## The Lord's Service April 6, 2025

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

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 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.

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 92.1-4

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.PEOPLE: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by

your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

\*Hymn of Adoration

O Love of God, How Strong and True Text: Horatius Bonar, 1858; Music: Hubert Parry, 1916 Hymnal No. 81

\*Invocation

by Elder Dee Hobbs

## **God Cleanses Us**

Call to Confession

2 Corinthians 7.1

LEADER: ...beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,PEOPLE: ... bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

#### Private Confession of Sin

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

from Strassburg Liturgy (1539)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments.

Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which truly is great. Amen.

#### 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

#### PEOPLE: And also with you!

\*Hymn of Assurance Text and Music: Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, and Jonny Robinson (2018) See page 7

## God Consecrates Us

#### Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12.1-20 (p.53) read by Elder Ken Hostetler

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.** 

Tithes and Offerings

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. This prayer begins with silent confession, followed by corporate confession 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.

#### 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

Day by Day Text: Lina Sandell, trans. by A. L. Skoog; Music arr. by Mark Perry Sanctuary Choir

Day by day, and with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here; Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure, Gives unto each day what He deems best, Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me, With a special mercy for each hour; All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me, He whose name is Counsellor and Power. The protection of His child and treasure Is a charge that on Himself He laid; "As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure," This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation, So to trust Thy promises, O Lord, That I lose not faith's sweet consolation, Offered me within Thy holy Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, E'er to take, as from a father's hand, One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

#### \*Doxology

#### OLD HUNDRETH

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

Hebrews 11.27-29 (p. 1008)

By faith he [Moses] left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

#### 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

#### by Pastor Bill Massey

#### FAITH PASSING THROUGH

\*Hymn of Response

God Shall Arise and by His Might From Psalm 68, paraphrased by Benjamin Essenburg, 1931 Music by Matthias Greiter, 1525 See page 8

### The Lord's Table

\*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (215)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe? **PEOPLE:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### 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.

#### **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.

<sup>+</sup> "catholic" -- universal

#### \*Gloria Patri

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.

#### Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Allergy-sensitive bread is available next to the tray (see page 14 for ingredients). An elder will offer to bring the meal to those who prefer to remain seated.

#### Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.PEOPLE: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Institution and Prayer

Hymn for Distribution Text: Horatius Bonar (1855); Music: John Wykoff (2008) See page 8

#### Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

#### Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father. \*When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

## **God Commissions Us**

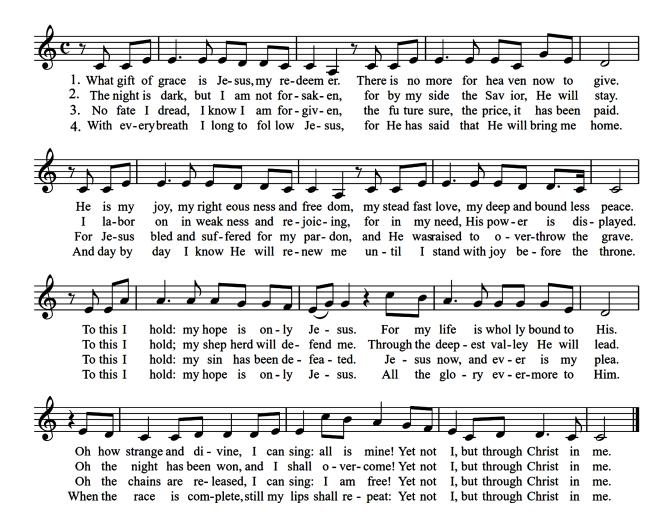
\*Benediction

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.

#### Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me



#### God Shall Arise and by His Might



As wax that melts be-fore the fire, So, van-quished by God's dread - ful ire, Shall all the wick - ed per - ish. The Lord, that is His glo-rious Name. Sing un - to Him with loud ac-claim; To Him be glo - ry giv - en. He from His tem-ple ter - ror sows, But on His peop-ple strength be-stows. To God let praise be giv - en.

