
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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

– Psalm 100:4_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forever more!

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Leader: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

All: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on High. Praise the LORD!

– Psalm 113:1-5, 9c_{ESV}

WORSHIP CHRIST THE RISEN KING

Rise, O Church! and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now its mouth declares
Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour
He has conquered! He has conquered! Christ the Lord the Risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph! Stand in triumph! Worship Christ the Risen King!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O most high God, we thank you, for gathering us to your eternal church, for enlightening us with your Word, for granting us your Holy Spirit, and for giving us life everlasting. Thank you, Father, for taking away the chastisement we justly deserve and for giving us all good things. As we come before you together this morning, we ask that you grant us awareness of your presence with us and speak to our hearts. To you be all glory, honor, praise, and thanksgiving, forever and ever. Amen.

– Based on a prayer by Philip Melanchthon, 1559

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?
All: For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Leader: For what does the Scripture say?
All: “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

Leader: Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.
All: And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

Leader: [J]ust as David also speaks:
All: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

– From Romans 4:1-8 ESV

GOD OMNISCIENT, GOD ALL KNOWING

God omniscient, God all knowing, in his wisdom doth ordain
Every working of creation to the glory of his name.
Who his thoughts can dare to fathom? Who his judgements can contain?
None his equal, unassailable, he our God who ever reigns

God all keeping, omnipresent in the passing days of man.
First to last, not one forgotten by his strong and steering hand.
He the sovereign Lord now praise we; he the fount of providence.
On his word we rest unwavering; yes, his perfect word shall stand.

God omnipotent and mighty, inexhaustible his strength.
Governments and fleeting powers melt before his majesty.
How unsearchable his greatness; how inscrutable his ways.
Sing his greatness and preeminence over all created things.

God unchanging, ever faithful to his covenant of grace.
We, his people, Christ did ransom to the glory of his name.
Now ascribe unending worship, now ascribe immortal praise
To the God whose kingdom cometh. Blessed be his matchless name.

Blessed be his matchless name.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

– Psalm 139:23-24^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Holy Father, you are King of kings and Lord of lords.
There is no other god besides you.
Yet, we confess that we do not live as if that were true.
Forgive us for forgetting your rule, thinking small thoughts of you,
And ignoring your greatness.
O Lord our God, we minimize your power and squander your gifts.
Our blindness to your glory has resulted in
Shallow confession and mild repentance.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and in your lovingkindness,
Grant that we would live as covenant children of the One True God,
Maker of heaven and earth, now and always. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,

All: [B]ut my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

– Isaiah 54:10^{ESV}

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name; you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear) (x4)

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name; you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear) (x4)
I am the Lord.

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scripture reading

Leader: Genesis 1:26-31
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ministry moment

LEAH JONES (Front Porch Circle)

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.**

** 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.

[about our guest speaker | Andy Jones](#)

Rev. Andy Jones is a Teaching Elder in the PCA and assistant pastor at Rock Creek Fellowship (PCA) in Lookout Mountain, Georgia. He is also the founder of Roundtree, a marketing agency serving nonprofits. Andy is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary and has previously served churches in California, Georgia, Mississippi, and North Carolina. In July 2024, he became the editor of byFaith Magazine (byfaithonline.com), the official online magazine and news source of the PCA. He is married to Leah and together they have 3 children. Leah is also the founder and facilitator of 'Front Porch Circle', a ministry to pastors' wives.

Sermon | “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

November 24, 2024

1 Timothy 4:1-5 ^{ESV} | 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, 3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: Saints of the Lord, in view of what we have heard from his Word, how should we respond?

All: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

– Colossians 3:16-17_{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 he [Jesus] took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

– Luke 22:19-20_{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 Lord, we do not presume to come to this your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to share in the table of your dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful hearts may be made clean by his sacrifice, and our souls 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 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.

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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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.

sunday school

Sunday School is on break until January. Look for details about the spring session in the coming weeks.

REYNOSA MISSIONS TRIP

If you are looking for an opportunity to put your faith into action, please join the CPC Missions Trip to Reynosa, Mexico, **March 15 - 21**. We will be working with our own missionaries, Marcus and Heather Rudd, at Isaiah 55 Ministries, which works with the deaf and marginalized community in this border area of northern Mexico. We will be helping with some construction projects that are ongoing at the mission – but all you need to bring is a willing heart to spread the love of Christ. **Please sign up on the form in the lobby or contact Shawn Horrall** (shorrall@gmail.com).

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 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 **TODAY**. The poinsettias will be ready to take home after our Christmas Eve service.

advent kick-off breakfast | december 1

Join us as we kick off Advent with breakfast **Sunday, December 1, 8:45-10a**. Please see the sign up sheets in the lobby or in the evite to sign up to bring something to share. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions or to volunteer to help.

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.

advent and christmas eve services

Join us and invite others for Advent and Christmas Eve at CPC! Advent services are **December 1, 8, 15, and 22**. Our Christmas Eve service will be **Tuesday, December 24, 5:30p**.

advent devotionals

A limited supply of *Everyday Gospel*, *Christmas Devotional* by Paul David Tripp are available in the lobby. Pick yours up today!