

# The Lord's Service

April 3, 2022

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### 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.

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 40.1-3a

**LEADER:** I waited patiently for the Lord;

**PEOPLE:** **He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

**LEADER:** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**PEOPLE:** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above  
Hymnal No. 4*

#### 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.

#### \*Invocation

by Elder Adam Sanders

### God Cleanses Us

#### Call to Confession

Ephesians 4.1-3

**LEADER:** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, ...

**PEOPLE:** ... **bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

#### 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

found in *Testament of Jesus Christ* by Oecolampadius of Basel (1523)

We, poor sinners, confess before God our Lord and before our brothers and sisters, that we have arrogantly sinned against God and our neighbor through many wicked thoughts, words, and deeds. Therefore we implore you, God, in the name of your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that you be gracious to us.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. This prayer, sometimes individual and silent confession, is a corporate confession uniting our voices as people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

## Agnus Dei



## Assurance of Pardon

## Psalm 103.8-13

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger

## 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.

**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.

**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 our selves.

**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.

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forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

**God Consecrates Us**

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 31.31-34 (p. 660)  
read by Elder Nick Lazor

**LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

by Roger Lowther

\*Doxology

No. 732

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor Jake Bennett

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2.19-22 (p. 977)

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the

cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Sermon

by Pastor John Jones

## COVENANT AS A VALUE

\*Hymn of Response

*The Church's One Foundation*  
*Hymnal No. 347*

\*Confession of Faith

*Westminster Confession of Faith 2.3*  
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.**

\*Gloria Patri

Hymnal No. 734

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. Gluten free bread is available next to the tray.*

### 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.

## Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father.

## 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     *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*  
Hymnal No. 253

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.

\*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

by Pastor Jake Bennett

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.

# 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.*

## WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning!

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 Bennett preaches from Luke 19.11-27.

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## PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Reading Guides are available in the Narthex and digitally online. Readings begin on Palm Sunday, April 10.

A Children's Easter Bible Story Booklet is also available this year to read during Holy Week. They are found beside the adult reading guides in the Narthex. Families should locate the one with their name on it.

No April 13 Midweek meal or activities occur.

A Maundy Thursday service will be observed on April 14 beginning at 7 pm.

A Good Friday service is scheduled for April 15 at 7pm.

Easter Sunday worship begins at 9:30 am.

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## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

If you are interested in volunteering to help during Music Camp or SHINE Camp this coming June, please stop by the table in the Lobby to sign-up or for more information. Music Camp will be June 6-10. SHINE Camp will be June 20-24. Student registration will occur separately.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 3

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Connect Facilitator Mtg. - O-100 - 12 pm  
Choir Rehearsal and Dinner - Choir Room - 3 pm

### Monday, April 4

WM Team Mtg. - O-105 - 6:30 pm

### Tuesday, April 5

Mothers Encouragement Group - E-111 - 7 pm  
Ladies' *Even Better Than Eden* Study -  
O-105/Zoom - 7 pm

### Wednesday, April 6

Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm  
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -  
see website for class list  
Session Mtg - O-105 - 8:15 pm

### Friday, April 8

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am

### Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday  
Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
Atkins Wedding Shower - O-100 - 12 pm

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## MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church. Contact the church office to request access to our online directory, ShelbyNext.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

To help in the nursery on Sundays, sign-up on the church website Children's Ministry page for a date that works with your schedule. Contact Stacy Collins at [SCollins@cpcchatt.org](mailto:SCollins@cpcchatt.org) for more info.



### CREATIVE ARTS CAMP FOR GIRLS

This summer, SHINE is June 20-24. It is open to girls who have completed 3rd grade through 8th grade and who are interested in learning about cooking, sewing, art, and crafting. Space is limited. Online registration for CPC opens Monday, April 4. The link will be sent through a church wide email. Registration will be open to the public beginning April 18.

If you are a high schooler who would like to be a camp counselor for the week, or you are a woman who would like to share your enthusiasm and creative talents, we would love to have your help.

Please email Rebekah Bennett at [Rebekahjbennett@gmail.com](mailto:Rebekahjbennett@gmail.com). if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

## MUSIC CAMP 2022

All children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to attend Music Camp on June 6-10! Mark your calendars and be watching for more information about this fun week and registration.

Helpers are needed. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpcchatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpcchatt.org).

## CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

The Children's Ministry is hosting a Carnival Night on Wednesday, April 27. Dinner will be served outside beginning at 5:30 pm. We will be having hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, and fruit.

At 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth are sponsoring a "live auction" Bake Sale to raise scholarship money for Middle and High School summer camps.

Carnival fun is 6:30- 8 pm! We will have inflatables, the Kona Shaved Ice truck, and more. Make plans to joins us!



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## HS YOUTH LOCK-IN

Join us Friday, April 22 for a night of climbing and camping! We will have a quick dinner at the church at 5:30pm and then go to High Point Climbing Gym.



