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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,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

– Isaiah 61:10<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,

**All:** **For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

*Leader:* Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

**All:** **Our God is in the heavens: he does all he pleases.**

*Leader:* Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands,

**All:** **Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.**

*Leader:* But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

– Psalm 115:1-4, 8, 18a<sub>ESV</sub>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam –  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along – O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening, find a voice.  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care.  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness. O praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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 and see the smile of your reconciled face; here joy pleads the name of Jesus; here we sharpen 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, nerved for the upward race, and empowered to conquer every foe. Help us to come to Christ as the fountainhead of descending blessings, as a wide-open floodgate of mercy. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

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

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

**All:** We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

—*Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 28*

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## \*\* hymn of praise

### 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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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

– Psalm 32:1-2 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Father in Heaven, forgive my sins.**  
**Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten.**  
**Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation,**  
**And those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.**  
**Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements,**  
**And those when I have failed to boast in your works.**  
**Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others,**  
**And the leniency I have shown myself.**  
**Forgive the lies I have told to others,**  
**And the truths I have avoided.**  
**Forgive the pain I have caused others,**  
**And the indulgence I have shown myself.**  
**In Jesus' Name, have mercy on me and make me whole. 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 ESV

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

## HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turned his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything – no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ – his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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*Leader:* Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
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 | “The Duty of the Christian”

November 12, 2023

**Romans 6:15-23, 7:1-6** <sup>ESV</sup> | 15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7:1 Or do you not know, brothers – for I am speaking to those who know the law – that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? 2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. 3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. 5 For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. 6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

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**\*\* gospel charge**

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

**All:** But as for you, flee false doctrine and the love of money. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

– Adapted from 1 Timothy 6:11–12<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.*

## MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death.  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright;  
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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## 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. \*

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus;

This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Now by this I'll reach my home, 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.*

## HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

*\* Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression and rule in equity. \*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;

To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight. \*

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;

All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing. \*

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

His Name shall stand forever; that Name to us is Love. \*

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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 visitor section in the attendance pad when it circulates.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | DECEMBER 3**

The Session of CPC is calling a congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 3** immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing new deacons. We are pleased to announce that **Larry Brown, Jacob Jennings, Donald Wilcox, and Chris Windsor** were nominated by the congregation, have been trained and examined by the Session, and are eligible for election by the congregation. See page 18 for more information about the candidates.

**ADVENT DECORATING**

Advent is just around the corner! Christmas decorations will be going up the last week of November. We are in need of volunteers to help. If you are interested in being part of the Advent decorating team, **please contact Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org).

**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 10 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 3. Payment and information are due by **Sunday, November 26**. The poinsettias will be ready to take home at our Christmas Eve service.

**operation christmas child**

Let's kick off the upcoming holiday season by blessing children in need! Stop by the lobby this Sunday to pick up an Operation Christmas Child 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 **Sunday, November 19** so that CPC can bring the boxes to Operation Christmas Child for distribution. **Contact Kevin Tanner** (kevinrtanner@gmail.com) with questions.

**men's discipleship groups**

Discipleship groups at CPC are in session. Now is a great time to join! See below for a list of current groups and **contact Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information or to sign up.

**CPC (Georgetown)** | 1-2 Saturdays/month @ 8a | Led by Larry Lorimor  
**Panera (Pflugerville)** | 1-2 Thursday or Friday mornings/month | Led by James Schell  
**Black Sugar (Round Rock)** | 1st and 3rd Mondays @ 730a | Led by Daniel McDowell  
**Koffe Cafe (Liberty Hill)** | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 650a | Led by Daniel McDowell  
**Randall's Starbucks (Georgetown)** | 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 615a | Led by Daniel McDowell  
**Redhorn (Cedar Park)** | 1st and 3rd Fridays @ 650a | Led by Daniel McDowell

## About the Candidates

### CPC Officer Election | DECEMBER 2023

*The Session of Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) has approved the following men for election to the office of deacon.*

**Larry Brown** and wife Molly are 36-year residents of Georgetown. They have been members of CPC since 2019, transferring from another local church. They have three daughters and nine grandchildren. Larry is also a business owner with experience serving on various boards, commissions, and committees. Larry has served as an Assistant Deacon for the past year and feels blessed to be nominated for service as a Deacon.



**Jacob Jennings** and his family became members of CPC in the fall of 2019 after a transfer of membership from another church. Growing up, Jacob was baptized and active in the Southern Baptist church where his father served in the ministry there. After graduating high school, Jacob served in the United States Army Reserves while also attending Texas A&M University where he received a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Jacob and his wife, Abbey, have been married since December 2009. They have been blessed with three children: Reid, Cullen (9), and Georgia (7).

**Donald Wilcox** and wife, Katie, both honored Army retirees, united in marriage in 2020. Together, they've embarked on a profound spiritual journey, culminating in their Public Profession of Faith at CPC in 2021. As Donald, a devoted stepfather to Thalia (9), contemplates the role of Deacon, his dedication to continuous learning shines through his pursuit of a business degree and human resources advisory services. Their combined legacy of service, Donald's sincere commitment to Christ, and his leadership qualities make him a distinguished candidate for the role of Deacon.



**Chris Windsor** and his wife, Jan, are founding members of CPC, going back to 2008 when it first started meeting in the RunTex store on the Georgetown square. Prior to that, he and Jan had been members of CrossPointe PCA with Pastor Whit when he was called to plant a PCA church in Georgetown, the church we now call Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) of Georgetown. Chris has served CPC as a community group leader and has performed numerous

logistics duties over the years. He and Jan have three grown children and five grandchildren.