
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

REV. DEAN WILLIAMS

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

– Psalm 121:1-2_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: **This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter through it. We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.**

Leader: The Lord is good and has made his light to shine upon us.

All: **You are our God and we will give thanks to you.**

– From Psalm 118_{ESV}

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD



This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears,
 This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise,
 This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get



all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 the morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ru-ler yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair;
 This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done;



of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 in the rus-ting grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
 Je-sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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** prayer of invocation

REV. WILLIAMS

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What is justification?

All: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Leader: What is adoption?

All: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 33-34

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION



1. The church-'s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; she
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, her
 3. 'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war, she
 4. Yet she on earth hath u - nion with God the Three in One, and



is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word: from
 char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth; one
 waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er more; till
 mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won; O



heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; with
 ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and
 with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, and
 hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, like



his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

– Psalm 51:6_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Our Father,
We have sinned against you this past week in thought, word, and deed.
Our secret desires have not been aligned with your holy calling in our lives.
We are often selfish, impatient, and rude to those you have placed in our lives.
We have grown weary of doing good and for this we repent.
Cleanse us from our sin and help us to look up to you for healing and strength.
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Hear now, O Church, who testify to the world as ambassadors of Christ Jesus. We have been made clean. As the angel of the Lord touched the unclean lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do his will, he has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of his Son, Jesus Christ.

All: In him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In him, our unkindness in action and in thought has been forgiven. Serve now in the purity of the King to speak the gospel through acts of mercy, grace, and love.

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME (PSALM 51)



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my soul op-press;
3. Bro-ken, hum-bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg-ment just,
4. Gra-cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it right and true;
5. Sin - ners then shall learn from me and re - turn, O God, to thee;



plen-teous in com-pas-sion thou, blot out my trans-gres-sions now;
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro-voked thee to thy face;
let my con-trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;
cast me not a - way from thee, let thy Spir - it dwell in me;
Sa-vior, all my guilt re-move, and my tongue shall sing thy love;



wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
I con-fess my judg-ment-just, speech-less, I thy mer - cy trust.
from my sins O hide my face, blot them out in bound-less grace.
thy sal - va-tion's joy im - part, stead-fast make my will - ing heart.
touch my si - lent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

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scripture reading

NICOLE MARDIAN

Leader: Matthew 18:1-6
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

RULING ELDER LANE JOFFRION

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.

Sermon | “Pursuing Through the Pain”**November 9, 2025**

Galatians 4:8-20 ^{ESV} | 8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER JOFFRION

Leader: In response to the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

– Matthew 5:14-16_{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

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that 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.

– 1 Corinthians 11:23-26^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

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.

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.

** 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.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick - ering torch to thee; My
 can - not close - ering heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I

give thee back the life I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, That
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And
 And

in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there blos - soms red Life

ri - cher, full - er _____ be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er _____ be.
 morn shall tear - less _____ be.
 that shall end - less _____ be.

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announcements

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

** benediction

** doxology

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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About the Candidates

CPC Officer Election | 2025

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

Ethan Hoke (re-election) was born in Mobile, Alabama, but has spent most of his life in Texas. For over 14 years, he's been a dedicated part of CPC, serving faithfully in logistics and as a deacon for the past six. While attending the University of Texas, he came to know the Lord and was baptized. Professionally, Ethan has built a successful career as a technical recruiter. He's married to his wonderful wife, Kirsten, and together they have a daughter, Kara – a senior at Grace Academy of Georgetown.



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



Aldo Tumolin Neto was born and raised in the state of São Paulo, Brazil. He came to faith in Jesus Christ as an adolescent and became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, where he served faithfully for over 20 years. Throughout that time, Aldo was involved in church planting, led study groups, and participated in social projects aimed at serving those in need.

He and his wife, Luciana, have been married for 22 years and are blessed with four children, all born in Brazil. The Tumolin family lived in Luxembourg for nearly three years before moving to the United States in 2022, where they have been members of CPC ever since.