#### Here, O My Lord



# SERMON NOTES

Title: Faith Passing Through

**Text:** Hebrews 11.27-29

**Intro:** God's mighty act of redemption which the writer of Hebrews speaks about in our passage made God's OT people sing for joy. Over and over, they remembered with thanksgiving how God uniquely chose them in love, how He spared them from His judgment through the blood of the Passover Lamb, and how through His servant Moses, He redeemed Israel from bondage through the sea with a mighty hand. But we know that act of redemption pointed to the greater redemption we enjoy through faith in Christ, our Redeemer. John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the writer of Hebrews calls Jesus the new Moses - worthy of greater honor (Hebrews 3.3) - who leads God's people out of bondage to sin and into the promised land of eternal life with Him. This gives us ample reasons to sing.

#### **Mission Statement of CPC**

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

#### CPC Pastors

Bill Massey (Interim Senior Pastor), Travis Hutchinson (Interim Pastor of Youth & Families), David Stephenson (Senior Pastor Elect)

#### **CPC Officers**

ELDERS: Woody Brauer, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Dee Hobbs, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey (Moderator), Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders, (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner, Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Thomas Blackburn, Jonathan Calloway, David Close, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steven James, Steve Leach, Eric Mantel, Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Matt Wright

# 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 120.

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Bill Massey 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, 2021 (deacons can direct you)
- Calm Kit Bags borrow fidgets and tools to help soothe the wiggles during worship (in the Family Worship Room)

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, April 6

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Sunday School - visit cpcchatt.org for class list Fowler Shower - Room 100 - 1:30 pm

#### Tuesday, April 8

Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10:30 am Exodus Ladies' Study - Room 105 - 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Leaders Planning Mtg - Lobby - 7 pm

#### Wednesday, April 9

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes visit cpcchatt.org for class list

#### Friday, April 11

Men's Proverbs Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am MS Girls' Pizza Night - Hostetler's Home - 6 pm

#### Saturday, April 12

Resurrection Celebration - Room 100 - 9 am High School Surf Trip #2 begins- Jensen Beach, FL

#### Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am Church-wide Fellowship & Wykoff Reception -Room 100 - 11 am

# MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

- Website: cpcchatt.org
- **Online Directory:** Contact the church office to request access
- Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org
- Pastoral Care Line: Call/text your request or need to 423-521-2142

# FOWLER/ASBURY SHOWER

#### TODAY • 1:30 pm • Room 100

We are excited to invite you to a shower in honor of members Daniel Fowler (who grew up at CPC) and



Annagrace Asbury. Let's gather - men and women - to encourage and support this young couple as they prepare for their marriage. The couple is registered at Amazon.

# CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Resurrection Celebration on Saturday, April 12. **Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Wednesday, April 9.** 

# MS GIRLS PIZZA NIGHT

#### Fri, Apr 11 • 6 pm • Hostetler's Home

The Middle School Girls are invited to a night of fellowship and pizza making at the Hostetler's home!

# PASSION WEEK

#### Sun, Apr 13 - Sun, Apr 20

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we will meet for worship, reflection, and celebration of the Savior's work of redemption for us. We will gather on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday.

# CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP AND WYKOFF RECEPTION

#### Sun, Apr 13 • 11 am • Room 100

Join us for fellowship and brunch favorites "potluck style" as we celebrate the beginning of Passion Week and express our gratitude to John Wykoff and family for his good and faithful work as our Interim Music Director.

Scan the QR code to sign up to bring food.



