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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**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

– Colossians 3:1-3 ESV

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

**All:** **You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

*Leader:* The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**All:** **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

*Leader:* He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

**All:** **He also hears their cry and saves them.**

*Leader:* We will praise the LORD.

**All:** **Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

– Based on Psalm 145:15-19, 21 ESV

## GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways:  
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:  
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet and leads us to his heavenly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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

*Leader:* Heavenly Father, you are the giver of life and the source of all true and lasting joy. We praise you for your power and wisdom and love that are beyond compare. O Lord, you meet all our needs. You restore the brokenhearted and heal the wounded. You have revealed yourself to your people, and by your Spirit you are building your church, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. How great are you, Lord! Fill our hearts with love as we respond by singing praises to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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

*Leader:* What are the decrees of God?

**All: The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.**

*Leader:* How doth God execute his decrees?

**All: God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.**

*Leader:* What is the work of creation?

**All: The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

*Leader:* What are God's works of providence?

**All: God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.**

— *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Q&A 7, 8, 9, 11

## MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE (PSALM 62)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;  
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me;  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me. \*

*\* Chorus:*

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;  
Everlasting, never failing: my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations;  
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;  
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. \*

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;  
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever. \*

O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

– Psalm 139:23-24<sup>ESV</sup>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Father, forgive us for we are sinners.**  
**We are sinners for the many sins we commit,**  
**For our countless offenses and trespasses.**  
**Not only do we commit sins; we are sinners by nature.**  
**We rebel against you, we resist you, and we neglect you.**  
**We are corrupted in our hearts, sinful through and through.**  
**Outside of your grace in Christ, we are powerless against this nature.**  
**But if in Christ, we do not sin because you have left us powerless,**  
**For in him, we have died to sin and it no longer reigns in us.**  
**If in Christ, we sin because we forget;**  
**So remind us how mighty and awesome is our God who saves us,**  
**And how sweet, how lovely, how wonderful**  
**Is the life lived in your Spirit through the peace Christ has made.**  
**In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace[.]

– Ephesians 1:7<sup>ESV</sup>

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

## ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,  
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,  
And let my song forever be: "My only boast is you." \*

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*Leader:* 1 Corinthians 2:6-16  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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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.**

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\*\* 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 | “Children of God”

January 21, 2024

**Romans 8:14-25** <sup>ESV</sup> | 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**



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**\*\* 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<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. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymns.*

**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

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<sub>ESV</sub>

*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 PAID IT ALL

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. \*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim;  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb. \*

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

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## AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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## **\*\* offering & song of thanksgiving**

*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.*

### **TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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## **announcements**

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## **\*\* benediction**

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## **\*\* 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.

**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.

**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 **TODAY!**

**JOIN OUR CPC CHOIR**

We're seeking passionate individuals with a love for singing to join our choral ensemble and lead our covenant family in worship on March 3 (Lenten Season) and 31 (Easter). Rehearsals will be Wednesdays beginning February 7, 8p. No prior experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm and a desire to serve through song. You do not need to know how to read music. **For more information, contact Suzanne Schell** (suzanneschell@icloud.com).

**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 next **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).

**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!

**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](http://caringplacetx.org/volunteer). Many volunteer opportunities await you!