

The Lord's Service

Palm Sunday | March 28, 2021

The Staged Return Commission, a commission of our deacons, agrees with health officials that wearing a mask as you stand to sing and read responsibly decreases the chances for the transmission of coronavirus.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

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

Matthew 21.9

LEADER: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn of Adoration

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
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*Invocation

Our Father, you are a God who speaks to your people. You created this world by the Eternal Word, and your eternal power and divine nature are writ large in the sky and in the dirt. You walked and talked with your unfallen friends in the garden. You did not go silent after our rebellion, but continued to speak to our fathers, through the mouths of prophets.

And now, in these last days, you have spoken to us by your Son, clearly, winsomely, powerfully. We come this morning to hear your voice and speak back to You, through your Spirit, you, our God who is not silent.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus, receive our worship this morning and open our hearts to receive Him, the humble King. Our hearts are fickle, we know that well. But this

morning they cry: Hosanna! God save us! God save us! All glory to you, our God who speaks, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 30.1

LEADER: “Ah, stubborn children,” declares the Lord,
“who carry out a plan, but not Mine,
PEOPLE: **And who make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin;”**

Private Confession of Sin

Choral Meditation

My God, Accept My Heart

My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always Thine,
that I from Thee no more may stray,
no more from Thee decline.

(Matthew Bridges 1800-1894; arr. Howard Helvey 2018 Beckenhorst Press)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy God, Lord most gracious!
Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath!
Holy, You have called us to come to You.
We feel unworthy, for we have failed You again and again.
We feel like running away, yet You keep calling us.
Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy!
Holy God, Father most gracious!
Rebuke us not in Your anger, nor chasten us in Your wrath!
Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled.
Deliver us for the sake of Your steadfast love.
Our sins trouble us, O God.
We are troubled by how they have hurt others.
We are troubled by how they have hurt us.

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveals this to us and points our hearts towards confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

**Your ways are right! O righteous God!
And whenever we have refused to follow them
we have found out how right they are.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us for the sake of your Son,
who died to free us from our sins.
To you be honor and glory! Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.18-19

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21.1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the

donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Ministry in Music

Jeremy Gaines

The Holy City

Doxology

No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God’s reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small

For God’s perfections, His majesty, His beauty

For God’s wisdom, His justice, His holiness

For God’s goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus

For God’s faithful and abundant provision (materially, spiritually)

For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

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 pastors to pray with and for God’s people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God’s saving health to the nations
For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority, healthcare workers
For containment and reversal of COVID –19
For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in plenty and want
For specific requests for others, ourselves
For God’s glory alone in all matters

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118.19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God’s Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon

John Jones

HOSANNA

*Hymn of Response

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor
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*Confession of Faith - Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.3

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about Christ?

PEOPLE: **Christ, by His obedience and death, fully discharged the debt of all those who are justified. He made full satisfaction to His Father's justice on their behalf. Yet, because He was freely given by the Father for them, and because His obedience and satisfaction were freely accepted in their stead, and not for anything in them, the justification of sinners is only of free grace.**

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

No. 735

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

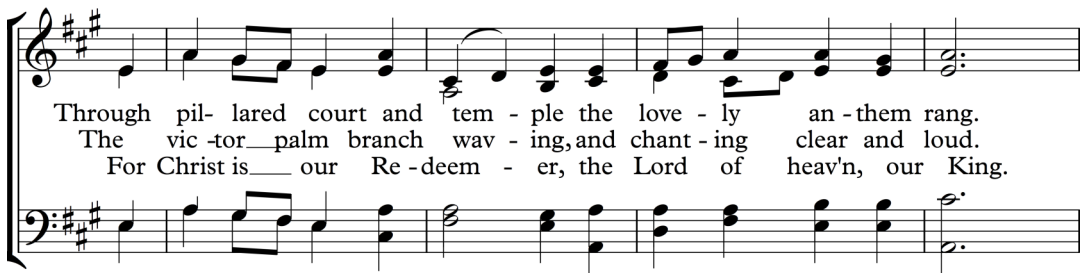
Benediction

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.

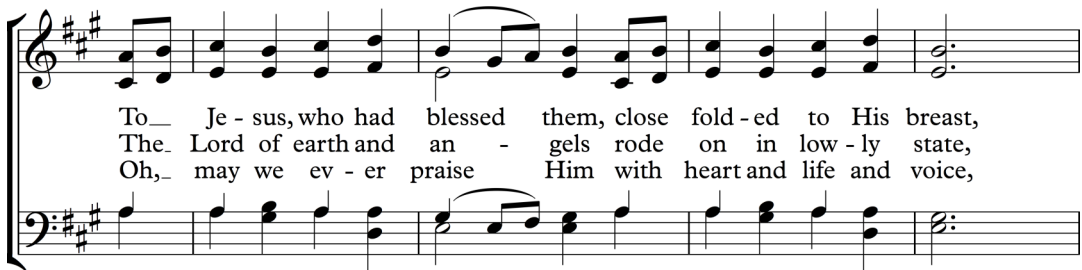
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



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.

