

The Lord's Service

April 19, 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 9.1-2

LEADER: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

PEOPLE: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

LEADER: I will be glad and exult in you;

PEOPLE: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Invocation

by Pastor Bill Massey

*Hymn of Adoration

How Great Is Our God
Music page 7

The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God,
sing with me: how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb,
Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing: how great is our God.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.4-6

LEADER: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD
is one. You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your might.

PEOPLE: **And these words that I command you
today shall be on your heart.**

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.**

Private Confession of Sin

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.

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

God of Grace
Music page 8

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free.
Oh the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, Who loved and knew me long before the world began.
Sent my Saviour down from heaven; perfect God and perfect Man.
God of grace I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven, and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see Your face,
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 36.24-28 (p.724)
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Brandon & Annabelle Cross present Lillian Ava for baptism.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Revelation 19

Text & Music by Jeffrey LaValley: Arr, by Jack Schrader

Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory,
Honor and power unto the Lord our God.

For the Lord our God is mighty,
And the Lord our God is omnipotent;
The Lord our God, He is wonderful.

All praises be to the King of Kings,
And the Lord of Lords, He is wonderful.

*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 Elder Ken Hostetler

Scripture Lesson

John 3.1-17 (p.887)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

NICODEMUS: WHEN RELIGION ISN'T ENOUGH

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Baptism

In baptism, ordinary water signifies God's covenant grace, his forgiveness of sins through spiritual washing, and the blood of Jesus. It does not save, but marks our belonging to Christ and is commanded for every Christian. The children of believers may be baptized, as New Testament household baptisms correspond to Old Testament circumcision.

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

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Hymnal No.468

My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him,
he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name,
salvation thro' his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed,
for me his life he gave. *Refrain*

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.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto Him.

*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

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 Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves



1a. The splen-dor of the King, clothed in ma - jes - ty; ___
1b. He wraps him - self in light ___ and dark-ness tries to hide ___
2a. And age to age he stands; ___ and time is in his hands; ___
2b. The God-head, three in One, ___ Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son, ___



___ let all the earth re - jice, ___ all the earth re - jice. ___ (He wraps)
___ and trem-bles at his voice, ___ and trem-bles at his voice. ___ How great
___ be - gin - ning and the end, ___ be - gin - ning and the end. ___ (The God)
___ the Li - on and the Lamb, ___ the Li - on and the Lamb. ___ How great

Chorus



___ is our God, ___ sing with me: how great ___ is our God.



___ And all will see how great, how great ___ is our God. And



Name a - bove ___ all ___ names, ___ wor - thy of ___ all ___ praise;



___ my heart will sing: how great ___ is our God. ___

God of Grace

Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea



1. God of grace, a - maz - ing won - der, ir - re - sist - a - ble and free:
2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;
3. God of grace, I stand a - stound - ed, cleansed, for - giv - en and se - cure.



Oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me.
Sent my Sav - ior down from hea - ven: per - fect God and per - fect Man.
All my fears are now con - found - ed and my hope is ev - er sure.



God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re - stores my soul.
God of grace, I trust in Je - sus, I'm ac - cept - ed as His own.
God of grace, now crowned in glo - ry, where one day I'll see your face;



His own blood has paid my ran - som, awe - some cost to make me whole.
Ev - 'ry day new grace sus - tains me as I lean on Him a - lone.
and for - ev - er I'll a - dore You in Your ev - er - last - ing grace.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Nicodemus: When Religion Isn't Enough

Text: John 3.1-17

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 - 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 Luke 19.

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 19

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

Tuesday, April 21

ROMEO Breakfast - Cracker Barrel (Ringgold) - 8 am
Ladies' Bible Study (John) - Schoap's Home - 10 am

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

Women's TVP Conference - SFH - 9 am

Sunday, April 26

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Haywood/Davis 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

Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Women's Conference

DEADLINE
TODAY

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



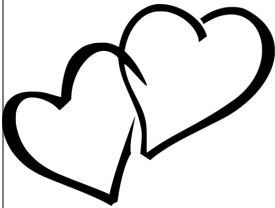
Scan the QR code for more info, or to sign up by Apr 19.



