



We exist to **HONOR** God, to **HELP** people grow in the grace of Jesus, and to **EQUIP** them for their purpose in God's Kingdom.

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

**April 12, 2026**

# The Lord's Day

## Preparation & Prelude

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

**Leader:** I will bless the LORD at all times;

**All:** his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Leader:** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**All:** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

## Prayer of Adoration & Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-10

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Hymn of Adoration

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, Hymn 296

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

## Confession of Sin

I John 2:15-16

**Leader:** Do not love the world or the things in the world.

**All: If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

**Leader:** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*Jesus Paid It All*, Hymn 308

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

*Chorus* Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Chorus*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *Chorus*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *Chorus*

## Welcome & Church Life

### Pastoral & Offering Prayer

Pastor Jono Darville

### Offering & Offertory

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### Hymn of Thanksgiving

*Doxology*, Hymn 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.

## ***When Joy Is Complete***

### **Scripture Reading**

1 John 5:13-21, Pew Bible p. 1023

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

<sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

<sup>18</sup>We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

<sup>19</sup>We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup>And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup>Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

### **Sermon**

“When a Heart Understands ”

Rev. Chris Florence

### **Confession of Faith**

*Apostles’ Creed*

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

We serve wine and juice in each tray: the juice is in the clear cups in the inner rings. The wine is in tinted cups in the outer ring.

### **Communion Hymn**

***In Christ Alone*** (sing during the bread)

In Christ alone, my hope is found, he is my light my strength my song.

This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.*

### Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### Prayer of Commitment

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

## **Hymn of Rejoicing**

*Gloria Patri, Hymn 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.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# **Sermon Notes**

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## **Sermon Questions**

1 John 5:13-21

1. What stood out to you from the sermon and why?
2. What does verse 20 teach us about the natural condition of the human heart / mind? How should verse 20 shape a believer's approach to evangelism?
3. Read Romans 8:7-8 and 1 John 5:20. How should these verses humble a Christian?
4. Name two idols with which your heart struggles. How do they shape the way you view and engage other people?
5. Name two idols that our culture worships. What is one practice you can implement to help guard your heart from cultural idols?
6. Name two idols with which Peace Church might struggle (i.e., congregational idols). How can a congregation identify its own idols?
7. How does this passage give you gospel hope?

# Missionary Prayer

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## **Larry and Mandy Wilkes serving with MTW in Cheltenham, England:**

~ Work on the balcony project has finally begun at the church! The church is temporarily meeting at Oakwood Primary School, a local elementary school just about a half mile from the church. Please pray that the work will go smoothly, safely, and that they will be able to be back in their building sometime near the end of July or beginning of August. Please also pray that the expanded seating will be put to good use, and that the Lord will continue to bless Whaddon Road EPC with growth and community impact.

~ Please pray that the European Member Care Team will be able to finalize the curriculum for new missionaries coming to the field by the beginning of June. Pray the various team members will be able to submit their work so that Mandy can edit them into a cohesive product.

~ Please pray for Alex and Caroline Brickey, a young couple who are currently itinerating through MTW to come and work alongside our national partner at Naunton Lane EPC, our sister EPCEW church here in Cheltenham. Please pray that they will be able to raise the needed support to come in late 2027/early 2028, and that Alex will do well as he studies for Licensure and Ordination. The Brickeys hope to take over coordinating the international student outreach between Whaddon Road, Naunton Lane, and our EPCEW church plant in Gloucester.

## **Jim Hahn serving with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UNC-CH:**

~ That funding will come in for our ministry budget this year (facing a 70k fundraising goal)

~ That students will encounter Christ at Summer conference

~ That the Lord will protect our students as they take on finals season

~ For RUF UNC staff to get rest this summer

# Week At-a-Glance

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- April**
- 12** Morning Worship Service | 8:30, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.  
Peace Church Evening Activities  
Global Ministries Prayer time | Library, 4:30 p.m.  
Officer training | C 207, 4:30 p.m.  
Youth Group | Fellowship Hall, 5:15 p.m.  
Peacemakers (2nd-5th grades) | Lower Field, 5:30 p.m.  
Joymakers (ages 2 & 3) | C107, 6:00 p.m.  
Friendmakers (age 4– 1st grade) | Music Room, 6:00 p.m.  
Peacemakers | Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.  
Adult Community Groups | Various Locations, 6:00 p.m.
- 13** Connect Group | Library, 9:30 a.m.  
Caregiver’s Support Group | Library, 7:00 p.m.

## **Caregiver's Support Group | Monday, April 13, 7:00p.m.**

Caregivers, Spring has sprung but have you lost the spring in your step? Worry and fatigue often overwhelm. Regain your spring by joining Caregiver Support Group, this Monday in the library.

- For more information, contact [Impaules@gmail.com](mailto:Impaules@gmail.com).

## **Fellowship Dinner | April 26, 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for a Fellowship Dinner, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. We will serve chicken and beef tacos with all the fixings. Normal evening activities will follow.

- Please register your attendance at [peacepca.org/events](http://peacepca.org/events) by April 23rd.
- You can also sign up to bring fruit salad or homemade cookie/bars.

## **Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School | June 22-26, 9a.m.—12 p.m.**

Join our *Rainforest Falls* VBS crew as we prepare for this year's VBS! Adults and youth (6th grade & up) who want to volunteer, please contact Alisa, [alisa@peacepca.org](mailto:alisa@peacepca.org).

- Online student registration will open May 1.

