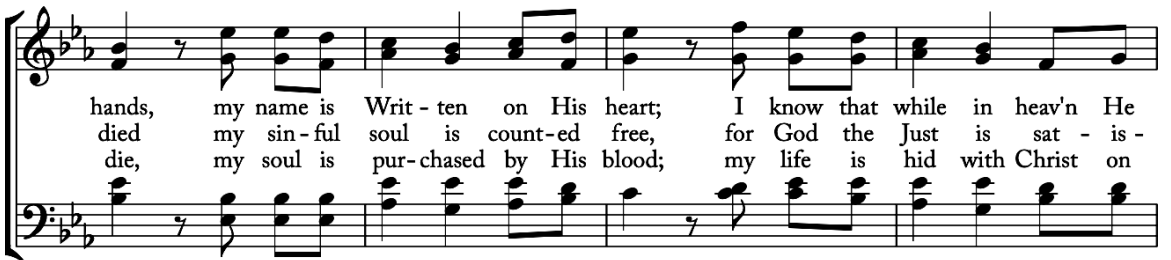
Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest Whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I can - not



hands, my name is Writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the Just is sat - is -
die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your ho - ly word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us_ in your like - ness,
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ence of your pu - ri - ty.
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day_ in our acts of love and ourdeeds of faith.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes_ to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es_ and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - po - ses of Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail_ o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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SERMON NOTES

Title: Emmaus: When Jesus Walks With You

Text: Luke 24.13-35

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 - 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 John 3.

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, April 12

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Wade/Ward Wedding Shower - SFH - 2 pm

Monday, April 13

Women's Ministry Team Mtg - Morrison Home - 6 pm

Tuesday, April 14

Ladies' Bible Study (John) - Room 122 - 10 am
Men's Ministry Leadership Planning Mtg - Lobby - 7 pm

Wednesday, April 15

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, April 16

Growing Together (Moms) - Room 105 - 9:30 am
Rekindled Ladies Luncheon - SFH - 12 pm

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

OCC Craft Day - SFH - 9 am
Herberich Bridal Shower - Helton Home - 2 pm

Sunday, April 19

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Harris/Haberey Wedding Shower - SFH - 2 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

REKINDLED LADIES LUNCHEON

Thu, Apr 16 • 12 pm • SFH

Ladies, if you suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, join us for a time of ministry and encouragement and a light lunch. Please RSVP to Joan Denkinger at 423-605-9677.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND 5TH GRADE FUN NIGHT

Fri, May 1 • 6 pm • SFH

Middle School and 5th grade students are invited to join us for a fun night of laser tag! The cost is \$7. Please scan the QR code to sign up!



OCC APRIL COLLECTION

We collect items all year to fill OCC Shoeboxes and spread the gospel. All donations should be placed on the OCC cart in the Youth stairway near the Lobby. This month these are the items we are collecting:

*small stuffed animals, small dolls,
plushies, craft kits*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 3RD ANNUAL CRAFT WORKDAY



Join us on
Saturday, April 18,
9 am-1 pm
in room 100 (SFH)

Teens and Adults are invited.
Bring a \$3 donation to offset
the cost of materials.

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.



MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Dates • Jun 1-5

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to attend Music Camp! Registration opens **April 15** at cpcchatt.org.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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

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

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.

RESOURCE CENTER

New Sermon Series: When You Meet Jesus Stories of Grace from the Gospels

Please visit the Resource Center in the Lobby in the coming weeks to check out the new resources we have to complement the new sermon series.

- * *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller
- * *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund
- * *A Meal with Jesus* by Tim Chester

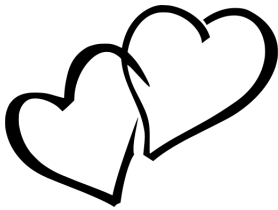
2026 SUMMER CAMP DATES

- **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 at
cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth



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

TODAY • 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.



Elijah Harris &
Noémie Haberey

Sun, Apr 19 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at the Knot.



Clyde Haywood &
Mary Davis

Sun, Apr 26 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at Amazon.



COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

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.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

For a list of Midweek meal ingredients please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at 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
Tammy Bacon	Leanna Cathey Sophia Cross	Evangeline Cathey Heather Harris Jon Harris	Catherine Coffey Maria England	Sarah McCurry Magdalene Wykoff

NURSERY SCHEDULE - April 19

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Sherry Baierl	Lisa Wright Matthew Wright	Jean Mauroner Richard Mauroner Lily McDaniel	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez	Cecelia Nunn Megan Nunn

MISSIONS



Luke & Amanda McAuley
Kenya

Ministry Focus:

Luke is an Occupational Therapist working with SIM and BethanyKids around Kijabe.

“Our team treats nearly 4,000 patients per year. Each of our families brings their children to receive nursing care, therapy, social services, and parent-to-parent mentorship. One of the unique things about therapy is that we can create a strong relationship with our families and show the love of Christ over several visits.”

Prayer:

- For safe travels as they return to Kenya this month
- For the patients and families Luke’s team serves to know Jesus
- For ongoing financial support and ministry purpose for the entire family



Amani/Livingstone Café
Chattanooga

Ministry Focus:

Amani ya Juu (“peace from above” in Swahili) is a sewing and reconciliation program for marginalized women established in Nairobi, Kenya, with a sister center in Uganda.

Joanna and Pete Vaughn team-lead the Chattanooga center. Amani Chattanooga houses the US Warehouse and is specifically dedicated to coordinating the Sale Program and managing Amani’s Online Shop. A lovely store and coffee shop are located at 420 S Willow Street.

Prayer:

- For Pete and Joanna Vaughn, their children, and the staff at Amani Ya Juu
- For success of the Livingstone coffee shop and Amani store in Chattanooga
- For the makers of all the crafts in Kenya and their growth in Christ

More details at cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach