

REFORMATION SUNDAY | *On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther famously posted his 95 Theses on the church door at Wittenberg – an action which helped spark the Protestant Reformation. We are indebted to Reformers like Luther for their courageous stand for the purity of the Gospel against the civil and ecclesiastical forces of their day. Armed only with an unshakable confidence in God and his Word, many of these men were persecuted, some even giving up their lives. The liturgical color of Reformation Sunday, red, traditionally symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit and reminds us that the Reformation was truly a breaking in of the Spirit to preserve God’s people.*

preparing our hearts

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

– Psalm 40:4-5 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb.

All: **And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”**

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne the voice of many angels, numbering myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

– From Revelation 5:8-13 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 Thou wast their rock, their for-ress, and their might;
 O may thy sol-diers faith-ful, true, and bold,
 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast,

Who thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed,
 Thou, Lord, their Cap-tain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no-bly fought of old,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

Thy name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
 Sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O most holy Christ, draw us today, weak as we are, after yourself. For if you do not draw us, we cannot follow you. Strengthen our spirit, that it may be willing. If our flesh is weak, grant us your grace. Give us a right faith, a firm hope, a fearless heart, a perfect love, that in thankfulness to you we may lay down our lives with joy and steadfastness. Amen.

– Adapted in part from a letter sent by Czech reformer Jan Hus before he was burned at the stake; July 6, 1415

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

All: Because he saves us from our sins; and no salvation is to be either sought or found in any other.

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

All: Because he is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; And our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us, and ever lives to make intercession for us with the Father; And our eternal King who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

– *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 29, 31

REFORMATION SONG

Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build;
In every line the truth is found and every page with glory filled.
Through faith alone we come to you; we have no merit we can claim.
Sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name. *

** Chorus:*

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone; gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

In Christ alone we're justified; his righteousness is all our plea;
Your law's demands are satisfied; his perfect work has set us free.
By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by your pow'r have been made new. *

And on this Reformation day, we join with saints of old to sing;
We lift our hearts as one in praise: Glory to Christ our gracious King. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

– 2 Chronicles 7:14^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Loving God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
We, your image-bearers, are divided against ourselves.
We confess we have injured, hurt, and slandered one another.
We have not always defended, protected, or generously served each other.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor
And nation against nation.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love.
In Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

All: **The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation[.]**

– 2 Corinthians 5:17-18^{ESV}

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Leader: Leviticus 20:22-26
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.

Series | “Philippians – Joy in the Lord”

DANIEL MCDOWELL

Sermon | “Working Out Our Salvation”

November 3, 2024

Philippians 2:12-13_{ESV} | 12Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** 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 6:10-12_{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. 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.*

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.

HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will;
I know what he appoints is best and murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

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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.

PRAISE THE SAVIOR, NOW AND EVER

Musical score for "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with some words appearing in multiple lines.

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - veil - eth; he is all our
3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing suf - f'ring, dy - ing
righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the strong - er
Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing
set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

life ob - tain - ing now in glo - ry he doth rise.
we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

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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.

welcome

Serving Communion today, and worshiping 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.

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).

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 by **Sunday, November 24**. The poinsettias will be ready to take home after our Christmas Eve service.

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).

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 17**, so that CPC can deliver the boxes to Operation Christmas Child for distribution. **Contact Katie Narwold** (kdrell8099@gmail.com) with questions.

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.

fall picnic - thank you!

Thank you to **Suzanne Joffrion** for organizing last week's fall picnic! We would also like to thank everyone who worked the kitchen, cleaned up, brought food, and the deacons for taking care of logistics! Special thanks to **Korina Slabach** for organizing the kids activities and to our children's ministry adult and student volunteers who helped. The children enjoyed table activities, various organized games and getting their faces painted. Shout out to **James and Ira Schell**, and **Sam Bosworth** for all they did to help make it a success. It was truly a wonderful day of fellowship at CPC!

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.

new “debt reduction” fund

The Session announces that CPC has created a new designated giving fund, called the “Debt Reduction Fund” to exist alongside the current Benevolence, Missions, Building, and General funds. Several of our members mentioned this idea during the July Sunday school information classes and we are grateful for their suggestions. This new fund should allow those interested to give tax deductible designated gifts toward mortgage principal reduction. Any donations designated to the “Debt Reduction Fund” will be immediately paid to reduce mortgage principal in the next month after the gift is received. The Session does wish to communicate that there is no intention in the establishing of this fund to have a campaign or an active push for the fund. Establishing the fund is simply an avenue for interested persons in CPC to contribute in a designated manner toward debt reduction, and the fund has been established in response to suggestions received earlier in the year. The necessary accounting and reporting for this new fund will be in place in 1-2 weeks. This selection is live in the online portal now. There is a brief write up online describing all CPC's funds. Everyone is encouraged that special gifts to designated giving funds should be over and above normal gifts, tithes, and offerings to the general fund. If you have any questions, please see the church Treasurer Russ Newcombe, the church's Bookkeeper, Poem Turner, Gary Britigan or any officer.

new adult sunday school topic

The adult Sunday school class covering the Five SOLAs of the reformation has concluded as of this past week. Many thanks to Allen Utzig for leading this discussion. This class will now transition to a brief four week consideration of the Lord's Supper. The new topic will be led by Lane Joffrion.