

LENT | *The season of Lent is traditionally the season to prepare for the memorial of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. This preparation involves a special examination of our devotion to Christ. As such, through repentance, we lay aside both our sins and even, for a time, good things that sometimes compete for our love and trust. Instead, we intentionally pursue, even with sacrifice and effort, all things that remind our hearts that we are united to Christ and belong to no other.*

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

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

— Psalm 26:8^{ESV}

** call to worship

REV. DR. DANIEL J. MCDOWELL

Leader: You who seek God, let your hearts revive.

All: **For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people. Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.**

— From Psalm 69:32-34^{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 Cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; There is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.

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****prayer of invocation**

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What is forbidden in the third commandment?

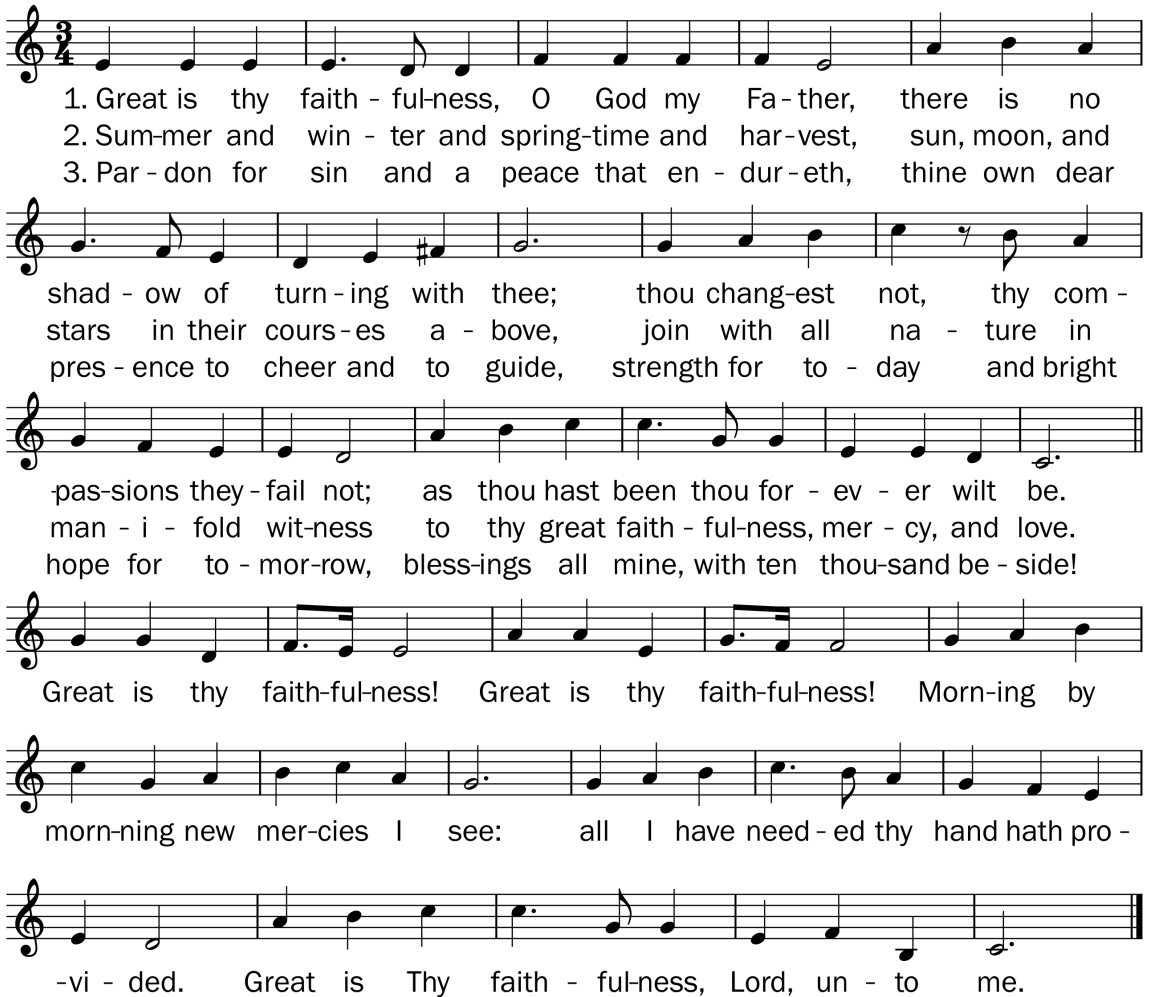
All: The third commandment forbids all profaning and abusing of anything whereby God makes himself known.