## **Youth Missions Trip Chaperones Needed**

We are still looking for a female chaperone for the youth group missions trip on July 11-18. We will be traveling to Chattanooga, TN to work with Hope for the Inner City. Peace covers all costs for chaperones, including meals, gas, and wear and tear on your vehicle.

- If you are interested or have questions, contact Caroline Bowersox at [caroline@peacepca.org](mailto:caroline@peacepca.org).

# Leadership

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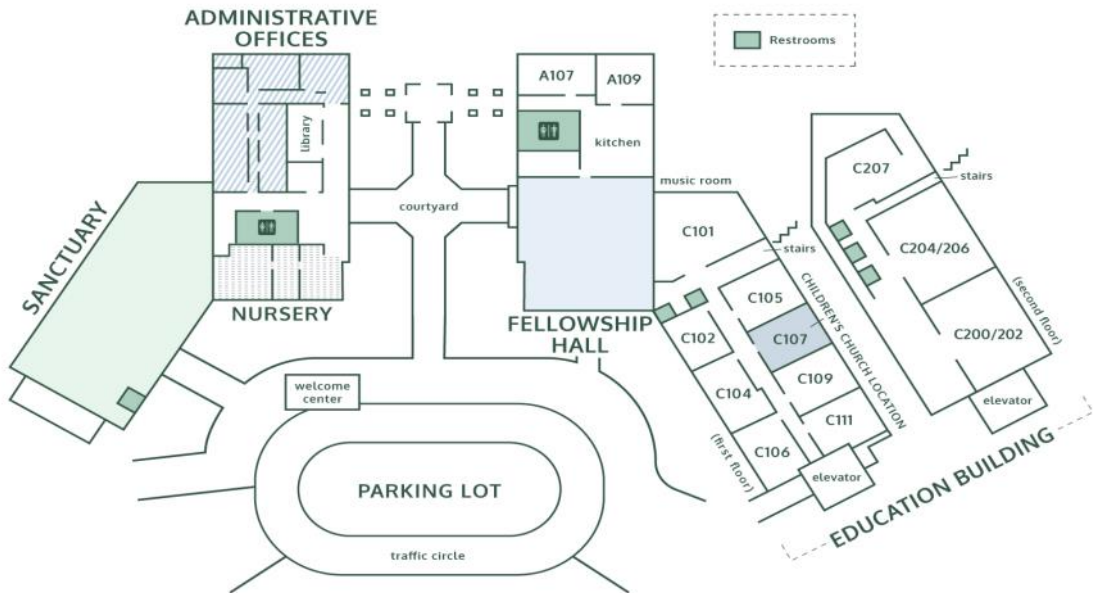
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**PEACE KIDS Sunday School**

- 2, 3-year-olds — C105/C107
- 4, 5-year-olds & kindergarten — C109/C111
- Grades 1 & 2 — C104
- Grades 3 & 4 — C106
- Grade 5 — C102

**PEACE YOUTH Sunday School**

- Grades 6-8 — C200/C202
- Grades 9-12 (boys) — C204/206
- Grades 9-12 (girls) — C101

**Nursery & Children’s Church**

During worship services and Sunday school, we offer Nursery (for infants and toddlers) in the rooms adjacent to the sanctuary.

Children’s Church (for ages PK2–kindergarten) is available at any time during the worship services in Room C107.

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**Wiggly Children?**

We welcome your children as they learn to worship with you in the sanctuary! But if their wiggles are too much for you, we have additional locations on-site to hear the service:

- Cry Room, at the back of the sanctuary
- Nursing Rooms, inside the infant nursery
- The Cove, across from the bathrooms

**Adult Sunday School**

**The Bible Class**

Maybe you have heard of “The Roman Road” as a method for evangelism. The idea is to take a person through Romans, examining key verses about the Gospel. Paul’s letter to the church in Rome is Paul’s most outstanding teaching of the Gospel. Romans is a treasure of rich theological truth, providing not only how to know the forgiveness of sin but also what to believe about God and how to be changed by the Holy Spirit. *Led by Bill Stern. (C207)*

**Responding to Our Cultural Moment: A Christian Perspective**

How should Christians respond to today’s debates on gender, politics, race, the unborn, and related issues? These questions often generate deep division—even within the church. In this class, we will offer responses that are biblically grounded, historically informed, scientifically attentive, and relationally sensitive.

*Led by Jono Darville (Fellowship Hall)*

**Peace 101**

New to Peace or curious about what we believe? Peace 101 covers our mission, vision, doctrine, leadership, and ministries—and how Scripture guides everything we do. Discover who we are, meet our pastors, and ministry leaders, and find out how to get involved in the church community.

Peace 101 is offered twice a year.

*(Library)*

For those new to Peace, welcome!

Visit [peacepca.org](http://peacepca.org) to learn more about the mission and ministries of Peace Church.

### Sermon Schedule

<b>April 19</b>	<b><i>The Best News According to Abraham</i></b>	<b>Gen. 11:27-12:9</b>
<b>April. 26</b>	<b><i>The Best News According to Abraham</i></b>	<b>Gen. 12:10-20</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b><i>The Best News According to Abraham</i></b>	<b>Gen. 13:1-18</b>

### Giving Options

Online giving through the **Church Center app** is available. Visit [peacepca.org/giving](http://peacepca.org/giving) for details.

Be aware that a *3% processing fee* is charged to Peace when giving via credit card.

Traditional giving methods are always accepted. Should you wish to mail a check, use the following address to send it to our secure box:

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