

EPIPHANY | *Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance,” and we use it to speak of times when something becomes especially clear to us. In the church year, Epiphany celebrates that God made his glory and grace clear by revealing Christ to dusty shepherds, humble fishermen, dishonest tax collectors, and especially to us sinners so that we may see Christ with eyes of faith and trusting hearts.*

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

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,
 “and my servant whom I have chosen,
 that you may know and believe me
 and understand that I am he.
 Before me no god was formed,
 nor shall there be any after me.
 I, I am the LORD,
 and besides me there is no savior.”

– Isaiah 43:10-11 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

All: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

– Psalm 30:1-4 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

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: God of heaven and giver of life, you who have breathed the breath into man, we are gathered this morning to thank you for your work in us and for your salvation. We offer ourselves to you in humble worship and adoration. Breathe your life into us by your Spirit and by your Word that we might be renewed in our minds and hearts, and be conformed to the likeness of Christ, your Son. In his name we pray before you, Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Leader: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

All: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Leader: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

All: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

– *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 1, 2, 3*

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I thy true son; thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts[.]”

– Isaiah 55:6-7a ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father, in your mercy and wisdom, you have refused to leave us in darkness
Building a porous and unstable shelter of our own righteousness,
One incapable of withstanding the fierceness of your anger over sin,
Or resisting the storms of temptation that daily pound and drown us.
With no light, and no hope, we could only grope about blindly,
Utterly wayward, wicked, and weak,
Mired in the sea of our own thoughts, words, and actions.
But you, O God, in your steadfast love, have not forsaken us.
Rather, in Christ the Redeemer and Refuge, you welcome sinners
To the salvation in which alone we can stand firm and not be shaken.
For this reason, we humbly come before you,
Asking your mercy and forgiveness,
In the most excellent name of Jesus, your Son, we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on you, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

– Based on Isaiah 55:7b ESV

All: **Thanks be to God for such undeserved grace and kindness!**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from thy presence, oh Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

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scripture reading

Leader: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
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.**

Presiding Session Moderator: David Moore

Candidates for Deacon:

Gary Gottschalk
Bryan Herron
Allen Utzig

Candidates for Elder:

Rob Castro
Shawn Horrall
Lane Joffrion

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon or ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons or ruling elders, as respectively elected, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which this office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

The Laying On of Hands and Prayer ;The Right Hand of Fellowship

Pronouncement & Charge:

Moderator: I now pronounce and declare that Gary Gottschalk, Bryan Herron, Allen Utzig, Rob Castro, Shawn Horrall, and Lane Joffrion have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as deacons and ruling elders, respectively in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 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.

sermon

[about our guest speaker | John Weller](#)

Worshiping with us and preaching today is Rev. John Weller. John preached to CPC in July of last year and has served Communion for us frequently over the last few months. He is a Teaching Elder in the South Texas Presbytery and is currently serving as a hospital chaplain. Previously, John was Assistant Pastor at Christ the King PCA in Austin, and prior to that he was a firefighter for the City of Austin for 23 years. He is married to Natalie Weller, and they have four grown children. If you have opportunity, please greet John and Natalie, and express our thanks to John for his service to CPC this week

Sermon | “New Year’s Grace”

January 5, 2025

1 Timothy 1:12-17 ESV | 12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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: [L]et us...lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

– Hebrews 12:1-2_{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

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

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

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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.

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives."



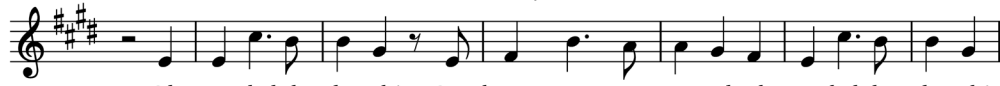
What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.
And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? E - ver - last-ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from his com-mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the stor-my trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
and we will feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more!



Oh sing hal-le - lu-jah! Our hope springs e - ter-nal; oh sing hal-le - lu-jah!



Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STUDENT VOLUNTEER MEETING | JANUARY 12

As we look towards this coming year, we want to both encourage and guide our student volunteers in service to the children and the families of CPC. We are requesting that all current Children's Ministry student volunteers and teens who are interested in serving, join us **Sunday, January 12 at 915a** in the youth room. The students' service is valued, and we want to help equip them to setup, assist, teach, and minister as they grow in practical service to our church family. If you have any questions, **please contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

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 & 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 be offering an 8-week video series and study by Melissa Kruger on Biblical "Contentment." The cost per participant will be \$8 for all materials. Look out for an Evite this week to register for the study (Wednesday mornings 930-11am or Thursday evenings from 7-830pm). For more information, **contact Nicole Mardian** (nicolemardian@protonmail.com). Childcare (infant to age 5) is offered for the Wednesday morning study only; **contact Jan Windsor** (jan.windsor@gmail.com) to register for childcare.

sign up for the chili cookoff

We need at least sixteen chili chefs with crock pots, as well as 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. **Email Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.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@cpcgeorgetown.org).

adult sunday school

This Winter/Spring CPC will have two adult classes led by Jonathan Wells, and Gary and Jan Britigan. The topics are described below. Please join one to learn from and contribute to the edification of God's people. Classes begin **Sunday, January 19, 915a.**

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. Whether you're new to these concepts or seeking better understanding, this class offers rich, heartwarming insights into Jesus' death bringing us into the right relationship with God.

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). These concepts were discussed 2 years ago and were well received. This class will be led by Gary and Jan Britigan.

thank you!

January marks the beginning of a new term for church officers, which means that it also marks the end of a term for some who have served faithfully. Both **Ethan Hoke** and **Larry Lorimor** have now served CPC as officers for six consecutive years, and, per CPC by-laws, they must take at least a one-year sabbatical. We want to express a great big "thank you" to both Ethan and Larry for their faithful and enduring service to CPC! Please greet them and express your thanks for their long service to the church. They are both eligible and may be renominated for office during any nomination period in the future.