
prelude

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

preparing our hearts

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

– Isaiah 61:11 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

All: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

All: But the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.

– 1 Chronicles 16:23-24, 26–27 ESV

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Father in heaven, thank you that you have spoken salvation over your people and have delivered us from the bondage of sin. Free our lips to praise you, our hands to serve you, and our hearts to love you, for you are our life and breath. Visit us today with the knowledge of your grace in Christ, your Son, whom you sent for our sake, and through the strength of your Holy Spirit, who counsels us to trust in you. According to your saving work in Jesus Christ, Amen.

**** 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 Ghost; 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

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it; mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

On that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed by thee in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away.
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

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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 change.
I rebel against you and I blame you for making me the sinner I am.
Again and again, I ask for blessing, but do not accept your terms;
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 your righteousness;
All for the sake of your Son, who lived and died for me. 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}

HOW BLEST IS HE WHOSE TRESPASS



How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,
So let the god - ly seek thee in times when thou art near,



whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
thy hand was heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;
no whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.



Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im-pute his sin,
but when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou sav - est me from ill,



who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
when I con-fessed trans-gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.
and songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.

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Leader: Psalm 103:1-5, 10-14
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

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.**

** passing the peace

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. If you are joining us from your home, please unmute yourself so that you can greet one another. If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Series | “Romans: The Foundation of Our Faith”

Sermon | “Life in the Spirit”

January 14, 2024

Romans 8:1-13 ^{ESV} | 1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

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 ESV

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. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24_{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 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 gifts of bread and wine. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name. 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: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole. *

** Chorus:*

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins. *

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *

Jesus! I do now receive him. More than all in him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *

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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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announcements

**** benediction**

**** doxology**

**All: 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.**

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | TODAY

Members, please stay immediately after the service for the congregational meeting to elect new officers.

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | TODAY

The Newcomers' Gathering is an informal time set apart for those who have visited our church over the past several weeks to get to know us and one another better over some light refreshments. The pastoral staff will be there to introduce ourselves and answer questions, and hopefully the youth and children's directors can make a brief visit as well. Please join us **TODAY** immediately following service as you are able.

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please make plans to join the prayer meeting **Tuesday, January 16, 12p** in the CPC Conference Room. A Zoom option will be available. **Please email Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org) prayer and meeting link requests. The link can also be found in the weekly newsletter email. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

women's bible study

Women's Bible study will begin **Wednesday, January 24 930a** (childcare by request only), and **Thursday, January 25, 7p** (no childcare). The book for this study is *Esther* by Lydia Brownback. It is available on Amazon.

new nursery policy

In our desire to keep a clean and healthy environment for our little ones who are sitting, crawling, and tumbling on our carpets, we have a new "no shoes policy" in our nursery room. Starting this Sunday, please remove shoes at the door and place them on the shoe shelf just inside the door or you may use shoe covers that will be provided for you! Thank you for helping us keep our nursery clean!

pregnancy help center bbq fundraiser | january 21

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 21**, 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 & go, dine-in or take it home!

sign up for the chili cookoff

We need at least twelve chili chefs with crock pots, as well as others to provide salads, cornbread, desserts, and drinks for our 6th Annual Chili Cookoff on **Sunday, January 28**, following the worship service. Kellam McQuitty took home the 1st place trophy in 2023 - do you have what it takes to take home the trophy this year? Please sign up in the lobby to compete, volunteer to help, and to bring sides / drinks / desserts. We also need a few cake walk donations. The sign-up link can also be found in the weekly email newsletter. **Email Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions.

officer nominations

Members – One of the great ways you can love CPC is by helping us identify godly men to serve our church as elders or deacons. Pick up a nomination card from the designated table in the lobby and submit your completed form to the collection box by **Sunday, January 28**. Descriptions of qualifications and responsibilities for officers of the church can be found on the same table. If you attend via Zoom, you may email your nomination (office@cpcgeorgetown.org).

intro to cpc class

We will be offering another Intro to CPC Class on **January 21 and February 4, 4-6p** in the lobby. This class is a great way to learn more about our church and the various ways you can partake and serve. This class in two sessions is also required for membership – even transferring in from other PCA churches. Each class will run around two hours and be a mixture of teaching and discussion. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers as well, and for us to share our backgrounds and testimonies. Childcare will be provided. **Contact Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org) to sign up or for more information.

volunteers for caring place

The Caring Place is in need of volunteers! Please prayerfully consider committing to volunteering at The Caring Place in the new year. A few hours a week can make a big difference. Apply to volunteer online at caringplacetx.org/volunteer. Many volunteer opportunities await you!

thank you

We want to give a huge and heartfelt thank you to **Julie Hanson** who has diligently and joyfully served as CPC's nursery coordinator all last year. Due to work commitments, she will be stepping away from this role; however she will continue to serve our sweet babies in the nursery as her schedule allows. If you see Julie, please give her a warm thank you for her service to our littlest members and young families.