

Sunday Worship

April 19, 2026 • 9:30 am

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Worship is an integral part of God's family of
faith. May you sense His presence as you join
us online or in-person today.*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 2:1-6

Leader: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed saying,

People: "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

Leader: The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

People: He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath saying,

All: "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

SONGS OF PRAISE (download song lyrics [here](#))

*Living Hope
Love Of God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

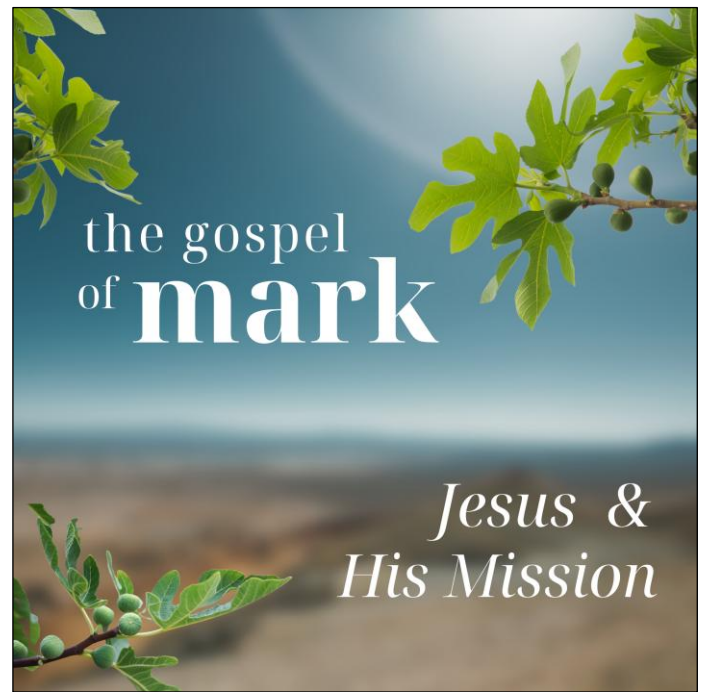
1 Corinthians 1:18, 21-24

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS*

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OFFERING SONG (*download song lyrics [here](#)*)

The Wonderful Cross

**Prayer Deacons, Karen Davis (kdavis8888@hotmail.com) and Dave Brown (davidebrown65@gmail.com) are available during the service offering time and afterwards for prayer down front. They are also available this week by email.*

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

After the message, children ages 4 thru 1st grade may join adult leaders in the Children's Worship room. Through song, prayer, & reading of the Word they will grow in their love of God and return to the sanctuary before worship ends.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:16-32

Please follow along in your Bible

SERMON

"The Foolishness of the Cross"

Rev. Jonathan J. Tony

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG (*download song lyrics [here](#)*)

Jesus Paid It All

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader: Church, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong- body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins and set me free from the tyranny of the devil... Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole heartedly wiling and ready from now on to live for him.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUNDAY WORSHIP

On **Sunday, April 26**, the Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein Conley will preach from Hebrews 1, 2, & 3, "Living with Courage".

HCC Music Ministry expresses thanks to today's worship musicians: Craig Allen (guitar), Sandy Chevvakula (flute), Shiney Mathews (vocals), Martin McCall (drums), Ashvitha Nannepamula (viola), Michelle Wilkinson (violin, vocals), and Randy Wilkinson (bass, vocals).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery (Ages 3 and under): The nursery is open during worship & Sunday school from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm every Sunday. For the safety of our children and nursery staff, the west doors are locked after worship begins.

HCC Kids Sunday School (ages 4 - 5th grade): Join us after worship in the education wing today. Each class takes a Christ-centered, chronological look at the big story of the Bible; God's plan to rescue His people through His son.

The Bridge Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): After worship, students are invited to the Youth Room for donuts, social time, prayer, and study. Students are learning about who God is, what the Bible says, and the response of believers based on questions they have submitted. Led by Youth Director, Christian Brandon.

- Also, students in 6th – 8th grades, plan to join us for **Gospel Games today** at noon. Students will engage in different competitive activities to help them become more comfortable with their Bible and how to use it daily.

Adult Sunday School: A Study of Philippians - Come join us as we study the book of Philippians and dig into the theme of centering our lives on Christ and how that leads to joy. Taught by Walter Teter in Patterson Hall (through May 17).

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MINISTRY UPDATES

Congregational Meeting: Join us **today** after worship for a **Congregational Meeting** in the sanctuary.

Want to know more about HCC? EXPLORE HCC is COMING SOON! Pastor Jonathan will cover the biblical foundations of the church, history, theology, & sacraments as well as membership. Whether you are a regular visitor or a member who wants to know more about HCC, please come! Email the [church admin](#) or [Pastor Jonathan](#) to express interest.

Young Adult Small Group equips those ages 18-30 to confidently live as Christ calls them through fellowship, prayer and study on **Monday nights** at 7:30 pm. Text Young Adults Director, Christian Brandon for the address: (512) 466-4253.

