
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

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

– Job 42:2_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

All: **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

All: **My mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

All: **God is a refuge for us.**

– Psalm 62:5-8_{ESV}

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine.

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**prayer of invocation

Leader: Great Father of glory, even when the world around us is in chaos and we are surrounded on all sides by trouble and disappointment, all this noise and clatter is silenced when we look to you. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts today to know what is the hope to which you have called us, what are the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might that you worked in Christ, when you raised him from the dead and put all things under his feet and gave him as our head in the Church. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

– Based on Ephesians 1:18-22 ESV

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

All: Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

All: Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

All: Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

All: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

– Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 23-26

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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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

– Psalm 145:8-9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Eternal God,**
In every age you have raised up men and women to live for you.
You have commanded us to obey, but we have been indifferent to your will.
You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.
You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.
Lord, grant us the mercy of true repentance,
Teach us the foul taste of sin and the sweetness of being restored to you.
Show compassion according to your steadfast love
And transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit
So that we may grow in knowledge and grace to the praise of your holy name.
These mercies we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,
Who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever over our hearts, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God!**

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way. *

** Chorus:*

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness you find us, falling before your throne
Oh, we're falling before your throne. *

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Leader: Exodus 33:12-19
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

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.

Series | “Romans: The Foundation of Our Faith”

Sermon | “God’s Sovereign Choice”

February 11, 2024

Romans 9:1-18 ^{ESV} | 1 I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. 9 For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” 10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad – in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls – 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– Hebrews 4:14-16_{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. 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

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_{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 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.

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee;
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

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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, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread his praise from shore to shore.
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus; 'tis a heaven of heavens to me,
And it lifts me up to glory for it lifts me up to thee.

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announcements

**** benediction**

**** 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 welcome pad when it comes to you.

lost & found

The lost and found box is full! Please check the box on your way out (located by the front entrance near the kitchen). Items will be donated at the end of the month.

we are growing

Praise God! Every week our attendance numbers are growing, and we have so many wonderful visitors! To ensure that there is enough seating, please try to move forward and move inwards. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

CPC KIDS PARENT MEETING | TODAY

If you are a parent of a child between nursery age and fifth grade, we want to invite you to join us for an informational meeting sharing more about the happenings in CPC's Children's Ministry **TODAY** directly after service, in the Elementary Sunday School classroom (room 5). This is a great time for anyone who is newer to CPC and would like to find out more about our children's programs. There will be time to meet some of our volunteers, discuss concerns, and ask questions. We will also give an opportunity for parents to give feedback. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEN'S RETREAT | MARCH 1-2

All men are invited (high school age and up) to a joint men's retreat with our sister church CrossPointe at John Knox Ranch (JKR) in Wimberley. Join us **March 1-2** (Friday late afternoon through Saturday afternoon) for a short weekend filled with meaningful discussions, camp activities, and opportunities to strengthen relationships with your brothers at CPC. We'll be staying one night in a nice cabin, with dinner and breakfast / lunch provided. Cost is \$80. **Please sign up in the lobby or by emailing James Schell** (wjamesshell@gmail.com) **or Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpdgeorgetown.org).

CPC KIDS EASTER EVENT | MARCH 23

All CPC parents and children are invited to join us for year 3 of "A Walk to the Cross," held at the home of Jan and Chris Windsor, **Saturday, March 23, 3p**. We had a wonderful time last year and we could not have done it without the help of our volunteers! If you would like to help make our "Walk to the Cross" event run smoothly, we need set up, tear down, Easter egg hunt, parking, and role play volunteers!! If you would like to help, **please sign up at the CPC kids check in table!** **Contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpdgeorgetown.org) with questions.

missions opportunity

Come alongside CPC missionaries Marcus and Heather Rudd at Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico (just across the border from McAllen, TX) the week of **March 9-15**. Isaiah 55 is a multi-faceted ministry, including a deaf and vocational school, neighborhood outreach, and church planting efforts. Team members will work on projects to improve our deaf school facility and surrounding community. If you have a heart that is moved for the Isaiah 55 Ministries, please prayerfully consider joining a team of CPC members who will act as the hands of Christ in this ministry. **Please contact Gary Britigan** (gary_britigan@yahoo.com) **or Shawn Horrall** (shorrall@gmail.com) with the Missions Committee for more information or to sign up for this trip.

announcements

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or the weekly email newsletter, **please send your short blurb to Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). **The deadline to submit announcements is Monday at noon.** Any announcements received after this will be published the following week.



welcome to our new nursery coordinator

We want to give a warm welcome to Rhoda Hunter as she steps into the Nursery Coordinator position. Rhoda came to CPC in May of 2023 from Scottsdale, Arizona. Rhoda has served as Children’s ministry director and nursery coordinator at both All Saints Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho, as well as in Scottsdale. She has over 20 years of experience in teaching young children with special needs. We are blessed to welcome her as our new Nursery Coordinator!

last half 2023 building what matters update

Total pledges (October 2021 thru September 2024)	\$1,829,232
Pledge total given from September 26, 2021 through June 30, 2023	\$1,480,692
Building fund giving for July through December 2023	\$140,203
Pledge total given as of December 31, 2023	\$1,620,895
Pledge total remaining after December 31, 2023	\$208,337