## The Lord's Service

## April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

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

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Processional

Hosanna! by Daniel Barta

## 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

Revelation 7.9-10

LEADER: After this I looked, and behold, a great

multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out

with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on

the throne, and to the Lamb!"

\*Hymn of Adoration

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Hymnal No. 235

\*Invocation

by Elder Ken Henry

#### 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.

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 146.3-5

LEADER: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man,

in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on

that very day his plans perish.

PEOPLE: Blessed is he whose help is the God of

Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his

God...

Corporate Confession of Sin

found in Psalter Hymnal (1987)

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom

of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

#### 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. 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.

## Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection. \*Hymn of Assurance

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! Hymnal No. 198

### **God Consecrates Us**

Scripture Lesson

Zechariah 12.10-14 (p. 799) read by Elder Tracy Wright

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

#### Choral Worship

Ride On, King Jesus

Ride on, King Jesus, No man can a hinduh me, Ride on, King Jesus, No man can a hinduh me.

I was but young when I begun.
No man can a hinduh me.
But now my race is almost done,
No man can a hinduh me.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.
No man can a hinduh me.
The river of Jordan He did cross,
No man can a hinduh thee.
Ride on, King Jesus.

(1963 Lawson-Gould Music Publishers, Inc., arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw)

\*Doxology

No. 731

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

by Pastor John Jones

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

Scripture Lesson

#### 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.

#### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

<sup>11</sup> As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. <sup>12</sup> He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. <sup>13</sup> Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' 15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. <sup>16</sup>The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' 19 And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' 20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup> for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' <sup>22</sup> He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup> Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' <sup>24</sup> And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' 25 And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' <sup>26</sup> 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup> But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me."

### <sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

#### 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.

#### Sermon

## by Pastor Jake Bennett

### A LONG ROAD TO JERUSALEM

\*Hymn of Response

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

bring ma - ny sons to

I know that it is fi - nished.

His wounds have paid my ran - som.



As wounds which mar the cho - sen One

His dy - ing breath has brought me life.

But this

I know with all my heart:

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism 7

(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God? PEOPLE: God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in

goodness and truth.

\*Gloria Patri

Hymnal 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

by Pastor Jake Bennett

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.

## SERMON NOTES

Title: A Long Road to Jerusalem

Text: Luke 19.11-28

The triumphal King builds a kingdom to seek and to save the lost. Therefore...

1. We engage faithfully in the kingdom. (The Good Servants)

2. We trust in the King. (The Fearful Servant)

3. We delight in the King's arrival. (The Faithless Citizens)

#### **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 Jones preaches from Luke 24.44-49.

## HOLY WEEK READINGS

Holy Week Reading Guides are available in the Narthex and digitally online. Readings begin today.

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.

## ATKINS WEDDING SHOWER

All are invited to a wedding shower for newlyweds Rod and Christine (Harrison) Atkins today following Sunday School in the courtyard. They were married on March 26. Christine is one of our missionaries. Come celebrate their new marriage!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, April 10

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

#### Tuesday, April 12

Ladies' *Even Better Than Eden* Study - O-105/Zoom - 7 pm Roueche Chorale - Sanctuary - 7 pm

#### Wednesday, April 13

NO Midweek meal or activities

#### Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary - 7 pm

#### Friday, April 15

Church Offices Closed Good Friday Service - Sanctuary - 7 pm

#### Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

## MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit cpcchatt.org for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church. Contact the church office to request access to our online directory.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

## COVENANT LIFE

## PERSEVERER'S CLASS

The Perseverer's Class, led by Lamar Allen, is starting a new study of the Sermon on the Mount this morning.

# 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.

## 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!

## **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.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, May 7 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Mike Kennamer is the featured speaker. Mike serves with Mission to North America (MNA) as the warehouse manager and disaster relief specialist for the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia region.

## 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 details will be coming soon.

Save the date!

# CHILDREN & YOUTH



#### 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 is open. 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. 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 details.

Helpers are needed. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sara Southard at SSouthard@cpcpchatt.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.

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

**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.

# 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 7-10 pm. We will return to East Brainerd and camp out at the Horton's house that evening. We will return to church at 10 am the next morning. Register online to secure your spot. Contact Heather Morrison at HMorrison@cpcchatt.org for more information. We hope your High School students can join us!

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We are preparing to honor our graduates at CPC. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctorate programs. Please email the Church Office with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.

## 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.

NURSERY – TODAY	NURSERY – APRIL 17			
Front Desk: Sherry Baierl	Front Desk: Emily Calloway			
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am				
Rachel Baierl Malachi Harris Donna Schreiner	Leanna Cathey Sophia Cross Jerry & Brenda King			
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm				
Bonnie Folkening				

# MIDWEEK

# April Midweek Menu



April 13: No Meal (Holy Week)

 $\pmb{\mathsf{April}\; \mathsf{20:}\; \mathsf{Breakfast\; for\; Dinner--Pancakes,\; Egg\;\&}\\$ 

Bacon Casserole, Fruit Salad

April 27: Carnival Night--Hot Dogs, Coleslaw,

Chips, Fruit, No Dessert (Bake Sale)

## MEG IN APRIL

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

## 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.



# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARY IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



Heidi Meiners

Heidi Meiners is a special education teacher at a Christian school that also accepts non-Christian students and students of other nationalities. Heidi's main reason for going to the school in Budapest was to be an educational shadow to children with learning disabilities. She now has many students she works with using the NILD (National Institute for Learning Development) program based in Norfolk, VA. The goal is to help students develop the weaker areas of their brains so that they can function in a standard classroom. She also attends a local church where she is actively engaged in ministry.

Please pray for her and her ministry in these particular ways:

- As a bordering country with Ukraine, there are many refugees in Hungary (some missionaries from Russia & Ukraine who needed to evacuate are in Hungary too).
- Please pray as the school recently added 20 plus Ukrainian students (most do not speak fluent English). Pray for these students, the families, and current students & teachers as we help the students settle into a new place

## CPC MISSIONARIES IN TOULOUSE, FRANCE



Pete and Ruth Mitchell

Pete and Ruth Mitchell are church planters in Toulouse, France. They serve on a church planting team with a vision to build up the Reformed Evangelical Churches in southeastern France. Pete also serves on national and presbytery committees of the French church. Ruth helps the church plant as treasurer, teacher, and children's worship and women's Bible study leader.

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

- Their heart's desire is that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across all of France, and over the whole earth.
- Recently, they had some setbacks. Some people have chosen to leave and worship elsewhere. Departures, especially by choice, are hard for any church planter. They are asking God to give them the courage to start over--making new contacts, sharing the Gospel, training them in the basics of Christian faith, and releasing them to do ministry.