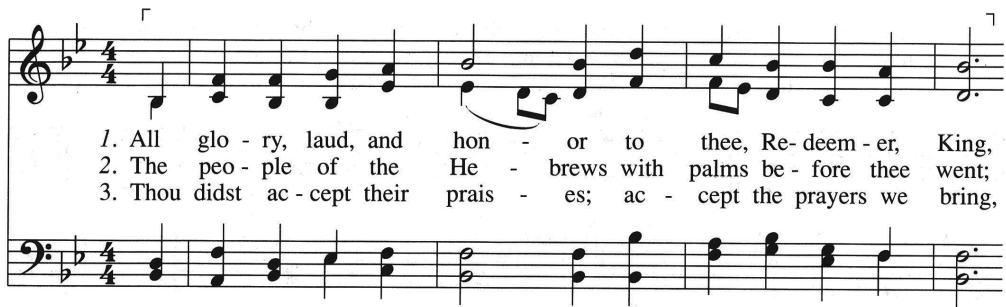


To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and an - gels rode on in low - ly state,
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,



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!

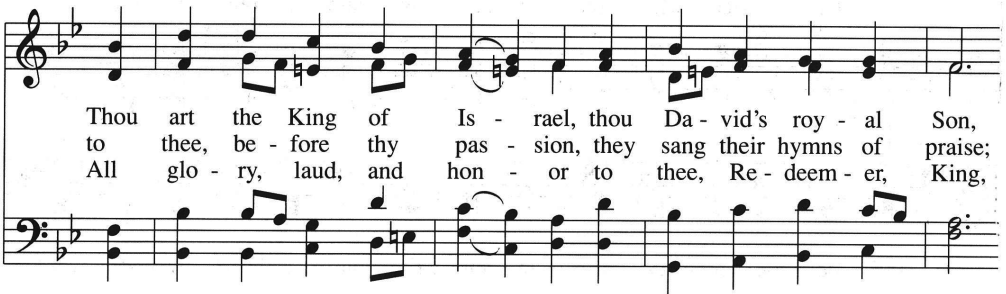
All Glory, Laud, and Honor



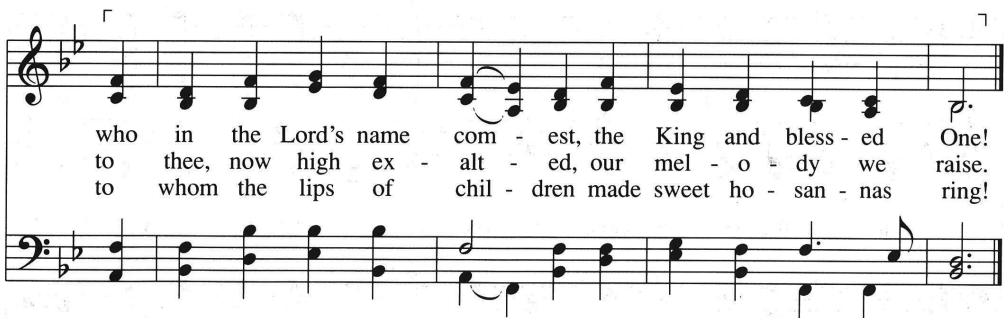
1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent;
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

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

Vision Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WELCOME!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service. If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Jones is preaching on Acts 1.3-8.

Sunday Worship Service Time Change

Easter Sunday, April 4 we will return to one service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Nursery will be available and we will continue to live stream this service. For additional information, please take a moment to watch our latest Staged Return video on our website at cpcchatt.org/staged-return/.

