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**prelude**

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

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**preparing our hearts**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

– Psalm 36:7-9 ESV

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**All:** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

*Leader:* Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

**All:** **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Leader:* Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**All:** **Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

– Psalm 100:1-5 ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

SING HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!

Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with - in his sa - cred courts!  
 Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! O praise him with the trum - pet sound!  
 With sound - ing cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals praise a loud!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him in his heav'n - ly height!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God with lute and harp and strings,  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that breathes now praise the LORD!

Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!  
 with dance and pipe and tam - bou - rine! O praise him! O praise him!  
 O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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## \*\*prayer of invocation

*Leader:* O Most High God and Creator of all that there is, You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their hosts, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them. The host of heaven worships you. And you have kept all your promises, for you are a righteous, gracious, and merciful God. Therefore, Father, remind us today of your covenant love, open our eyes to see your only Son Jesus, and by your Spirit, open your words of life to us today. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray before you, Amen.

– Based on Nehemiah 9:6, 8, 31 ESV

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* [God the Father] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**All: He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation.**

*Leader:* For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.

**All: And he is before all things and in him all things hold together.**

*Leader:* And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

**All: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

– Colossians 1:13-20 ESV

## MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death.  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright;  
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow.  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

– Job 42:3b, 5-6<sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **God in heaven, we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight.  
Forgive the impatience of our hearts,  
For we grow weary of waiting for your glory to come,  
And instead fill ourselves with fleeting pleasures,  
And become satisfied with temporary measures.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and make known to us your unmerited favor.  
Let us hear and follow your call to put off this world  
And to seek the things that are above where Christ is.  
Teach us to love your mercy and forgiveness.  
Grant us to grow in grace and knowledge,  
Living in the abundance of your steadfast love,  
Not only for the benefits to us, but also to glorify you.  
In Jesus' Holy name we pray. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All:** **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. [Thanks be to God!]**

– Psalm 103:8, 10<sub>ESV</sub>

## ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,  
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,  
And let my song forever be: "My only boast is you." \*

"All I Have Is Christ," Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin.

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*Leader:* Exodus 3:13-15 & 33:17-23  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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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.**

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\*\* 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.*

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**Sermon** | “The Boys in the Boat Meet God ”

**February 2, 2025**

**Mark 6:45-56** <sup>ESV</sup> | 45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” 51 And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. 54 And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him 55 and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* Upon hearing this Word of God, how ought we conduct ourselves?

**All:** Let us bless the LORD at all times; let his praise be continually in our mouths.  
Let us make our boast only in the LORD. Oh, let us magnify him and exalt his name together.

– Adapted from Psalm 34:1-3<sub>ESV</sub>

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## 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.*

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## 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<sup>ESV</sup>

*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, through these symbols of broken bread and poured out drink, we remember the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ for us, his resurrection and ascension, and we look for his coming again in power and glory. Since you have ordained this supper to strengthen our faith, we pray that, by your Spirit and through our contemplation of his sacrifice, you would indeed increase our faith and fellowship with both Jesus Christ and each other. And through our proclamation of the Lord’s death for us as we partake, may we affirm our allegiance and fidelity to him as our Lord and reconfirm our commitment to following him, living in his light and loving our brothers as he loved 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.*

## HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turned his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us," Words & Music: Stuart Townend.  
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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.*

## HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

*\* Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression and rule in equity. \*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight. \*

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing. \*

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand forever; that Name to us is Love. \*

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed," Words: James Montgomery; Music (alt lyrics): Sandra McCracken.  
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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.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE | FEBRUARY 16

Congratulations to Daniel for passing his remaining ordination exams last weekend! An Ordination and Installation service for Daniel's call to be the Assistant Pastor at CPC will take place **Sunday, February 16, 530p** with a light reception to follow. All are welcome to join!

## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found box is getting full. Please check the box located near the front door and reclaim any items that belong to you. Any items not claimed will be donated after the service on **Sunday, February 23**.

## officer nominations

Members - One of the great ways you can love CPC is by helping us identify godly men to serve our church as elders or deacons. Pick up a nomination card from the designated table in the lobby and submit your completed form to the collection box by **Sunday, February 23**. Descriptions of qualifications and responsibilities for officers of the church can be found on the same table. You may also submit an electronic nomination card with the QR code.



## 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](mailto:adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org)). The deadline to submit announcements is Monday at noon. Any announcements received after this will be published the following week.

## chili cookoff results

Thank you to Suzanne Joffrion and Adrienne Herron for coordinating and all the volunteers and contestants that made the chili cookoff a huge success! A special thank you to our wonderful judges as well - Russ Newcombe, Nicole Mardian, Joanna Sukup, and Daniel McDowell. Congratulations to our winners! **Adrienne Herron** took home the first place trophy, **Bryan Herron** won second place, and **Sam Weaver** won third. **Jan Straka** took home the Pastor's Choice award, and **Bryan Herron** won Best Chili Name ("Texas Manna from Heaven"). If you are interested in organizing or volunteering to help with fellowship events like these, please contact Suzanne Joffrion ([hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org)). We are currently looking for help in April for our Easter breakfast.