We will be there 7-10pm. We will return to East Brainerd and camp out at the Horton's house that evening. We will return to church 10am the next

morning. Contact Heather Morrison at [HMorrison@cpccchatt.org](mailto:HMorrison@cpccchatt.org) for more information or to sign-up. We hope your High School students can join us!

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Online registration for High School and Middle School summer camps are open.

The **Edge Conference** registration is open now through April 27. This camp (June 25-29) is for Middle School students who are currently in grades 6-8. Register before April 4 to receive the Early Bird discount.

**RYM** registration is open now through May 24. This camp (July 11-16) is for High School students who are currently in grades 9-12. Register before May 7 to receive the Early Bird discount.

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - APRIL 10
Front Desk: Tammy Bacon	Front Desk: Sherry Baierl
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Macie Horton Ezra Harris Tom and Sandi Schreiner	Rachel Baierl Malachi Harris Donna Schreiner
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Amy Creamer	Bonnie Folkening

# MIDWEEK

## MIDWEEK DISH DUTY

Please consider helping for a couple nights of dish duty this semester. Cleaning up after our shared meal goes faster when we work together. Scan the code to visit our Midweek page and sign-up.



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## YOUTH BAKE SALE

Join us on Wednesday, April 27 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a live auction of baked treats and goodies. All proceeds go to provide scholarships for Youth summer camps.

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## MEG IN APRIL

Mothers Encouragement Group (MEG) meets on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 pm in E-111 (Parlor) and on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 pm in E-106 (Playroom) this month.

## April Midweek Menu



**April 6:** Sesame Noodles with Grilled Chicken, Roasted Asparagus, Caesar Salad, Lemon Bars

**April 13:** No Meal (Holy Week)

**April 20:** Breakfast for Dinner--Pancakes, Egg & Bacon Casserole, Fruit Salad, No Dessert (Bake Sale)

**April 27:** Carnival Night--Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Chips, Fruit

# COVENANT LIFE

## ROUECHE CHORALE PRESENTATION

All are invited to the Roueche Chorale's *Colors of Grace: Lessons for Lent* on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.rouechechorale.org](http://www.rouechechorale.org).

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## OCC APRIL COLLECTION

We are collecting these items this month:

- Decks of Cards
- Games
- Flashlights with Batteries
- Sewing Kits
- Fish Hooks and Fishing Lines
- Crafts and Craft Kits
- Pocket Knives

The collection box is in the Admin Hallway.

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## EVENSONG

The next evensong is Sunday, April 24 at 5 pm followed by a light supper. It is a time to gather together as a body and re-center around the reign of Christ as we prepare to go into the new week.

## ATKINS WEDDING SHOWER

All are invited to a wedding shower for newlyweds Rod and Christine (Harrison) Atkins on Sunday April 10 following Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. They were married on March 26. Christine is one of our missionaries. Come celebrate their new marriage! This is a money/gift card shower. Cards, gift cards from Amazon, Home Depot, Lowes, or cash would be much appreciated. These could be used for their needs and for any mission needs too.

Cards and gift cards can be placed in the Copy Room in the Wedding Coordinator's mailbox if you will be unable to attend.

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## ARMAO BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of Jenny Armao, bride-to-be of Jonah Gaines. Jenny and Jonah have grown up at Covenant. Let's celebrate them getting married! The couple is registered at Target. Jenny also really loves World Market, but it only offers gift cards and not a wedding registry system..

The shower will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 24 from 2-4 pm . Join us!

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## LADIES TEA

Ladies of all ages are invited to the Women's Ministry upcoming Tea on Saturday, May 14 at 11 am. More information and registration will be coming soon. Save the date!

# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES TO THE DAZA



**Josiah and Miriam**

*Due to the sensitive areas in which these missionaries serve, their picture and last names are withheld.*

Josiah and Miriam both grew up in West Africa, where they met. They were married in 2010 and have four children. Josiah, Miriam, and their family live among the Daza in Africa. The language spoken is called Dazaga, and nearly all these people are Muslim. There have been few efforts at church planting among the Daza, but Josiah and Miriam joined MTW in a desire to translate the Bible for the Daza.

Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- That God would open the hearts of the Daza so they would hear and believe the gospel.
- For continued support as they serve in Africa.
- For their 4 children

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## CPC MISSIONARIES IN REYNOSA, MEXICO



**Mario and Keila Xoca**

Mario and Keila Xoca married in 1996. From 2007-2016, Mario was an IT manager and overseer of four local plants for an automotive company in Reynosa. In 2012 they felt a strong calling to share the Gospel with more people and they planted a church in Reynosa called Camino de Fe.

Mario is now the spiritual oversight for the ministry, teachers, staff, and community center and also continues to pastor the Camino de Fe Church. Keila organizes community outreach, ministers to young women and leads a tutoring program in the Aquiles Serdán neighborhood which surrounds the mission. They desire to see a church planted in this same community.



Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- Pray for Camino de Fe church in Reynosa, for the Bible study group that is meeting in the Aquiles Serdán neighborhood, and for the Isaiah 55 ministry with youth and children.
- Pray for the three young Mexican men currently in ministry apprenticeship with Camino de Fe.



