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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**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness[.]

– Isaiah 61:10a ESV

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

– Psalm 95:1-3, 6 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:* O God of our delight, your throne of grace is a pleasure to our souls. Here we obtain mercy in time of need; here joy pleads the name of Jesus; here we sharpen ourselves with the sword of the Spirit, anoint the shield of faith, put on the helmet of salvation, gather manna from your Word, are strengthened for each conflict, energized for the upward race, and empowered to conquer every foe. Lead us today, as we worship, to come to Christ as the fountainhead of Your gracious mercy and blessings. We come before you in worship now and pray in the exalted name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, “The Throne”

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**All: He was in the beginning with God.**

*Leader:* All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**All: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

*Leader:* He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

**All: But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God.**

*Leader:* For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

**All: For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

—Taken from John 1:1-17<sub>ESV</sub>

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;  
 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a - bove,  
 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou changest not, thy com - pas-sions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 Join with all na-ture in man-i - fold wit-ness To thy great faith - ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mercies I see:



All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro - vid-ed; Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!



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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

— Isaiah 57:15 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Merciful Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.  
We confess our selfishness, pride, and fear.  
We confess that we have been consumed  
By the cares and pleasures of this world.  
We confess that we have failed to love you  
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,  
And we have failed to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.  
We humbly ask for your forgiveness.  
Create in us a clean heart; restore to us the abundant joy of your salvation.  
We ask your mercy and grace in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**All:** **But with you there is forgiveness.**

*Leader:* If we confess our sins,

**All:** **[H]e is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

— Based on Psalm 130:3-4, 1 John 1:9 ESV

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? \*

*\* Chorus:*

Amazing love! how can it be  
That thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. \*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. \*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. \*

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*Leader:* Isaiah 60:11-15  
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.**

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## reception of new members

### CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Maralee Murphy  
Jim and Jane Recer  
Scott and Mary Steelman

### VOWS FOR COMMUNING MEMBERS

*All those who are joining the church as communing members for the first time, whether through baptism, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership, must affirm the following vows:*

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and the discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and 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.*

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**sermon**

[about our guest speaker | Rick Box](#)

Preaching and serving Communion today with us again is Rick Box. Rick has preached for CPC and served Communion several times in the recent past. He was born and raised in Texas, and he and his family served as Mission to the World church planting missionaries in Bogota, Colombia for 29 years. Rick retired from MTW in 2020 and recently married Na-Shuang Freeburg. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick, and express our thanks for his gracious and faithful service to us these last few months.

**Sermon | “Faithful Philadelphia”**

**November 10, 2024**

**Revelation 3:7-13** <sup>ESV</sup> | 7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

8 “I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie – behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. 12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the



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temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**sermon notes**

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**\*\* gospel charge**

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

**All: Let 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<sub>ESV</sub>

## 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.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

– From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 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 Merciful Father in Heaven, you have ordained this Supper as a memorial of your Son Jesus Christ sacrificing himself to redeem us. In sending Jesus as our redeemer while we were still enemies, you show us the holy character of your love – not that we loved you, but you first loved us. And in reconciling us by Jesus’ death while enemies, far more, you give great assurance that we shall be saved by his life! O great Father, open our minds to consider these things and our hearts to participate filled with gratitude and praise for your unimaginable love toward 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.*

## 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 now 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

“Create In Me A Clean Heart,” Words and Music: Keith Green.

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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.*

### REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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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.

**KIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

**Sunday, December 8**, the children of CPC will be sharing a Christmas song with the congregation. If your child would like to participate in this year's Children's Christmas choir, please join our two scheduled practice dates: **Sundays - November 24, 915a and December 8, 930a**. For more information, **please email Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

**ADVENT DECORATING HELP NEEDED**

If you are interested in joining the Advent decorating team, **please contact Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) in the office. We have some prep work needs that can be done at home in addition to decorating the building. We are looking for at least 6 volunteers (ages 12 and up welcome).

**new songs**

Today we sang a new song: "Create In Me A New Heart" by Keith Green. On November 24, we will introduce another new song: "God Omniscient, God All Knowing" by Matt Boswell. If you would like to review the lyrics and hear the music for either of these songs, please visit the links in the weekly email.

**operation christmas child**

Today is the last day to pick up a shoebox and participate in Operation Christmas Child! Stop by the lobby to pick up a shoebox to fill with toys, school supplies, and personal care items. Follow the instructions included on the attached shipping label and return your shoebox to us by **next Sunday, November 17** so that CPC can bring the boxes to Operation Christmas Child for distribution. **Contact Katie Narwold** (kdrell8099@gmail.com) with questions.

**christmas poinsettias**

If you would like to honor or remember someone this Advent season, as well as help to defray the cost of our Christmas poinsettias, please either make your check payable for \$15.00 per poinsettia (only 14 available) to Christ Presbyterian Church, write "Christmas Poinsettia" on the check memo line, and place your check in the Sunday offering plate OR go to [www.cpcgeorgetown.org/giving](http://www.cpcgeorgetown.org/giving) and choose the poinsettia fund. Then, email Adrienne Herron (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) with the "in memory of" or "in honor of" information, which will be included in our Sunday bulletins during Advent beginning December 1. Payment and information are due by **Sunday, November 24**. The poinsettias will be ready to take home after our Christmas Eve service.

**congregational meeting | december 1**

The Session of CPC is calling a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 1, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing new officers and re-electing officers for a new term. We are pleased to announce that **Gary Gottschalk** (deacon), **Allen Utzig** (deacon), and **Rob Castro** (elder) were nominated by the congregation, have been trained and examined by the Session, and are eligible for election by the congregation. **Bryan Herron** (third term) is up for re-election to a new three-year term as a deacon. **Lane Joffrion** (second term) and **Shawn Horrall** (third term) are up for re-election to a new, three-year term as ruling elders.

**building what matters**

September 2024 was the last month of CPC's three-year Generosity Initiative. This initiative was undertaken with dual objectives of 1) encouraging spiritual growth through emphasizing Scriptural teachings on our offerings to God and 2) raising funds to build the current building in Sedro Crossing (goal of \$1.5 M). The main Scriptural teachings emphasized have been that all our giving – tithes, offerings, special gifts – is firstly a matter of worship and honoring God, that giving is primarily a matter of worship rather than a financial transaction, that the Lord enriches his people so they may share and give liberally as he has and as he calls us to do, and that our giving expresses our thanks to God for his work in our lives, and is one way to express our faith and participate in furthering his work in the lives of others (just as he worked in our own lives).

At the beginning of the Generosity Initiative, the CPC congregation pledged \$1,829,232 in special giving. Now that the final month is complete, a careful lookback has shown that the total special gifts to the building fund during the three planned years of the Generosity Initiative have been \$1,833,915 – just slightly over 100% of pledges! Both the pledges and the actual gifts were more than typical benchmarks would have suggested, and they are hallmarks of God's work in the hearts of his people! We are all encouraged to express our heartfelt thanks to God for his blessings to CPC. It is the Session's genuine desire and hope that, over the last three years, all CPC's people have grown in connecting personal giving choices to personal worship of God, in seeing the amazing work of God in our history, and in recognizing now our increased opportunity to share his love and his word with others both today and in the future.