Women's Ministry Events This week:

- **9:30 am Bible Study** – Join us on **Tuesday, April 21** in Patterson Hall for *The Way of Wisdom*. See you there!
- **6:00 pm Bible Study** – Our next study is this **Tuesday, April 21** in Patterson Hall. Join us for the *Kingdom of Heaven*. Dinner is provided.
- **MomComm** – Join us this **Friday, April 24** at 9:30 am in Patterson Hall to share stories & discuss Christ-centered parenting. Nursery care provided.

God Listens: Every **Tuesday at noon**, join our Zoom gathering for come & go prayer. From 12-12:15 pm is a shared devotional and prayers for known needs submitted via the prayer chain. From 12:15-12:30 pm we'll have open prayer. Find the Zoom link [here](#). "*I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.*" - Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

Men's Brown Bag Bible Study meets this **Wednesday** at 12:00 pm at Washington Pointe. We are studying the Book of Acts.

Divorce Care: Hurting from the pain of separation or divorce? Join us to discover hope, help, and healing **every Wednesday** in Patterson Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The workbook is \$20 (scholarships available).

HCC Annual Men's Retreat: This year's men's retreat is this weekend, **April 24 – 26, 2026** at Camp Copass in Denton, Texas. Set these dates aside as a time for spiritual rest, refreshment, and growth. We are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Murray Gossett as our speaker this year. Murray has been doing ministry in Presbyterian churches for over 40 years in Dallas and Amarillo. Reach out to [Kip Landwehr](#) if you would like to attend.

Youth XL Games: On **Sunday, April 26**, from 12 - 2pm, 6th-12th grade students are invited to compete in the XL Games! Play games such as soccer, kickball, and bowling - using balls much, much bigger than normal. Wear active clothing! Lunch provided. RSVP to Youth Director, [Christian Brandon](#).

Young Adults Beach Retreat: Adults ages 18 - 30 are invited to Port Aransas, Texas for rest and renewal, **May 14 - 17**. Along with plenty of time for the sun and sand, we will study how the grace of Jesus transforms us into living sacrifices (Romans 12). Contact Young Adult Director, Christian Brandon for more details: 512-466-4253.

Vacation Bible School is coming back to HCC on **June 1-4, 2026!** Registration is now open! This year's theme is **Upward Bound**, where we join Jesus on his journey from heaven to earth and to the cross; his victory over death. Children ages 4 through completed 5th grade are welcome. Click [here](#) to register your child. If you'd like to serve, we'd love to have you! Click [here](#) to join our volunteer team or reach out to Pastor Jonathan for more details.

Summer Youth Camp for students who have completed 6th - 12th grades will be at Pineywoods Camp in Woodlake, Texas, **July 13 – 17 this summer!** To register and pay by May 17, click [here](#). Please contact Youth Director, [Christian Brandon](#) for any questions.

MISSIONS & GIVING UPDATES

Family Promise of Irving: Enjoy an unforgettable evening on **April 25** at the **Family Promise: Night of Promise Gala — "Sweeter in the South"**! Join us at Southern Junction in Irving for delicious food, inspiring stories, and meaningful connections. Your ticket helps provide stability, shelter, and a pathway forward for local families in need. For more information, contact Pat Nicks via [email](#) or (972) 989-2523.

2026 Mission Trip: HCC is sending a team to Costa Rica to serve with **Rice and Beans Ministries, July 18-25, 2026**. If God is nudging you to consider being a part of that team, please email [Melissa Szabo](#) or [Debbie Watson](#).

Mission of the Month - PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services): With faithful support from individuals, churches and foundations, PCHAS serves nearly 4,500 children and families across three states every year. As stewards of this trust and support, we follow those tenets of excellence to ensure families achieve self-sufficiency and children are placed into loving, permanent homes. For more details, visit <https://www.pchas.org> or contact ministry liaisons, [Dave and Judy Brown](#).

HCC FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Giving (<i>excludes mission giving</i>)	\$ 206,292	\$ 245,000	\$ (38,708)
Expenditures	237,344	257,622	(20,278)
Net total through March 31, 2026*	\$ (31,052)	\$ (12,622)	\$ (18,430)

*Note: 19 cents of every dollar given to HCC General Giving is directed toward missions outside of our church.

HCC Elders:**Class of 2026:**

John Davis
 Greg Lindstrom
 Gina Mitchell
 Greg Vlahos

Class of 2027:

Tedd Benn
 Ken Killian
 Robert Morrison
 Debbie Watson

Class of 2028:

Karen Carson
 Benny Merugu
 Melissa Szabo
 Archie Trammell

HCC Deacons**Class of 2026:**

Dave Brown
 Karen Davis
 Michelle Wilkinson

Class of 2027:

Elaine Eazor
 Kelsey Spiers

Class of 2028:

Rachel Bibby
 Sunil Chevvakula
 Linda Lively

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- Jesus-shaped Identity
- Biblical Integrity
- Thoughtful Theology
- Accountable Community
- Egalitarian Ministry
- Missional Centrality
- Center-focused Spirituality
- Leadership Velocity
- Kingdom Vitality



www.fellowship.community/about/who-we-are

The Mission of Our Church:

Sharing Jesus Christ with Others and Growing as His Disciples

HCC Staff and Contact information:

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday



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Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Christian Brandon:

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To send a prayer request, email the Prayer Chain email above.

To be added to the distribution list to pray for others, please email Stephanie in the church office (admin@hackberrycreekchurch.com).

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