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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**

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

– 2 Peter 3:18<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

**All:** **My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

*Leader:* So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**All:** **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

*Leader:* So I will bless you as long as I live;

**All:** **In your name I will lift up my hands.**

– Psalm 63:1-4<sub>ESV</sub>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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## **\*\* prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* Great you are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and your wisdom is infinite. You would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in you; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

– A prayer by Augustine

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**\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* Why is he called Christ, that is, Anointed?

**All:** Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 31

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**\*\* hymn of praise****TEACH ME, O LORD, YOUR WAY OF TRUTH**

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth,  
In your com - mand - ments make me walk,  
Turn now my eyes from van - i - ty,  
Turn a - way my re - proach and fear;

and from it I will not de - part;  
for in your law my joy shall be;  
and cause me in your ways to tread;  
your right - eous judg - ments I con - fess;

that I may stead - fast - ly o - bey,  
give me a heart that loves your will,  
O let your ser - vant prove your word  
to know your pre - cepts I de - sire;

give me an un - der stan - ding heart.  
from dis - con - tent and en - vy free.  
and thus to god - ly fear be led.  
re - vive me in your righ - teous - ness.

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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:** **God of love, it is your will that we love you with our heart, soul, mind, and strength,  
And love our neighbor as ourselves,  
But we are not sufficient for these things.  
We confess that our affections continually turn away from you:  
From purity to lust, from freedom to slavery,  
From compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness.  
Have mercy on us.  
Holy Spirit, order our lives by the Word of truth,  
And make your commandments the joy of our hearts.  
Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus,  
That we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

– Romans 5:1 ESV

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

## I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:  
The Lamb who is my righteousness; the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer; his faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by his grace; my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;  
And when he calls me, it will be paradise –  
His face forever to behold; his face forever to behold.

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*Leader:* Psalm 16  
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.*

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**Sermon** | “Jesus Begins Church Building”

**November 19, 2023**

**Luke 24:13-35** <sup>ESV</sup> | 13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered

together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*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:* For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

**All: But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

– Adapted from James 1:23-25 ESV



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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<sup>ESV</sup>

*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.*

## JESUS, I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of my sickness into thy health; out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm; out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in thy love; out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

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## JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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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.*

**MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS**

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with his light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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**announcements**

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**\*\* benediction and 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.

**ADVENT KICK-OFF BREAKFAST**

Join us as we kick off Advent with breakfast **Sunday, December 3, 9-10a**. Please see the sign up sheets in the lobby to sign up to bring something to share. **Contact Debi Newcombe** (debnewcombe@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer to help.

**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.

**sunday school on break**

Today was the last day of Sunday school this semester. We hope you enjoy the break for the holidays and can't wait to welcome you back to class on Sunday, January 7.

**prayer meeting**

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting **Tuesday, November 21, 12p** in the conference room. There will be a zoom option as well. **Email Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown) for prayer requests and the meeting link. All are welcome to join.

**newcomers' gathering**

The Newcomers' Gathering is an informal time set apart for those who have visited our church over the past several weeks to get to know us and one another better over some light refreshments. The pastoral staff will be there to introduce ourselves and answer questions, and hopefully the youth and children's directors can make a brief visit as well. Please join us **Sunday, November 26** immediately following service as you are able.

**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) **by Sunday, November 26**.

**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 (4 still 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.

## advent and christmas eve services

Join us and invite others for Advent and Christmas Eve at CPC! Advent services are December 3, 10, 17, and 24. Our Christmas Eve service will be **Sunday, December 24, 530p.**

## 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](mailto:daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org)) for more information or to sign up.

**CPC (Georgetown)** | 1-2 Saturdays a 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

## how can you serve?

Serving the church is a vital part of the Christian life, not only for individuals to grow in their faith, but also for the mission and work of the church. If you want to serve, but aren't quite sure where, please **contact Adrienne Herron** ([adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org)). We would love to get you plugged in!