

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

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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

— Matthew 5:6_{ESV}

** call to worship

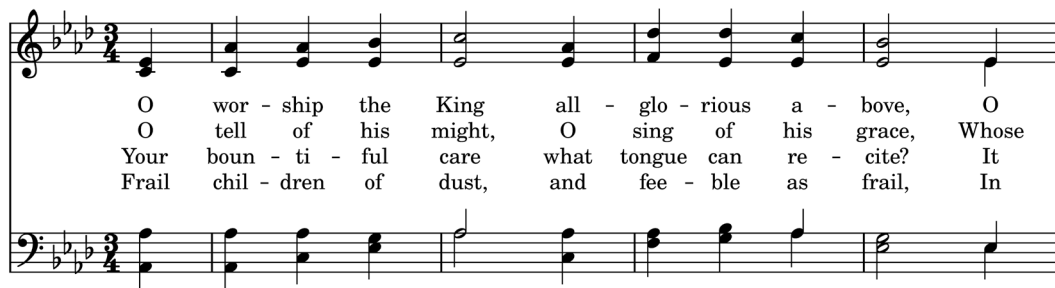
Leader: Praise the LORD!

All: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

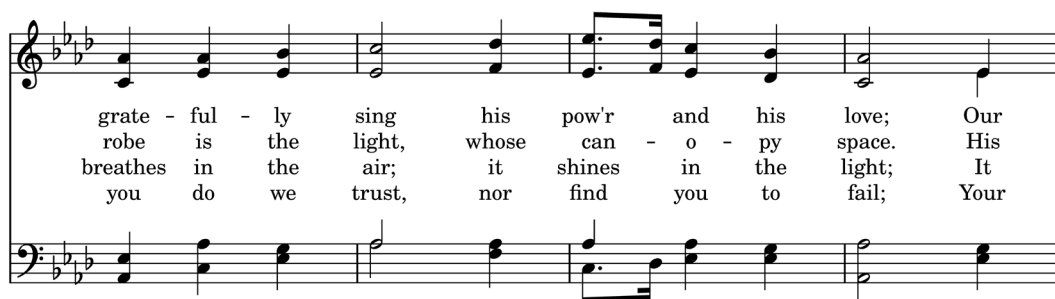
— Psalm 111:1–3_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

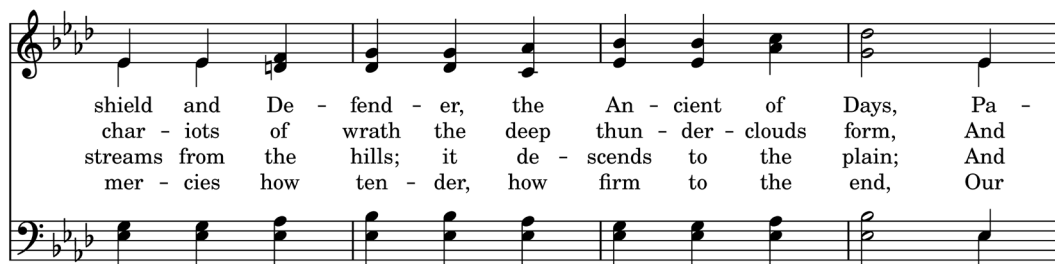
O WORSHIP THE KING



O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O
 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose
 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It
 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In



grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; Our
 robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His
 breathes in the air; it shines in the light; It
 you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your



shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
 char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, And
 streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain; And
 mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end, Our



-vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.
 Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

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****prayer of invocation**

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**** affirmation of faith**

All: We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths
that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God –
eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty;
completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

We know him by two means:

First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe,
since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book
in which all creatures, great and small,

are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God:

his eternal power and his divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20.

All these things are enough to convict men and to leave them without excuse.

Second, he makes himself known to us more openly by his holy and divine Word,
as much as we need in this life, for his glory and for the salvation of his own.

– *The Belgic Confession*, Articles 1&2

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



1. How — firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear — not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5. "The — soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is — laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for — I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 the — riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my — grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
 I — will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
 that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,



to — you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and — sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - stress.
 your — dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll — ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

— From *The Book of Common Prayer*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Almighty God,

You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him

Or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people,

Obedying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who rules the world and is head of the Church, his body.

In his name we pray, Amen.