Larry Lorimor (re-election) grew up on a farm in western Iowa. After studying engineering at Iowa State University he enjoyed a 36-year career working in various Illinois locations doing and managing design and development for Caterpillar. Larry was ordained as an elder at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria in the 1980s. He served as a ruling elder in two PCA churches in Illinois. Larry and Kathy have 4 daughters, 4 sons-in-law, and 14 grandchildren. Larry and Kathy have been involved with CPC since it's beginning as a bible study in a Georgetown storefront. Larry leads a men's discipleship group and a community group. He is our prayer ministry leader, he serves on the missions committee, and he coordinates our ministry to the Delaney Care Center.



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.

get involved



Meaningful involvement is the best way to build relationships and connect to a church. If you want to go deeper and find out more, **please contact our church office** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you are looking for a place to serve in the church scan the QR code and sign up for the areas you are interested in.

MINISTRY TEAMS

The Deacons are recruiting to fill out four specialized Ministry Teams to meet a few very specific needs at the church:

- Disaster Response** – planning for and being ready to step in when a disaster strikes.
- Safety** – helping plan and provide a safe environment during worship and events.
- Mercy** – serving those in our congregation or local community who need a hand (meals, visits, financial support).
- Building Improvement** – planning improvements to the building and using skills/manpower to keep our facilities in excellent shape.

If you think you may be able to help in one or more of these areas, **please reach out to James Schell** (men@cpcgeorgetown.org). Your gifts and service are needed!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Today is the last day to grab an Operation Christmas Child shoebox! Each year, Samaritan's Purse collects and ships shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal care items to kids in need all over the world. Stop by the lobby to pick up a shoebox and shipping label, follow the packing instructions, and **return your shoebox to us by next Sunday, November 16.** Contact **Katie Narwold** (kdrell8099@gmail.com) with questions.

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 are looking for at least 8-10 volunteers (ages 12 and up welcome). Decorating will be done **November 24-26**. Contact Adrienne for more information.

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 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 scan the QR code and fill out the dedication form. **Payment and information are due by Sunday, November 23.** The poinsettias will be ready to take home after our Christmas Eve service.



congregational meeting | november 30

The Session of CPC is calling a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 30, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing new officers, re-electing officers for a new term, and information sharing.

We are pleased to announce that Aldo Tumolin was nominated by the congregation for the position of ruling elder, has been trained and examined by the Session, and is eligible for election by the congregation. Ethan Hoke is up for re-election to a new three-year term as a deacon. Larry Lorimor is up for re-election to a new, three-year term as a ruling elder.

no children’s worship | november 30

There are four times a year when we have a fifth Sunday in a month. During these times we want to encourage family worship for all ages. **On November 30 we will not have children’s worship.** Our young children ages 3-5 years are learning about the elements of worship, and when they partake in corporate worship with parents and our church family, congregants have the opportunity to exemplify and help our children engage in worship with them.

cpc women holiday gathering | december 5

CPC’s Women’s Ministry invites you to come to a semi-formal holiday gathering and cookie/ornament exchange on **Friday, December 5, 7-9p.** We will celebrate the Advent season together with food, fun, fellowship, music, and a speaker. Help us usher in the holiday season with encouragement and joy, as well as lots of cookies and a new ornament! Scan the QR code to **RSVP by Sunday, November 30.** (Note: No childcare is offered for this evening event.)



weekly financial snapshot

Thank you for faithfully giving to the Lord!

General Fund Weekly Giving

Budgeted weekly average	\$16,521
Last week (11.2.25)	\$39,934

Fiscal Year thru Last Month (July through October)

General Fund	
Giving	\$278,658
Expenditures	\$248,176
Debt Reduction Fund	
Last month’s giving	\$14,885
FYTD mortgage principal reduction	\$33,840
Building Fund	
Giving	\$525
Applied to mortgage P&I	\$45,918
Balance	\$748,082
Mortgage Balance	\$2,755,030



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