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**prelude**

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

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**preparing our hearts**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
And you are my witnesses!  
Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

— Isaiah 44:6-7a, 8 ESV

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All:** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

*Leader:* Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**All:** Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

*Leader:* Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**All:** Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

— 1 Chronicles 16:8-12a, 15 ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!

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## **\*\*prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* O Father, high in heaven, thank you that you have redeemed your people and delivered us from the bondage of sin. Visit us today with knowledge of your grace in Christ, your only Son, and through your Holy Spirit, who counsels us to trust in you. Free our lips to praise you, our hands to serve you, and our hearts to love you, for you are our life and breath. We come before you today, and always, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* What is God?

**All: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

*Leader:* Are there more Gods than one?

**All: There is but one only, the living and true God.**

*Leader:* How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**All: There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

– *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 4, 5, 6*

# COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

♯ D A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

– Acts 3:19-20a ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Loving Father, have mercy on me, a sinner;  
I confess that I am stiff-necked and hard-hearted.  
Even when I know the change you require, I refuse to turn.  
I rebel against you and blame you for “making me” the sinner I am.  
Again and again, I ask for blessing, but do not follow your call;  
I plead for liberty, but will not let go of my chains.  
And yet, though I have been stubborn and slow,  
You turn to me with a soft heart and with tender mercy.  
You see my sin and yet have compassion on me.  
Melt my heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh –  
Let your lovingkindness capture my attention  
And cause me to turn from sin and toward you in righteousness.  
I ask for your mercy and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

**All:** **Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

– Psalm 103:13-14, 22 ESV

## I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:  
The Lamb who is my righteousness; the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer; his faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by his grace; my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;  
And when he calls me, it will be paradise –  
His face forever to behold; his face forever to behold.

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*Leader:* Isaiah 53:1-12  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is 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,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

*Leader:* Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.**

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.*

Welcome to Rev. Harry Skeele who is preaching and worshiping with us today. Harry is retired and living in Round Rock. He served as planting and founding pastor at Crossroads Community Church (PCA) in Somerville, NJ for twenty-two years. Prior to that, he served as an associate pastor in English ministries at Rutgers Community Christian Church (an independent Chinese church) in Somerset, NJ for 13 years, and in Navigator campus ministry at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania for 3 years. Harry is married to Gigi, and together they have three grown children living in the Austin, Kansas City, and Washington, DC areas. They also have two grandsons. Please greet Harry and Gigi and express our thanks to Harry for serving CPC today.

**Sermon** | “The Light in the Darkness”

**January 12, 2025**

**John 18:1-13** <sup>ESV</sup> | 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” 5 They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” 8 Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

12 So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* Saints of the Lord, in view of what we have heard from His Word, how ought we conduct ourselves?

**All:** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

– Colossians 2:6-7<sub>ESV</sub>

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## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

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.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

– Matthew 26:26-28 ESV

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

**All:** O Lord and heavenly Father, when we celebrate and observe this memorial your Son has commended to us, we remember his sacrificial suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; and we await his coming again with power and great glory. God of Mercy, hear our prayer and by your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these symbols of your atoning sacrifice. Grant us, O Lord, to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup poured out, with hearts filled with gratitude and praise to your Son Jesus Christ, by whom our souls are washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

*Minister:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Minister:* Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

**All:** When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

*Minister:* Take these symbols of Christ’s sacrifice in remembrance and proclamation that he died for you, and partake of them in faith and thankfulness.

*As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please use the opportunity to contemplate Christ's giving himself for you and consider how you might respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the King of Kings through his selfless sacrifice.*

*The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.*

## ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;  
My name is written on his hands. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Arise (arise), arise (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise. (x2)  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. \*

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry;  
"Let not that ransomed sinner die!" \*

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear.  
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba Father," cry. \*

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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**for first-time visitors**

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out the welcome pad when it comes to you.

**NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | JANUARY 19**

Immediately following the worship service **Sunday, January 19**, we will be hosting a Newcomers' Gathering in the conference room across the hallway. This is an informal social event for visitors to meet the staff, some of the ordained officers, and each other as well as the chance to ask some questions. Light refreshments will be provided. This event normally goes for about 30 minutes, but it is come and go as you please.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING | JANUARY 25**

Children's ministry volunteers and anyone interested in serving in children's ministry, please join us **Saturday, January 25, 9a-12p**, for a brunch. A word of encouragement will be shared by Christian education specialist, Sue Jakes. There will also be a review of policies and procedures, vision for the ministry as we begin 2025, and a time of prayer and fellowship. This is a unique time when everyone on the children's ministry team can meet together, encourage one another, and be unified in vision. Scan the QR code to register.