# 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 16.



# 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



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# RESURRECTION

# APRIL 12 – 9–11 AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST & ACTIVITIES \$10 per family (pay at the door)

Children of all ages are invited to our Resurrection Celebration. Join us at 9 am for a Pancake Breakfast and participate in several family activities:

- Fun Family Photo booth
- Join the Resurrection Egg presentation at 10 am in Room 100
- Participate in an egg hunt for ages 3-11 (children will be divided into age-specific groups for the hunt), following the Resurrection Egg presentation

Be sure to invite your neighbors, family, and friends. For more information, email Sarah Southard, our Children's Ministry Director.

adies' Spring Vea

online by April 20

*"Leaving a Legacy" Speaker: Christine Morrison*Saturday, April 26, 2025
11 am - 1 pm
Scan to register

# CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

## ALLERGY–SENSITIVE BREAD FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Allergy-sensitive bread ingredients: tapioca starch, water, potato starch, potato flakes, palm oil, honey, egg yolks, natural vinegar, salt

# NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at nursery@cpcchatt.org and let her know when you are available to serve.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for encouraging and uplifting other women? The Women's Ministry is looking for caring and dedicated ladies to join our Women's Ministry Team. We have several positions open for coordinating Visitor Outreach, Bible Studies, Hospitality, and Women's Events. If you've been a member of CPC for over a year and would like more information, please contact Dianne Cosby or Sarah Wade by emailing women@cpcchatt.org.

# PASTORAL UPDATE

As Pastor David Stephenson arrives this summer, effective July 1, 2025, there will no longer be an "Interim Senior Pastor" position. The Session recently voted to extend a call to Pastor Bill Massey as Assistant Pastor of Discipleship effective July 1, 2025. After Presbytery approval, we intend to have a congregational vote to call Pastor Massey as Associate Pastor of Discipleship.

Also, the Session voted to extend Pastor Travis Hutchinson's position as our Interim Pastor of Youth and Families through July 2026, to allow him and Pastor Stephenson the opportunity to interact closely and establish a track record of working together before proposing any changes to Pastor Hutchinson's job title.

The session truly appreciates both men and their work of service at CPC. Please express your appreciation to Pastor Massey and Pastor Hutchinson as they both have served faithfully in their interim positions during this time of transition for our church.

# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

# YOUTH REGISTRATIONS OPEN

#### Jun 16-20 Edge Conference

Middle School students, make plans to join us for an exciting week at Covenant College. Registration deadline: Apr 20.

#### Jul 5-9 High School Beach Retreat

High School students join us for an exciting camp experience at Isle of Palms, S.C. Registration Deadline: May 1.

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



# FORGE CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Dates: Jul 17-19

Online registration Forge Camp is open. Visit cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth to sign-up.

Please email Heather Morrison at HMorrison@cpcchatt.org if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

# UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

**Apr 9:** Sticky Asian Meatballs, Rice, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Snickerdoodle Bars

Apr 16: No Midweek Meal (Passion Week)

Apr 23: Chili, Cornbread, Salad Bar, Brownies

- 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.

## MIDWEEK KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS & CLEAN UP HELP

Midweek suppers are delicious, but they don't just appear on their own. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen before supper, email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

We always are looking for helpers to pitch in and clean up after supper.

# NURSERY SCHEDULE – TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Sherry Baierl	Charlotte Gernhard Rebekah Gernhard Volunteer Needed	Diane Cosby Abby Sotelo Kristin Sotelo	Maria Lopez-Tello Jose Romero Nunez	Joann Mills Jonathan Mills

# NURSERY SCHEDULE – April 13

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Tammy Bacon	Nathan Pittman Lillie Yonkofski Volunteer Needed	Evangeline Cathey Heather Harris Jon Harris	No nursery Church fellowship	No nursery Church fellowship

# MISSIONS



#### Jonathan & Maggie Hunter Central America

#### Ministry Focus:

After serving in Costa Rica for eight years, the Hunters have transitioned to UWM's Theological Education Initiative. At the end of Summer 2022, they moved to Scotland for Jonathan to complete a Ph.D. at the University of St. Andrews.

The Hunters plan to return to Latin America to partner in training theologians and scholars.

#### Prayer:

- Please pray for our children as we continue to make new friends in Scotland.
- Please pray for the Spirit to direct our vision and plans after this degree.
- Pray we would be a witness of the Gospel to our neighbors.



#### Lee & Jen Leadbetter RUF International at UTK

#### 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