—Traditional Reformed Confession

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

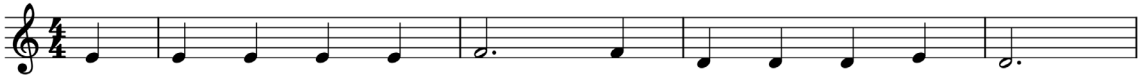
ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

All: He 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.

— Isaiah 40:1-2; Colossians 1:13-14_{ESV}

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE



1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;



not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.



Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord to thee,
No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;



not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

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scripture reading

MR. RYAN SLABACH

Leader: Psalm 119:65-72
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

RULING ELDER LARRY LORIMOR

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 | “Waywardness, Wilderness, and Faithfulness”

March 1, 2026

Deuteronomy 1:34-46 ^{ESV} | 34 “And the Lord heard your words and was angered, and he swore, 35 ‘Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land on which he has trodden, because he has wholly followed the Lord!’ 37 Even with me the Lord was angry on your account and said, ‘You also shall not go in there. 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 And as for your little ones, who you said would become a prey, and your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there. And to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn, and journey into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea.’

41 “Then you answered me, ‘We have sinned against the Lord. We ourselves will go up and fight, just as the Lord our God commanded us.’ And every one of you fastened on his weapons of war and thought it easy to go up into the hill country. 42 And the Lord said to me, ‘Say to them, Do not go up or fight, for I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before your enemies.’ 43 So I spoke to you, and you would not listen; but you rebelled against the command of the Lord and presumptuously went up into the hill country. 44 Then the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do and beat you down in Seir as far as Hormah. 45 And you returned and wept before the Lord, but the Lord did not listen to your voice or give ear to you. 46 So you remained at Kadesh many days, the days that you remained there.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER LORIMOR

Leader: In response to the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

— Colossians 2:6-7_{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

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

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.

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.

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.

HE LEADETH ME



1.He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with heav - enly
2.Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where E - den's
3.Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
4.And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the



com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e're I be, still
bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, still
nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since
vic - t'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since



'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me; by
'tis his hand that lead - eth me.
'tis my God that lead - eth me.
God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



his own hand he lead - eth me: his faith - ful fol - l'wer



I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

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announcements

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** 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.



get involved

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.

daylight savings time

Daylight savings time begins next **Sunday, March 8, 2a**. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour!

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | TODAY

Immediately following the worship service **today**, 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.

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). **Please take the insert in your bulletin and invite friends, family, and neighbors!**



serve with women's ministry



God is doing such sweet and meaningful things in our Women's Ministry, and we have several upcoming events designed to encourage hearts and deepen friendships. We would love for you to be part of it! Ladies, would you prayerfully consider serving? Whether it's offering hospitality, decorating, greeting, helping with setup or cleanup, praying, or supporting behind the scenes, there's a place just for you. Serving is a beautiful way to connect with other women and join in what God is doing in our community. If you're willing to help – even just once – we would be so grateful. **Please scan the QR code to volunteer or email Natalie Weller** (ladiesevents@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information.

easter choir

Join our Easter Sanctuary Choir (adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers)! We are currently looking for singers to join our Easter Sanctuary Choir. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just enjoy leading worship through song, we would love for you to be part of it! **Contact Van Henry** (vhenry@cpcgeorgetown.onmicrosoft.com) for more information.

thank you

Ryan Slabach has transitioned from our Youth Director to a Pastoral Intern as he continues working through seminary and the ordination process in South Texas Presbytery. We are grateful for his years of service to our congregation and especially our youth. Please take a moment in the coming weeks to thank him personally, if able.

welcome

With Ryan Slabach's transition from our Youth Director to a Pastoral Intern, we are excited to announce that **James Schell** has agreed to become our Youth Director. Please be praying for him in this new role and consider how you can assist in this growing ministry!

weekly financial snapshot

Thank you for faithfully giving to the Lord!

General Fund Weekly Giving

Budgeted weekly average	\$16,521
Last week (2.22.26)	\$9,607



Scan here for online offerings

Fiscal Year thru Last Month (July through January)

General Fund	
Giving	\$499,698
Expenditures	\$432,020
Debt Reduction Fund	
Last month's giving	\$400
FYTD mortgage principal reduction	\$67,540
Building Fund	
Last month's giving	\$75
Applied to mortgage P&I	\$91,836
Balance	\$759,566
Mortgage Balance	\$2,707,639