
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

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

— Psalm 84:1-3 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let [the people] praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

All: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship ... for the LORD our God is holy!

— Psalm 99:1-3, 5, 9 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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**prayer of invocation

Leader: Great Father of glory, though the world around us is often in chaos and we are surrounded by trouble and disappointment, all this noise and clatter is silenced when we look to you. Enlighten our hearts as we worship today, to know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe. Open our minds and hearts to understand that these blessings are in accordance with the working of your great might that you worked in Christ when you raised him from the dead, seated him at your right hand in the heavenlies, put all things under his feet, and gave him as head over all things to the Church. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

– Based on Ephesians 1:18-22 ESV

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: 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,

Leader: [Born] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

All: Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Leader: In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

All: So that the tested genuineness of [our] faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with an inexpressible joy filled with glory,

All: [O]btaining the outcome of [our] faith, the salvation of [our] souls.

– Taken from 1 Peter 1:3-9 ESV

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

–1 John 1:5-6, 8_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: O Most High and Eternal God,
In every age you have called 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 and selfish.
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 to us 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, 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,

All: So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21_{ESV}

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME (PSALM 51)

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice.
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Leader: James 4:13-17, 5:7-12
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

** 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.

Brandon Flynn is the Director of Music and Discipleship at CrossPointe Church in Austin, as well as a pastoral intern working toward ordination in our presbytery. He and his family were members at CPC for five years before taking up his position at CrossPointe, during which time he taught at Grace Academy and was CPC's Youth Director/Coordinator for a time. He is a graduate of Covenant Seminary. Brandon is married to Anna and together they have three boys, the two youngest of whom were baptized at CPC: Simeon (age 6), Micaiah (age 4), and Peter (age 2).

Sermon | "Numbering Our Days"

February 9, 2025

Psalm 90: 1-17 ^{ESV}

- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are
like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- 7 For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- 9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- 11 Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- 12 So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad for as many days as you have
afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- 16 Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- 17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

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. 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, 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.

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

While the bread is distributed, please sing verses 1-2

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

While the cup is distributed, please sing verses 3-4

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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**** 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.

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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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.

thank you

Serving communion today is Rev. John Weller. He is a Teaching Elder in the South Texas Presbytery and is currently serving as a hospital chaplain. Previously, John was Assistant Pastor at Christ the King PCA in Austin, and prior to that he was a firefighter for the City of Austin for 23 years. He is married to Natalie Weller, and they have four grown children. If you have the opportunity, please greet John and Natalie, and express our thanks to John for his service to CPC this week.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE | FEBRUARY 16

Congratulations to Daniel for passing his remaining ordination exams! 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**.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Christ Presbyterian Church-New Braunfels (1620 E Common St, New Braunfels, 78130) is sponsoring a women's retreat, **Friday, April 11, 5p to Saturday, April 12, 2p**. Out of the Depths - Rescue Redemption, and Relentless Grace will be taught by Lydia Brownback. Early Bird Registration lasts until February 15 and is \$50.00. Regular registration is February 16 to April 1, (or until all seats are sold) and the price is \$75.00. For more information visit <https://www.christpresnb.org/out-of-the-depths>.

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.