- **March 31 - No Midweek Activities** (Holy Week)
- **April 1 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7 p.m. - Sanctuary** - Maundy originates from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning a command or mandate, referring to Christ's command given the night before His crucifixion that His disciples should love one another (John 13.34). We will observe the Lord's Supper.
- **April 2 - Good Friday Service - 7 p.m. - Sanctuary** - Make plans to participate in the tenebrae service denoting the growing darkness that would encompass the two days before His glorious resurrection.
- **April 11 - Wedding Shower for Annie Hobbs - 3:00-4:30 p.m.** - Ladies and Gents, join us for a church wedding shower for Annie Hobbs, the fiancé of Michael Horton, son of Tony and Tracy Horton. It will be in the Lobby at CPC. Annie and Michael are registered at Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, Target, Bed Bath, & Beyond, and Amazon.
- **April 14 - Ladies' Card Ministry - 7-8 p.m.** - Ladies, please join us to assemble birthday cards as an encouragement for our church family. These cards will be designed ahead of time and we will meet to assemble them. We are asking for six to eight women to sign up via email to Diane Lazor at dlazor7@gmail.com and Edyne Vatt at brookriverschools@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Plan to gather in the lobby when you arrive. Let us know if you have any questions.
- **The April birthday and anniversary calendar** is available for pick up in the Narthex.
- **Operation Christmas Child** - For the month of April, we are collecting decks of cards, flashlights with batteries, sewing kits, fish hooks and fishing lines, games, crafts, and pocket knives. For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Schedule - Today

Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)

Front Desk

Toddler Room

Sandi Schreiner

Nursery Schedule - April 4

Worship Service (9:30 a.m.-10:45 p.m.)

Front Desk

Toddler Room

Lauren Warren

Tammy Knotts

Coffee Between Services

We invite you to fellowship with each other. Be aware that there is higher risk involved in eating and drinking together.

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, March 29

Perseverers Class Zoom Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

Women's 2 Samuel Study - Zoom - 9:30 a.m.

Women's Finding God's Faithfulness - Zoom - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 1

Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 2

Good Friday Service - Sanctuary - 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 4

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Tea

April 17 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Schum Fellowship Hall

Cost: Ladies - \$8 and Girls (under 12) - \$5

Signups start Sunday, March 21 and end on Easter Sunday, April 4.

You can sign up online or at the table in the narthex."



ELDERS AND DEACONS

Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither,
 Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor,
 Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Tom Schreiner, Todd Smith, Jay Spalding,
 Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

Active Diaconate

Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins,
 Rich Denkinger, Mark Donaldson, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall (*Clerk of Diaconate*),
 Vanna Ker, Steve Leach, Mike Mason (*Chairman of Diaconate*), Richard Mauroner,
 Doug McEachern, John Morrison, John Pearce, Caleb Ray, Chris Rimondi,
 Tim Sotelo, Mark Stevenson, Phil Wade

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

African Bible University	Uganda	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Agape Puppets	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter	RUF1 - UTK
Amani Ya Juu	Global	John & Kathy Lesondak	MTW - Slovak Republic
Paul Billy Arnold.....	PMI - India	Luke & Amanda McAuley	SIM - Kenya
James & Karen Ashley	Wycliffe - Global	Heidi Meiners	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
Marc & Denise Atchley.....	TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth Mitchell	MTW - France
Tom & Ann Austin	MTW - Global	Randy & Joan Nabors	MNA - Mercy
NoNo & Kate Beale	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	Andy & Kathy Napier	TWR - North Carolina
Mark Casson	MNA - Prison Ministry	PCA Agencies	Atlanta, Georgia
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Chattanooga	John Mark & Caroline Scruggs.....	RUF - UTC
Compassion International	Global	Jamie & Bethany Sexton	IDEAS - China
Chattanooga Sports Ministries.....	Chattanooga	Brian & Connie Shepson	MAF - USA
Chernobyl Children's Program.....	Belarus	Frank & Cindy Sindler	MTW - Enterprise
Choices	Chattanooga	Teresa Snow	CRU - City - Austin, Texas
Matt & Annette Cummings	WEC - Japan	Stepan & Alla Solodukha	Belarus
East Ridge Wyldlife	East Ridge, Tennessee	Dan & Susan Steere.....	ELI - Global
Jay & Beverly Fowler	FCA - East Tennessee	David & Eowyn Stoddard.....	MTW - Germany
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz	CRU - Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha	Nireekshana - India
Dan & Mako Gilchrist	ELI - Global	Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague	Harvestime - France	Third Millennium Ministries.....	Global
Haitian American Friendship Found.....	Haiti	Jeff & Heather Vaughn	MTW - Global
Harvest USA	USA	Pete Vaughn	Amani - Chattanooga
Andrew & Julie Halbert	UWM - Costa Rica	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.....	Chattanooga
Christine Harrison.....	Wycliffe - East Africa	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker	Third Mill - Global
Russ & Amanda Hightower	LA Church Plant	Josiah & Miriam Walters.....	MTW - Chad
Hope for the Inner City	Chattanooga	Bruce & Barb Wannemacher	MTW - South Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	UWM - Costa Rica	Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico