



HANOVER VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 12, 2026

**Pastor Drew Derreth
Talking to God**

WELCOME TO HANOVER VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our purpose is to become an **authentic** community that knows **Christ** and makes His **grace** and **truth** known with such power and glory that lives are **transformed** by the **gospel**, multiplying worship and praise to God throughout **Hanover** and the world.

Welcome. We're glad that you're with us. We hope you'll find joyful worship that engages both your heart and mind, as well as genuine friendship and a caring atmosphere. Please take advantage of any of the opportunities offered here. If we can serve you in any way today, simply speak to one of the ushers.

Children are welcome to stay in the service, but if you prefer, quality childcare is provided throughout the service for children from infants to kindergarten aged. Please speak to one of our ushers for locations.

This bulletin will guide you through the service - just start on the next page and continue as the pastor leads. (Moments when you should stand are noted).

As a courtesy to you and those around you, we ask that you please mute cell phones during the worship time.

REFLECTIONS

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and
offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Many people pay lip service to the idea of grace, but they stop there. Their conception of grace is not so much debased as nonexistent. The thought means nothing to them; it does not touch their experience at all. What is it that hinders so many who profess to believe in grace from really doing so? Why does the theme mean so little even to some who talk about it a great deal? The root of the trouble seems to be misbelief about the basic relationship between a person and God—misbelief rooted not just in the mind but in the heart, at the deeper level of things that we never question because we always take them for granted...the doctrines of grace presupposes, and if they are not acknowledged and felt in one's heart, clear faith in God's grace become impossible—The moral ill desert of humankind, the retributive justice of God, the spiritual impotence of humankind and the sovereign freedom of God.

J.I. Packer

Knowing God

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 12th, 2026

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs

(Please Stand)

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. **(Repeat from beginning)**

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Friend of Sinners

Redeemer! Whither should I flee,
Or how escape the wrath to come?
The weary sinner flies to thee
For shelter from impending doom;
Smile on me, gracious Lord,
And show thyself a Friend of sinners now
Smile on me, gracious Lord,
And show thyself a Friend of sinners now.

Beneath the shadow of thy cross
The heavy laden soul finds rest;
I would esteem the world but dross,
So I might be of Christ possessed.
I'd seek my every joy in thee,
Be thou both life and light to me.
I'd seek my every joy in thee,
Be thou both life and light to me.

Close to the highly shameful tree,
Jesus, my humbled soul would cleave;
Despised and crucified with thee,
With thee resolved to die and live;
This prayer and this ambition mine,
Living and dying to be thine.
This prayer and this ambition mine,
Living and dying to be thine.

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me
And delivered me from every fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed, they'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them, He will deliver them

Chorus: Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord, O all you saints
He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything **Chorus**

Bridge: Let us bless the Lord, every day and night
Never-ending praise, may our incense rise
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Never-ending praise, may our incense rise **Chorus**

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. You broke into our dying, decaying world and have begun to work healing. You have begun a marvelous and miraculous work of redemption right before our very eyes. We confess that we remain captivated by the gods of this world that promise so much, but deliver so little. We do not believe that you could be calling us to something more noble and beautiful than our own cramped personal dramas. So we settle for lives of comfort and mediocrity. We confess that we remain fixated on our own failures or the failures of others. We quickly forget that your grace is infinite. We quickly forget that Jesus came, not to call the righteous, but the unrighteous. Forgive us, God of mercy. Invade our lives by your Spirit and make us new. That we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.
Romans 3:21-25

Song of Assurance Revelation Song

(Please Stand)

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on heaven's mercy seat.
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King. **Chorus**

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery. **Chorus (2x)**

Announcements & Prayers of the People

Special Music & Offering

Scripture

Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon

Talking to God

Song of Reflection

Behold Our God

(Please Stand)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus: Behold Our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **Chorus**

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! **Chorus**

Benediction

Parting Song of Praise

Behold Our God

Chorus: Behold Our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

WORSHIP MUSICIANS
Jessi Stauffer- piano, vocals

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6.5-15

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' 14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

NOTES

COMMUNITY & CHURCH LIFE

Parking on Sundays

We're glad you're here today! There is a map available on our website (www.hanovervalley.org), highlighting available local parking. There's plenty and it's all less than a block away. There is also a parking lot, especially for guests, next to our building outside the Railroad Street Entrance. All public, metered, on-street parking is free on Sundays.

Live Stream & Bulletin Instructions

You can access the livestream from the front page of hanovervalley.org or through youtube.com/user/HanoverValley. If you would like to access the weekly bulletin electronically, you can find the weekly bulletin on the church's home page, in the middle just below the banner. It's available as a mobile-friendly version you can view on your phone or as a full PDF that you can download.