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.



Elijah Harris &
Noémie Haberey

TODAY • 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

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND 5TH GRADE LASER TAG

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!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, May 2 • 8:30 am • SFH

We look forward to you joining us for this encouraging time of fellowship. Hart Hogan will be sharing a talk titled, "Pornography and the Christian Man." Young men in High School are also invited to join us. Cost \$5.

COLLEGE & CAREER GAME NIGHT

Sat, May 2 • 6 pm • Ingram's Home

All College and Career age group is invited to join us for a fun time of games and fellowship. Please email Calvin with questions: calviningram2013@gmail.com

CPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, May 6 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot

CPC is partnering with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot. Scan the QR Code to sign up online for the time you prefer.



MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Dates • Jun 1-5

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to attend Music Camp! Registration is open 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

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION

Mon, Apr 20 and Tue, Apr 21

Our church offices will be physically closed as construction begins on the new elevator project. There will be very limited building access due to the noise and dust associated with the demolition phase of this project.

Most of our staff will be working from home but you may call the church office (monitored remotely) for any pressing needs or reach out to our church staff directly via email or phone.

Thanks for your understanding!

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
- * *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

2026 SUMMER CAMP DATES

- **Music Camp - Jun 1-5**
(Registration is open)
- **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 open for Waitlist only)
- **Forge Camp - July 30 - Aug 1**
(Registration is open)
- **HS Lock-Out - Aug 2-4**

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



LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost & Found cabinet, located next to the water fountain in the foyer, has filled up fast! **Please check** to see if have anything that you may not have even realized you're missing. There are Bibles, journals, mugs, bags, sweaters, and coats. We will be donating items not picked up in a few weeks. Thank you!

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

April 22: Grilled Chicken, Loaded Southwest Pasta Salad, Salad Bar, Peach Pie with Ice Cream

April 29: Mediterranean Chicken Bowl, Flat Bread, Tzatziki Sauce, Hummus. Salad Bar, Chocolate Cake

- 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 |
| Sherry Baiertl | Lisa Wright Matthew Wright | Jean Mauroner Richard Mauroner Lily McDaniel | Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez | Cecelia Nunn Megan Nunn |

NURSERY SCHEDULE - April 26

| Worship - 9:15 am | | | Sunday School - 11 am | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Front Desk | Little Lambs | Busy Bees | Little Lambs | Busy Bees |
| Laura Spotts | Meghan Lewis Sarah Wade | Camille Ambrose Heather Harris Jon Harris | Amy Creamer Bryonie Wykoff | John Wykoff Peter Wykoff |

MISSIONS



Mission to North America (PCA)

Ministry Focus:

MNA's various ministries are wonderful resources for established PCA churches and church plants. We help equip and train churches and congregants for faithful kingdom mission. We invite you to engage with MNA ministries, enabling us to come alongside you as you seek to faithfully love neighbors in Jesus' name.

A few MNA Ministry 'arms' include Disaster Response, Refugee & Immigrant Ministry, and Prison Ministry.

Prayer:

- That by the grace of God in the next ten years the PCA will prayerfully plant new churches, reduce church closings, and expand the diversity of the PCA
- For the leaders of MNA to seek God's direction and guidance in every task



Metanoia Prison Ministry Barry Smith

Ministry Focus:

Metanoia partners in ministry with over 130 churches nationwide. The discipleship through correspondence ministry has grown to touch more than 1,300 prisoners each year and involves over 500 volunteers. The mentoring ministry has also expanded into a total of four facilities across the southeast and plans to expand into several more in the coming years.

Walker State Prison is a local facility where CPC men have partnered. More mentors are needed.

Prayer:

- For prisoners to grow in Christ through correspondence and direct mentoring
- For all of the ministry staff. (There are Regional Directors in CA, TX, GA, SC, NC, and TN.)
- For God to continue to provide the financial partners to carry out the ministry.

More details at cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach

