

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

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2 ESV

** call to worship

REV. DR. DANIEL J. MCDOWELL

Leader: Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart exult!

All: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

— Psalm 64:10; 65:1-2 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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****prayer of invocation**

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

All: The fourth commandment forbids the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Leader: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

All: The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath-day.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 61-62

IN CHRIST ALONE



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe, this gift of love and right-eous - ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
 -mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - fort - er,
 died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin
 -ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his
 man, can ev - er pluck me from his hand. Till he re - turns

my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 and he is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 or calls me home: here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

— 2 Chronicles 7:14_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Lord, you are our Shepherd, yet we still want.
You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still.
You are our righteousness, but we look to our own works.
You are with us, but yet we still fear
And do not trust your promises of protection and cower at our enemies.
Lord, forgive us.
Cause us to embrace your goodness and mercy
That we may truly believe that you will be with us all the days of our life.
We pray this in the name of our Lord, Christ Jesus. Amen.

— Adapted from Psalm 23_{ESV}

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

— Psalm 130:3-4_{ESV}

AND CAN IT BE



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi -
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and
 4. No con-dem-na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in



Sav-ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who
 nite his grace!), hum-bled him-self (so great his love!), and bled for
 na-ture's night; thine eye dif-fused a quick-'ning ray; I woke, the
 him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in



him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it
 all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
 dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was
 righ - teous-ness di - vine, bold I ap-proach th'e - ter - nal



be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A - maz - ing
 free; for, O my God, it found out me.
 free; I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.



love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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scripture reading

REV. WILLIAMS

Leader: Romans 9:14-18
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

RULING ELDER JONATHAN WELLS

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 | “The Sovereign Prerogatives of God”

March 22, 2026

Deuteronomy 2:26-37 ^{ESV} | 26 “So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 27 ‘Let me pass through your land. I will go only by the road; I will turn aside neither to the right nor to the left. 28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink. Only let me pass through on foot, 29 as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar did for me, until I go over the Jordan into the land that the LORD our God is giving to us.’ 30 But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day. 31 And the LORD said to me, ‘Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may occupy his land.’ 32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz. 33 And the LORD our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people. 34 And we captured all his cities at that time and devoted to destruction every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors. 35 Only the livestock we took as spoil for ourselves, with the plunder of the cities that we captured. 36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, as far as Gilead, there was not a city too high for us. The LORD our God gave all into our hands. 37 Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not draw near, that is, to all the banks of the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, whatever the LORD our God had forbidden us.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER WELLS

Leader: Beloved saints of the Lord, in response to what we have heard, how now shall we live?
All: **Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

— Hebrews 12:1b-2_{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.

**** 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.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays;
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y chor - us, which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fath - er love is reign-ing o'er us, bro - ther love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow - 'ry mead-ow flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther, all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant-ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee!
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!
joy - ful mus - ic leads us on - ward in the tri-umph song of life.

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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.

**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.

CPC KIDS EASTER EVENT | MARCH 28

Please join us (and invite others) for "A Walk to the Cross," held at the home of Chris and Jan Windsor on **Saturday, March 28, 2-4p**. "A Walk to the Cross" is an interactive play recounting and retelling the story of the last days of Jesus, his death, burial and resurrection. There will be refreshments and an Easter egg hunt for the kids. **Please email Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information.

MISSION TRIP TO REYNOSA

A one-week short term mission trip opportunity, **June 13-19**, is available for men and sons in the church coming up this June to Reynosa, Mexico. We are praying that God will lead seven men to commit to go on this life-changing trip to partner with Isaiah 55 ministries as they minister to the poor and handicapped in Reynosa. We're looking for men who will sacrificially answer the call and say, like the prophet Isaiah, "Send me" when God asked, "Whom shall I send?" (Isaiah 6:8). It will most likely be painting and general construction type work. No prior skills needed - just a desire to serve our Lord Jesus in Reynosa, Mexico. **Please send any questions to Gary Britigan and Greg Shoup** (missiontrip@cpcgeorgetown.org).

mark your calendars

Wednesday night ministries will resume **March 25!**

good friday service

Please plan to join us on **Friday, April 3, 530p** for our Good Friday service as we gather in reflection and remembrance.