Sunday Morning Childcare

We have childcare for children up to the age of four during our 10:00am worship service. The nursery has recently been renovated to provide more space and will be cleaned thoroughly each week.

Catechism Class

Catechesis class is from 9:00-9:45am, we offer a class discussing the Westminster Shorter Catechism for students in 1st-5th grades. This class is taught by Noah Trask. This class meets in the 1-3 grade class room.

Pre-K & K Sunday School Class

Starting from 9:00-9:45am we have a class for students in Pre-K and K (ages 3-5). This class will be taught by Becky Derreth and Sarah Schwarz and meets in the 3-K Sunday School room.

Ladies Bible Study

We will continue our Bible study, "Life Lessons from James" by Max Lucado, on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, in the church Dock Room. For those who are new to us, we can provide you with a book to use. All women are invited.

Spring Deep Clean

Thank you everyone that came out to help clean!

Easter Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter breakfast, and a special thank you to those who worked so hard to make it all happen.

COMMUNITY & CHURCH LIFE

Prayer Gathering

We are meeting on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of every month @ **6:30 pm** at the church. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Gary Harri-ty for more information at (717) 630-1028.

Youth Group & Kids Group

Youth group (6-8pm) and kids Group (6-7:30pm) meet on Sunday evenings. Youth group is for students 6th-12th grade and kids group is for students in 1st-5th grade. Kids group is currently coordinated by Angela Brewer while youth group is coordinated by Noah Trask.

Young Adult Group

On Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm we offer a small group for young adults between the ages of 18 and 30. See Noah Trask for meeting locations and more information.

New Sunday Morning Safety Procedures

Beginning on Sunday, January 11th, we will be implementing some new safety procedures to better secure the children's ministry area on the upper level of our building on Sunday mornings. These changes will mainly consist of the upper level of the building being only accessible to parents, children, authorized volunteers, and staff from 9:15-11:30am each Sunday morning. Please speak with a member of the session if you have any questions. A list of all of the updated procedures will be available in the great room for your information.

PRAYERS

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Debbie Trask's sister, Susan Baker, she was diagnosed with advanced colon and liver cancer. She has started chemotherapy.

Please pray for Tom Simon and his family. Tom is still doing palliative chemo treatments and the cancer has significantly shrunk! His tests have been very positive. Pray that the treatments continue to go well and for the weariness that each session has on the family.

Please pray for Linda Simon, as she has testing over the next few months with a neurologist. Pray that they find an answer and for the doctor's knowledge.

Pray that Andrew Hauser will continue to remain clear of any rejection of his new organs and for safety as he travels to and from Pittsburgh for his tests. Pray that we would recognize God's hand in our lives and the lives around us.

Ann Kerrison, a friend of Debbie Stapf, was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Pray for Ann and her family as they navigate this challenging time, both physically and emotionally. Please pray for strength and healing while she is on chemo, which is making her very sick.

Please pray that Debbie Stapf's doctors can find the right medication to work for her as she continues to live with Parkinsons.

As of Dec. 5th, Melissa Anderson Casper is eligible for a kidney and pancreas transplant. After two more tests, she will be placed on the list. Please pray for a kidney to be donated.

Financial Report	Actual	Budget
March 2026		
Giving/Income	\$70,546	\$87,710
Expense	\$72,399	\$87,710
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Total	-\$1,853	\$0

We want to share your concerns and praises. If you have something to include here please contact Sarah Trask; Call or text 443-277-0110 or email office@hanovervalley.org

GROWTH GROUPS



No one can thrive with just a Sunday morning connection. We all need a place to develop genuine friendships, ask honest questions, and discover the applications of the Gospel to real life. Growth Groups are where that happens most authentically. They are the primary place for pastoral care. They are open groups led by trained lay leaders designed for the curious, the skeptic, the struggling, the experienced, the new and the old - people all along their spiritual journey. They are the very lifeblood of the church. Contact the pastor or one of these Growth Group leaders to discuss getting involved. Every group is always open to all.



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VIRTUAL GIVING

We are so grateful for the many ways everyone supports Hanover Valley! While we do collect offerings on Sunday morning, we also have online giving with options for automatic weekly or monthly donations. The QR code to the right makes it easier to get to our website giving page.



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If you're a guest, please let us know you were with us today by completing the form below. We'll add you to our mailing list so you can receive church information and updates. You can also use the space below to share any questions, ideas or prayer concerns you may have.

NAME:

DATE:

SPOUSE & CHILDREN:

MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

I AM A: FIRST-TIME GUEST RETURN GUEST

OUT OF TOWN GUEST REGULAR ATTENDEE

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MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER

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