

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

APRIL 12, 2026

Prelude

*As we quiet our hearts for worship,
please silence all phones and electronic devices.*

Announcements and Welcome

Pastor Steven Clark

ADORATION OF GOD

The Song of Ascent

*God's people sang together as they gathered and
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

Congregation

Open My Eyes That I May See

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Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free

Silently now, I wait for Thee; ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my eyes, illumine me; Spirit divine

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear everything false will disappear

Open my mouth and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare, Love with Thy children thus to share

Call to Worship

Pastor Travis Brown

Isaiah 55:10–11

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there
but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower
and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it
shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for
which I sent it.

Invocation

Declaration of Truth

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question & Answer 89

Leader: What makes the word effective for salvation?

**All: The Spirit of God causes the reading and especially the preaching of the
word to convince and convert sinners and to build them up in holiness and
comfort through faith to salvation.**

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

*The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm
that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal
Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.*

Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Pastoral Prayer and Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the
way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of
the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted
by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please sign and pass the Sunday Register in the hymnal rack.

The Gift of Music

The Doxology and Prayer

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.

Hymn of Testimony

Be Thou My Vision

(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r;
Raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Mark 4:1-20

(pew Bible pg. 798/839)

All: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*
Isaiah 40:8

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Jesus Tells Them Parables

Pastor Steven Clark

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC April 12



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8:30am
 Ushers William Williams, Seth Penland,
 Brian McRae, Jake Braselton

Greeters *sign up to be a greeter at cmpca.org/greeters*

Infants/Toddlers Dan and Arlene Freeman

Children's Church James and Stephanie Jones

Junior Assistants

11am
 Ushers Kim Reed, Milton Turk, Roger Smith,
 Bill McBride, David Warner

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Infants/Toddlers Sarah Lingerfelt and Beth Arms

Children's Church Nancy Burkhart

Junior Assistants Paul Burkhart, Bradford Nelson, and Norah Nelson

This Week at CMPC

Sunday
 8:30am, 11am Worship Services
 10am Sunday School
 5:00 Handbells
 6:30pm Sunday Evening Worship Service
 Children's Choir Practice in the CLC

Wednesday
 5:30pm Wednesday Night Alive
 Meal:
 Tacos/Taco Salad
 Salad
 Chips and Salsa
 Oreo Cookie Pudding Dessert
*Sign up for the meal by Monday
 at cmpca.org or in the Welcome Center!*

6pm Orchestra
 6:30pm Choir and WNA Classes

Staff

Steven Clark, *Senior Pastor* • Ben Phillips, *Pastor of Ministries* • Travis Brown, *Pastor to Youth*
 Richard MacLagan, *Minister of Music* • Mike Owens, *Minister to Children*
 Sarah Tilley, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
 Mindy Burch, *Church Administrator* • Nancy Burkhart, *Director of Preschool*
 Chad Trotter, *Director of IT & Media* • Floy Jumper, *Director of Facilities*
 Susan MacLagan, *Accompanist* • Bev Bradbury, *Organist*

Session

Scott Allen • Bob Bishop • Aaron Burkhart • Bryan Cox • John Cunnings • Glen Huff
 Andy Jobson • Floy Jumper • Dave Martin • Robert Martin
 Will McVey • Marty Moore • Andy Nelson • John Rollo
 Steve Saville • Dennis Swinehart • Milton Turk • David White

Elders Emeriti

Benny Hurley • Jim Parks

Diaconate

David Batusic • Dan Burkhart • Vern Creighton • P.J. Friedell • James Hinds
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Women's Ministry Leadership Team

Kim Burdette • Lezlie Valentine • Deb Eidson • Sarah Gossage • Tricia Hunter • Beth Martin
 Sarah Lingerfelt • Barbara Jumper • Jen Burkhart • Aneita Conner • Christina Elmore

CMPC Supported Missions

Unless otherwise indicated, all missionaries are with *Mission to the World*
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Japan: Darlene Johnson, Jonas & Christina Davison, Melanie Johnson
Thailand: Tim & Rhianna Mills, Trey & Kiki Adams, Brian & Mandy Stock
New Zealand: Paul & Crystal Henry • *Taiwan:* Becky White
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Mexico: David & Michelle Godzisz • *Panama:* Mike & Robin McMahan

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Unreached Peoples

Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.
 Franklin & Beth • Kurt & Jill • Chris & Savanna • Phil & Amina
 Calvin & Geeta • Mark & Nathalie • Matthew, *Worldwide Discipleship Association*

Global Ministries:

Linda Summer, *Agape Puppets*

United States

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 Ben & Anna Coppedge, Caysie Ashton, *Reformed University Fellowship UGA*;
 Trey & Annie Martin, *Reformed University Fellowship UNG Dahlonega*
 Mwamba & Nyema Johnson *Vision 938: Atlanta University Center*

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Brandon & Annalee Hawkes, Toccoa, GA; Curran & Abby Bishop, Milford, CT;
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