
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

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!
Day and night they never cease to say,
“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”

– From Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

REV. DR. DANIEL J. MCDOWELL

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

All: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

– Psalm 117:1-2_{ESV}

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a - bove,
 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou changest not, thy com - pas-sions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 Join with all na-ture in man - i - fold wit-ness To thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mercies I see:



All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro - vid-ed; Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!



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****prayer of invocation**

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Which is the first commandment?

All: The first commandment is, thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Leader: What is required in the first commandment?

All: The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the holy true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 45-46

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST



1. Our God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Our God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come:



our shel-ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
O be our guard while trou-bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

– Isaiah 55:6-7 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned.
We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows.
We confess the sins that are a burden to us
And the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.
We confess our sins as a church.
We have not loved one another as Christ loved us.
We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven.
We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world
As Christ gave himself for us.
Father, forgive us.
Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live as,
By your mercy, you have called us to live.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

– Psalm 130:3-4 ESV

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea,
2. When Sat - an tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in,
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness.



a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
up - ward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
The great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace.



My name is grav - en on his hands. My name is writ - ten on his heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One with him - self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his blood.



I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence
For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on him and par -
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and



de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
- don me, to look on him and par - don me.
my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

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scripture reading

REV. WILLIAMS

Leader: Lamentations 3:22-26
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 | “Ebenezer Praise”

December 28, 2025

Psalm 103:1-5 ESV | 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER JOFFRION

Leader: Having heard the Lord's Word, how should we respond?

All: But as for you ... 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.

– 1 Timothy 6:11-12_{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.

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 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: Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

All: They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Minister: He also said, “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”

**All: For his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink.
For on the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood up
And cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”**

Minister: Let us pray.

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.

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn;
All glory be to Christ. *

** Chorus:*

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above,
Who is himself our daily bread; praise him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet;
All glory be to Christ. *

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e'er his people be;
All glory be to Christ. *

"All Glory Be To Christ," Music: Traditional Scottish folk tune. Words: Dustin Kensrue.

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announcements

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** benediction

** gloria patri

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men." The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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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.



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.

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | TODAY

Immediately following the worship service today, we will be hosting a Newcomers' Gathering in the conference room across the hallway. This is an informal social event for visitors to meet the staff, some of the ordained officers, and each other as well as the chance to ask some questions. Light refreshments will be provided. This event normally lasts about 30 minutes but it is come and go as you please.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

CPC Women are invited to our winter/spring 2026 Bible study using *Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi: Pointing to the Promised King* by Kathleen Buswell Nielson, exploring God's restoration and pointing us to the promised Savior. Studies meet Wednesday mornings beginning January 21 (childcare available for ages 0-5 with RSVP by January 7) and Thursday evenings beginning January 22 (no childcare). Scan the QR code to sign up! Email biblestudy@cpcgeorgetown.org with questions.



lost and found notice

Our lost and found has been very... blessed lately and is now overflowing. If you've lost a coat, cup, book, or something you didn't even know you lost, please come take a look! Any items still hanging around after **January 11** will be donated and sent off to start a new life. Claim your belongings before they're gone for good!

year-end giving

In order to be deductible on your 2025 tax return, contributions must be received or postmarked no later than **Wednesday, December 31**. If you have questions about year-end giving or any other giving-related question, please contact Russ Newcombe (treasurer@cpcgeorgetown.org).