**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BBQ | JANUARY 19**

Please plan to attend a barbecue fundraiser benefiting the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County after the worship service until 2p (or until they sell out) **Sunday, January 19**, at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park (445 E. Morrow St.), serving Pok-e-Jo's and all the fixings! You are invited to come and go, dine-in or take it home!

**women's bible study**

Beginning **Wednesday, January 22, and Thursday, January 23**, CPC's women's ministry will offer an 8-week video series and study by Melissa Kruger on Biblical *Contentment*. The cost per participant will be \$8 for all materials. Register for the study (Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am or Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm) with the QR code. **For more information contact Nicole Mardian** ([biblestudy@cpdgeorgetown.org](mailto:biblestudy@cpdgeorgetown.org)). Childcare (Infant to age 5) is offered for the Wednesday morning study only and is by reservation only.



**sign up for the chili cookoff**

We need at least sixteen chili chefs with crock pots, and others to provide salads, cornbread, desserts, and drinks for our 7th Annual Chili Cookoff on **Sunday, January 26**, following the worship service. Russ Newcombe took home the 1st place trophy in 2024 - do you have what it takes to take home the trophy this year? Please sign up in the lobby to compete or to bring sides / drinks /desserts. The sign-up link can also be found in the weekly email newsletter or scan the QR code. **Email Suzanne Joffrion** ([hospitality@cpdgeorgetown.org](mailto:hospitality@cpdgeorgetown.org)) with questions.



**cpc connect**

CPC Connect is a community-building dinner program intended to help the CPC family connect to one another, get to know more about others in the church community, and help welcome our visitors. It's a great way to get to know and fellowship with people you might never spend an evening with otherwise! Pick up a flyer in the lobby to learn more and sign up by **Sunday, January 26!** Email the office with questions ([office@cpdgeorgetown.org](mailto:office@cpdgeorgetown.org)).



**thank you!**

Please join us in giving thanks and appreciation to **Jeanne Dillinger** for her faithful leadership of the prayer ministry since 2020. She has faithfully led the prayer meetings, the Pray for Me initiative, and incoming prayer requests. Jeanne, we thank you for your love and care for CPC over the years! **Larry Lorimor** will be taking over leading this ministry. Please give him a word of encouragement and thanks as he takes on this new task.

**sunday school**

Sunday school for all ages resumes next week, **Sunday, January 19, 915a**. Please join us!

**Kids and Youth classes**

*Nursery Sunday School* – Babies and toddlers ages 6 months-2 years are welcomed to join us during the Sunday school hour. We seek to create an environment of care and love. We are starting where they are, in the beginning, with David Cook's *Bible Beginnings* curriculum. We come alongside them and help little ones take first steps in learning about God.

*Preschool-Kindergarten Sunday School* – God's story is the most beautiful story ever told, full of wonder and grace. There is nothing more important for the younger ones than imparting to them a concrete understanding of the gospel. This winter/spring, our 3-5 year olds will be continuing their study through Pastor Kevin DeYoung's *The Biggest Storybook* (an adapted age-appropriate version of the book our elementary kids are studying). Children will be encouraged by God's love and faithfulness to his people in these lessons.

*Elementary Sunday School* – The 1st-5th graders will be continuing their second year of study through the curriculum based on the bestselling *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* by Pastor Kevin DeYoung. Teachers are leading kids through key Bible stories. They have faithfully studied through Genesis-Job, and will continue by studying Psalm 23-Matthew 2 this semester. The children are diving into God's story of redemption and discovering how every story and every lesson points them to their Savior.

*Youth Sunday School* – The history of God's people in the Old Testament demonstrates God's faithfulness to his covenant with them, even though they are unfaithful to him. 1 & 2 Kings give this story in the rise and fall of the nations of Israel and Judah. Through it all, God will be faithful to his purpose, his promise, and his people, though all hope seems lost. Youth Sunday School will continue their study of 1 & 2 Kings through the spring semester.

**Adult classes**

*Christ's Atonement* – Join us for a transformative 12-week journey exploring the biblical doctrine of atonement through Paul Wells' insightful book *Cross Words*. This class will delve into how Christ's sacrifice on the cross reconciles us with God, examining key themes like God's love and justice, the nature of sin, and the meaning of Christ's redemptive work. We'll explore why the cross remains central to Christian faith, addressing both historical perspectives and contemporary challenges to traditional atonement theology. This class offers rich, heartwarming insights into Jesus' death bringing us into the right relationship with God. Led by Jonathan Wells.

*Biblical Financial Concepts* – God's financial principles are about much more than eliminating debt and living on a budget. He knows that we will only experience true purpose and freedom when we understand that we are simply stewards of everything he has entrusted to us. This class is designed to present managing your money from a Biblical perspective. The class will use the Bible as our primary resource and will be supplemented with material from Larry Burkett (Crown Ministries) and Randy Alcorn (Money Possessions and Eternity). Led by Gary and Jan Britigan.