

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

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

— Colossians 1:19-20_{ESV}

** call to worship

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

— Psalm 95:1-3_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our
 Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing; Were
 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us, We
 That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The

help - er he a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
 not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing. Dost
 will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us. The
 Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth. Let

still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great; And
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sab - a - oth his name, From
 prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en - dure, For
 goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill: God's

armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.
 lo! his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: God of wonders, you who set the stars and moon in their place, who established the sun and tell it when to rise and fall: Is it not your voice that establishes our days and quiets our spirit? Only your words can fill our souls and quench our thirst. Therefore, O Father of mercies, come this morning! Come, Son of God and Word of Life! Come, Holy Spirit, Comforter of our souls! Inhabit the praises of your people and make your presence among us known, O Great God. Fill us with awe at your power, and lead us by your Spirit for there is no other God than you Lord, the great Triune God. In Jesus' Name we come before you, Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

All: [W]hom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Leader: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

All: After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Leader: Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

All: For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

— Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1-3 ESV

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain;
5. This glor - ious hope re - vives our cour - age by the way;
6. From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one our com - forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 While each in ex - pec - ta - tion lives, and longs to see the day.
 And per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

– 1 John 1:8-9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father in heaven, by your Word,
Which is sharper than any two-edged sword,
Would you discern the thoughts and intentions of my heart?
Pierce my soul with conviction of sin
And alert me to unrighteousness within me.
For though I know and confess that I am a sinner,
I am yet confounded by my desires and enticed by my flesh.
Thank you that Jesus knows my weakness,
And that he knows what is required to resist temptation,
Since he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Let me diligently labor, as one who will receive the rest that Christ has won,
To put aside the old nature and put on the new nature to which you call us.
Even as I rest in his loving sacrifice carried out on my behalf.
Thank you for extending your grace and abundant mercy to me,
In Jesus' Name, and in faith, I pray before you, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

All: **[H]e has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.**

– Colossians 1:21-22 ESV

COME, YE SINNERS

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

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Leader: Romans 3:21-26
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.

Preaching and serving Communion today is Rick Box who has graciously ministered to us often over the last several months. He was born and raised in Texas and served MTW as a church planning missionary in Columbia and elsewhere. Rick retired in 2020 and now lives in Austin. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick and Na-Shuang and express our heartfelt thanks for his service to CPC.

Sermon | “Reconciled to God”**March 23, 2025**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ESV | 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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: Receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, make your ear attentive to wisdom and incline your heart to understanding; call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

— Adapted from Proverbs 2:1-5 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

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.

— From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 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 consider his sacrificial suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and ascension; and we await his return in power and with glory. God of Mercy, through your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these symbols of broken bread and a poured out cup. Grant that all who participate in this table 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: 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.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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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.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in. *

** Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. *

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *

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announcements

**** 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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH | MARCH 30

Please join us for a potluck fellowship lunch with the Senior Pastor candidate Dean Williams and his wife Dorothy on **Sunday, March 30, 12p**. You can sign up with the QR code or in the lobby to bring something to share.



INTRO TO CPC CLASS

We will be offering a two-part membership class on April 13 and 27. Classes will be after worship from 1230-230p with lunch and childcare being provided. 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 reach out to Pastor Daniel** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org). You can also scan the QR code to register. Both classes are required for membership.

cpc prayer ministry

CPC has a prayer ministry that receives and distributes prayer requests to our church family. We also publish and distribute monthly a prayer calendar that prompts us to pray daily for our children. There are currently seventy children named on the calendar. If you would like to be added to the prayer email list or if you would like your child added to the Pray for Me calendar, **you can email Larry Lorimor** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org).

children's ministry

Outside food and drink reminder: This is just a friendly reminder that we do not allow outside food or drinks (other than personalized water bottles with water) in our nursery or children's worship classrooms. We want to create an allergy-free environment for all of CPC's kids. If your child has specific dietary needs, **please email Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org). Thank you so much for your care in helping us create a safe environment.

good friday service | april 18

Please plan to join us **Friday, April 18, 530p** for Good Friday Service.