
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

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

– Psalm 72:18-19a_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

– Psalm 95:1-7a_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
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 3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
 For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
 he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
 hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

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Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

G Em A⁷ D

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

REFRAIN G C G

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

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praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Father in heaven, we come before you today in worship and thanksgiving and praise. By your mercy grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding wonder of grace and the exceeding glory of Christ. Oh, how wonderful and how marvelous it is to be truly beloved in Christ. Visit us today, O Lord, with your grace that calls us ever upward toward you, our heavenly Father. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

All: When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Leader: Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

All: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Leader: What is sin?

All: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Leader: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

All: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

Leader: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

All: The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became man and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

– Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 12-14, 20-21

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *

** Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.
– Jeremiah 17:9 & Mark 7:21-23 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father, forgive us for we are sinners.**
We are corrupted in our hearts, sinful through and through.
We rebel against you, we resist you, and we neglect you.
We are sinners for the many sins we commit,
And our offenses and trespasses are countless.
Like the leopard, we cannot change our spots.
Outside of your grace in Christ, we are powerless against this nature.
Remind us again how you are mighty and able to give a new heart,
To make us a new creation.
Remind us how wonderful the life is that you have gifted us in the Spirit,
And lead us to rise up and earnestly seek to enter the narrow gate leading to life.
In the exalted name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

All: **[And] in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace[.]**
– Isaiah 53:6b & Ephesians 1:7 ESV

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul; to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul. Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am;

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be

And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And through eternity, I'll sing on.

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Leader: Proverbs 3:1-8
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.

Preaching and serving Communion today is Rick Box, who has graciously served CPC often over these last several months. He was born and raised in Texas and served MTW as a church planning missionary in Columbia and elsewhere. Rick retired in 2020 and now lives in Austin. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick and Na-Shuang and express our sincere thanks for his service to CPC these last months.

Sermon | “Our Plan or God’s”**January 26, 2025**

James 4:13-17 ^{ESV} | 13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” – 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In response to the Gospel of grace, how shall we then live?

All: Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against one another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

– Colossians 3:12-15a ^{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, through these symbols of broken bread and poured out drink, we remember the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ for us, his resurrection and ascension, and we look for his coming again in power and glory. Since you have ordained this supper to strengthen our faith, we pray that, by your Spirit and through our contemplation of his sacrifice, you would indeed increase our faith and fellowship with both Jesus Christ and each other. And through our proclamation of the Lord’s death for us as we partake, may we affirm our allegiance and fidelity to him as our Lord and reconfirm our commitment to following him, living in his light and loving our brothers as he loved 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, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *

* *Chorus:*

O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *

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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.

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure; come disaster, scorn and pain.
In thy service pain is pleasure; with thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father; I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation. Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all

creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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.

CHILI COOKOFF | TODAY

Join us for chili, fellowship, and fun immediately after the service. Everyone is welcome!

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 **TODAY!** You can also scan the QR to sign up or opt out. Email the office with questions (office@cpcgeorgetown.org).

RANCHOPALOOZA 2025

Ranchopalooza 2025 is coming up **Friday, February 21 - Sunday February 23!** This South Texas Presbytery high school youth retreat is an opportunity you (or your teen) won't want to miss. We are extending registration to **Friday, January 31.** All high schoolers are welcome! The cost is \$170 per student. This covers materials, transportation, lodging and food. If you have any questions, **please contact Ryan Slabach** (youth@cpcgeorgetown.org).

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, February 23.** Descriptions of qualifications and responsibilities for officers of the church can be found on the same table. You may also submit an electronic nomination card with the QR code.