Leader: What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

All: The reason annexed to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 55-56

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear
 shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright
 pas-sions they-fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-
 vi-ded. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

— Psalm 34:18 ^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Holy God, you said that you are the Light of the World,
Yet we still refuse to let you into the darkest place of our lives.
You said that you are the Good Shepherd, but we fail to follow where you lead.
We are sheep that have gone astray.
You said that you are the Bread of Life, but we seek out other things to satisfy us.
You said that you are the Way, but we often make our own paths.
You said that you are the Truth,
But we find ways to deceive ourselves and others.
You said that you are Life.
Forgive us and help us to embrace the mercy, forgiveness, and grace
That you offer us so that we can have an abundant life with you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

— From a 2016 liturgy of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

All: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

— 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 ^{ESV}

Leader: Christian, you are free in Christ. Rest in the freedom of his forgiveness.

All: Amen!

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could re-mem-ber, no wrongs we have done?
 What pa-tience would wait as we con-stant-ly roam?
 What rich-es of kind-ness he lav-ished on us.

Om-ni-scient, all-know-ing, he counts not their sum.
 What Fa-ther so ten-der is call-ing us home?
 His blood was the pay-ment, his life was the cost.

Thrown in-to a sea with-out bot-tom or shore.
 He wel-comes the weak-est, the vil-est, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev-er af-ford,

Our sins, they are man-y, his mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord,
 His mer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark-ness, new ev-'ry morn; our
 sins, they are man-y his mer-cy is more.

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Leader: Psalm 95:6-11
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 | “Sight Divorced from Faith”

February 22, 2026

Deuteronomy 1:19-33 ^{ESV} | 19 “Then we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrifying wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us. And we came to Kadesh-barnea. 20 And I said to you, ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the Lord our God is giving us. 21 See, the Lord your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’ 22 Then all of you came near me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.’ 23 The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe. 24 And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out. 25 And they took in their hands some of the fruit of the land and brought it down to us, and brought us word again and said, ‘It is a good land that the Lord our God is giving us.’

26 “Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. 27 And you murmured in your tents and said, ‘Because the Lord hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.”’ 29 Then I said to you, ‘Do not be in dread or afraid of them. 30 The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ 32 Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the Lord your God, 33 who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go.”

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: Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

— Hebrews 12:28-29_{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.

**** 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.

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears:
his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
he owns me for his child, I can no long er fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands,
his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race,
"For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for - give," they cry,
with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh,

my name is writ - ten on his hands.
and sprin - kles now the throne of grace. A - rise,
"don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!" A - rise,
and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

a - rise, a - rise, a - rise my soul a - rise. A - rise, a - rise,
a - rise, A - rise, a - rise,

a - rise, a - rise my soul a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

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announcements

REV. WILLIAMS

** 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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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.



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.

get involved

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | MARCH 1

Immediately following the worship service **Sunday, March 1**, 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.

MEN'S RETREAT 2026 | MARCH 6-7

Men, join us **Friday, March 6, 3p - Saturday, March 7, 3p** at the beautiful John Knox Ranch in Wimberley for fellowship, teaching, discussion, enjoying time outdoors, and sharing great meals together. Invite your friends! All men (high school age and up) are welcome! This year Rev. Luke Evans (church planter and current Reach South TX director) will speak on the theme: Belovedness - resting in the love of the Father. The cost is \$90, which covers food and lodging. Scholarships are available if needed. **Contact James Schell** for more info (men@cpcgeorgetown.org). Scan the QR code to sign up.



intro to cpc | march 20-21



We will be offering a membership class **Friday March 20, 630-830p** and **Saturday, March 21, 9a-3p**. Breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday. Childcare is provided for both days (with RSVP). This is a wonderful time to learn more about CPC, our denomination, beliefs, ministry philosophy, and where you might fit in and serve. If you are interested in membership or just learning more about our church, please scan the QR code to attend. Both classes are required for membership. **Contact the church office with questions** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org).

cpc kids easter event | march 28

All CPC parents and children are invited to join us for "A Walk to the Cross," held at the home of Chris and Jan Windsor on **Saturday, March 28**. We've had a wonderful time in years past, 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, and role-play volunteers!!** If you would like to help, please scan the QR code. For more information contact Korina Slabach (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

