
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 love you, O LORD, my strength.
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

– Psalm 18:1-2_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

All: Praise befits the upright.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and sing to Him a new song.

All: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;

All: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord!

– Based on Psalm 33:1-5_{ESV}

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous. You are a gracious and merciful God. Therefore, Father, remind us today of your covenant love, open our eyes to see Jesus, and by your Spirit, open your words of life to us today. In Christ's Name we pray, Amen.

– Based on Nehemiah 9:6, 8, 31 ESV

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

All: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Leader: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

All: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her yet without sin.

– *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 21-22*

FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

Father, long before creation, thou hadst chosen us in love.
And that love, so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same.
His compassion and his covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise his name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day.
Mercy, free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us, that his only Son he gave.

Loving Father, now before thee, we will ever praise thy love.
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: My children, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises everyone whom he receives.

— From Hebrews 12:5-6 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father of lights, With whom there is no variation or shadow due to change,
You are eternal and steadfast in your love;
Every day you greet us with new mercies.
Therefore, forgive the impatience of our hearts,
For we grow weary of waiting for the glory to come,
Instead filling ourselves with fleeting pleasures,
And becoming satisfied with temporary measures.
We forsake you because we have not trusted your faithfulness.
But great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
For you have saved us from these sins and many others.
We have not waited, but you have been patient with us.
Therefore, turn our hearts to love you and our eyes to trust in you,
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

— 1 Peter 1:3 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name; you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear) (x4)

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name; you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
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I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear) (x4)
I am the Lord.

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Leader: Genesis 22:1-18
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 Electing Love”

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Romans 8:26–39 ^{ESV} | 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

–Titus 2:11-14_{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.

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

** Chorus:*

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together;

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up. *

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid,

For the promised morning – O how long – O God of Jacob be my strength. *

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. *

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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.

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. *

** Chorus:*

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. *

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest? *

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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!

YOUNG LIFE EVENT | THURSDAY

CPC is hosting a table at an event sponsored by Georgetown Young Life called "Trivia Night" on **Thursday, February 8 from 6-8 pm** at the Highpoint Estate in Liberty Hill. It will be a fun evening with dinner, a silent auction, and an opportunity to hear what God is doing in the lives of high school and college students in Georgetown. **If you have questions, please contact Whit** (whit@cpcgeorgetown.org). **To save your seat, please contact Ryan Slabach** (youth@cpcgeorgetown.org).

CPC KIDS PARENT MEETING | FEBRUARY 11

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 on **Sunday, February 11**, 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 answer 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. More details to come very soon, including the opportunity to RSVP. If you simply cannot wait to sign up, **email James Schell** (wjamesshell@gmail.com) now before spots fill up!

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.

join our cpc choir

We're seeking passionate individuals with a love for singing to join our choral ensemble and lead our covenant family in worship on March 3 (Lenten Season) and 31 (Easter). Rehearsals will be Wednesdays beginning February 7, 8p. No prior experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm and a desire to serve through song. You do not need to know how to read music. **For more information, contact Suzanne Schell** (suzanneschell@icloud.com).

chili cookoff results

Thank you to Suzanne Joffrion and Adrienne Herron for coordinating and all the volunteers and contestants that made the chili cook off a huge success! A special thank you to our wonderful judges as well – Jan Straka, Bryan Herron, and Donald Wilcox. Congratulations to our winners! **Russ Newcombe** took home the first place trophy, **Ira Schell** won second place, and **Joanna Sukup** won third. **Jenny McDowell** took home the Pastor's Choice award for the second year in a row, and **Jan Windsor** won Best Chili Name ("Boot Scootin' Chili"). If you are interested in organizing or volunteering to help with fellowship events like these, **please contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org). We are currently looking for help in April for our Easter breakfast.

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