

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.*

preparing our hearts

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

– 2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

choral anthem

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

*Behold! Behold! Behold, the Lamb of God,
Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

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** call to worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

All: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

All: **Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

– Based on Psalm 111:1-4,7-10 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Great You are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and your wisdom is infinite. You would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in you; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

— A prayer by Augustine of Hippo

Leader: What is true faith?

All: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

**** hymn of praise**

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE



1. O Word of God in car - nate, O wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
it is the heav'n drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing word.
'mid mists and rocks and quik - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

– Psalm 51:1 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in.

It is ruinous, O repair it!

It displeases your sight. I confess it, but who shall cleanse it?

To whom shall I cry but to you?

Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord,

And spare your servant from my peculiar sins.

All this I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior of my soul. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

KYRIE ELEISON†



Leader: Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



All: Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



Leader: Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner,



All: Have mer-cy on me — a sin-ner. —

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

– 1 Corinthians 6:9a, 11 ESV

All: Thanks be to God for his mercy!

HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will;
I know what he appoints is best and murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Chorus (2x):

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

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scripture reading

Leader: Psalm 90:1-14
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.**

ministry reflection

CPC YOUTH RETREAT REPORT

** 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. 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** | “A New Way to Think”**March 3, 2024**

Romans 12:3-8 ^{ESV} | 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** gospel affirmation**

Leader: God of all power, Ruler of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Leader: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of the heavens and the earth.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

Leader: From dust you brought forth the human race and blessed us in your image. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Leader: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Leader: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory.

All: Hallelujah! Worthy is the Lamb!

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.

For Sundays in Lent, please come forward to receive the elements. If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. Once you have been served, please take a few moments to reflect and take your elements. When you are done, place your empty cup in the trays provided and return to your seat. If you are not taking the elements, you may come forward and stand with your arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing from one of the elders, or simply remain seated. 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 God.

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

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth. Hear us then, as we pray:

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.” *

** Chorus:*

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed his own blood for my soul. *

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! – my sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend! Even so, it is well with my soul. *

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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.

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heaven, exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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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.

sunday school break

Please note that there will be no Sunday school next **Sunday, March 10**, due to spring break. We will reconvene on **Sunday, March 17**.

spring forward

Daylight savings time begins next **Sunday, March 10, 2a**. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour!

CPC KIDS EASTER EVENT | MARCH 23

All CPC parents and children are invited to join us for year 3 of "A Walk to the Cross," held at the home of Jan and Chris Windsor, **Saturday, March 23, 3p**. We had a wonderful time last year 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, parking, and role play volunteers!! If you would like to help, **please sign up at the CPC kids check in table!** **Contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgerogetown.org) with questions.

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP | MARCH 31

Join us **Sunday, March 31, 9-10a**, for our Easter Breakfast. We will have good food and fellowship during the Sunday school hour to celebrate our Risen Lord! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for items to bring. **Please contact Debi Newcombe** (debnewcombe@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

NEW SONG NEXT SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, March 10**, we will sing a new song, "To God be the Glory." Please visit the links in the weekly email to see the lyrics and hear the music in preparation.

good friday service | march 29

Please plan to join us **Friday, March 29, 530p** for Good Friday Service.

join the hospitality team

We are looking for volunteers who love serving the congregation through various ways such as coffee prep and serving, newcomers' gatherings and new members classes, meals and other special events. If you have a knack for making others feel welcome, we work closely with the welcome team, so you can do both! We'd love to beef up our Hospitality Team to utilize all the gifts God has given our congregation. Feel like you'd like to give it a try? **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org).

resources for lent

You may want to consider adding some devotional resources to use to help guide you through the season of Lent. We suggest *Journey to the Cross* by Will Walker and Kendal Haug. There are a limited number of copies in the lobby. Pick your copy up today! Suggested donation is \$13.

2024 high school youth retreat

Thank you to all who prayed for us last weekend as we were at the high school youth retreat in New Braunfels. The youth had a great time making memories, deepening relationships, having fun, and seeking the Lord together. We are delighted to see the fingerprints of God on the lives and hearts of these young men and women, and it is a privilege to grow in grace alongside them. A very special thanks to Lucas and Raissa Holmquist for giving their weekend to accompany as volunteer staff!

