
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

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And from the throne came a voice saying,
“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
small and great.”

– Revelation 19:5_{ESV}

** call to worship

Leader: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

All: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might.

– From Revelation 5:13; Daniel 2:20, 2:23_{ESV}

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♩ D Bm A D G D 7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

♩ Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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All: We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God – eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

We know him by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: his eternal power and his divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict men and to leave them without excuse. Second, he makes himself known to us more openly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for his glory and for the salvation of his own.

– *The Belgic Confession*, Articles 1&2

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
 3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
 4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
 it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - loused page,
 It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 it is the heav'n drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
 'mid mists and rocks and quik - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

– From *The Book of Common Prayer*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, his body. In his name we pray, Amen.

– Traditional Reformed Confession

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

All: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

– Isaiah 40:1-2; Colossians 1:13_{ESV}

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED



1. Come ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with fruit - less, sor - row down.
 2. Take his eas - y yoke and wear it; love will make your o - be - dience sweet.
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see him; bless the ears that hear his voice.
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, light to new - ly o - pened eyes,



By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed, through the cross, be - hold the
 Christ will give you strength to bear it while his grace shall guide your
 Bless - ed are the souls that trust him and in him a - lone re -
 like full springs in des - erts drear - y is the rest the cross sup -



crown. Look to Je - sus, look to Je - sus, look to
 feet safe to glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, safe to
 - joice. His com - mand - ments, his com - mand - ments, his com -
 - plies. All who taste it, all who taste it, all who



Je - sus; mer - cy flows through him a - lone.____
 glo - ry where his ran - somed cap - tives meet.____
 - mand - ments then be - come their hap - py choice.____
 taste it shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.____

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scripture reading

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Leader: Mark 12:28-33
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

RULING ELDER LANE JOFFRION

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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Sermon | “Where to Begin”**October 5, 2025**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9^{ESV} | 4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**



**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER JOFFRION

Leader: In response to 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.

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.

– 1 Corinthians 11:23b-26^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Children of God, what have we received from our Lord?

All: What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

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.

** 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.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the final line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n;
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
grac - es, hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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announcements

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** benediction

REV. WELLER

** doxology

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.



Meaningful involvement is the best way to build relationships and connect to a church. If you want to go deeper and find out more, **please contact our church office** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you are looking for a place to serve in the church scan the QR code and sign up for the areas you are interested in.

get involved

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | OCTOBER 12

Immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, October 12**, 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 lasts about 30 minutes but it is come and go as you please.

MEN'S BBQ AND RANGE FELLOWSHIP | OCTOBER 25

Men of all ages - Come join us for a day of fellowship at David Moore's M&M ranch **Saturday, October 25, 10a-2p!** There will be great food and men doing manly things. Come anytime and stay as long as you can! Fathers, bring your sons. This is a GREAT event to invite your neighbors, coworkers, and friends to fellowship. **RSVP to the evite or email James Schell** (men@cpcgeorgetown.org).

FALL PICNIC | OCTOBER 26

Please plan to join us immediately after our worship service on **Sunday, October 26** for our annual fall picnic! We are planning lots of food and fun! Scan the QR code to sign up to bring something to share! **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions or to sign up to help organize.



fall sunday school is in session

Classes are Sundays, 915a! Everyone is warmly encouraged to participate. Come early, grab a cup of coffee, and join in as we dive into God's Word together. It is vital for God's people to be regularly immersed in Scripture. Consistent exposure to His Word helps plant truth in our minds and hearts, making us ready for the Holy Spirit to teach, guide, and convict us. Let's grow together in faith this fall—see you there! **To view class descriptions visit our website, www.cpcgeorgetown.org.**