SERVICE OF WORSHIP | CPC

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

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. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

- Psalm 84:1-4 _{ESV}

** call to worship

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: Who redeems our life from the pit,

Leader: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: Who satisfies us with good so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

-Adapted from Psalm 103:1-5

^{**} Please stand if you are able

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS



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**prayer of invocation

Leader:

Father in heaven, you alone are all-knowing and perfectly wise. Today and every day, receive our worship, though we are weak and frail, because it depends not upon us, but upon your immeasurable power and grace. Though we are slow to put off our old man and put on your new creation, perfect us because it depends not on our will but yours. Though our faith is small, grant us your all-sufficient grace because it depends not on our strength, but upon your powerful Spirit. Call us and lead us, we pray, to seek you and your kingdom before all other things. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever and ever. Amen.

** 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 again 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.

-Adapted from I Peter 1:3-7

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way; The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will, And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross. And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place; You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace. *

> * Chorus: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see The strength to follow your commands could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,

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And let my song forever be: "My only boast is you." *

renewing our hearts

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your

iniquity.

- Hosea 14:1

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O Lord of all, whose steadfast love is unfailing and unending,

Forgive us, your children, for we have sinned against you.

We have been like Judas, seeking our own earthly wealth more than you;

We have been like Peter, relying on our own strength more than you.

We have been like the Pharisees, seeking our own righteousness

And despising our neighbor. We have sought all this and more,

Instead of seeking you; instead of following and worshiping you.

But you have loved us while we were yet far off,

And sacrificed your Son for us while we were yet sinners.

Therefore, cause us to repent of our self-love

That we might become a new creation, remade by Jesus our Savior,

And love our neighbors as you have loved us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward

those who fear him;

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions

from us.

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children,

All: So the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

– Psalm 103:11-13 _{ESV}

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine; And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine. His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb Each thought of unbelief and fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives; I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

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scripture reading

Leader: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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.

about our guest speaker | Dean Williams

Preaching and serving Communion today is the Reverend Dean Williams. Dean is a Teaching Elder in the PCA who received his MDIV from Knox Theological Seminary. Dean currently serves as an Associate Pastor in a sister church in the Southeastern U.S.. He has served in the U.S. Navy, worked in law enforcement, and prior to ordination as Teaching Elder, served as a Ruling Elder for 13 years. He is near completion of a DMIN degree from Knox Seminary. Dean is married to Dorothy, and they have two adult children. Please greet and welcome Dean and Dorothy as they visit with us this weekend.

Sermon | "3-Dimensional Living"

March 30, 2025

Luke 2:41-51 ESV | 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

sermon notes

** gospel charge

Leader: In the light of God's Word to us, how ought we live?

All: Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgements, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.

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

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

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

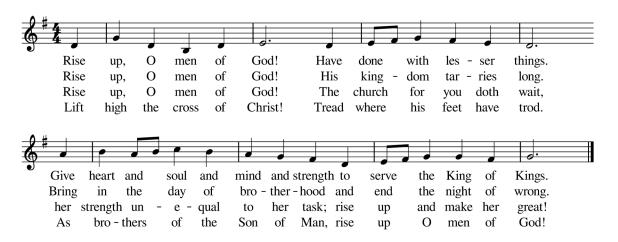
died for you, and partake of them in faith and thankfulness.

communion reflection & song

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.

RISE UP O MEN OF GOD



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** benediction

** doxology



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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 | TODAY

Please join us if you can immediately after service today for a fellowship lunch to get to know Dean and Dorothy Williams. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | APRIL 6

Please join us for a congregational meeting after worship **Sunday, April 6** for the purpose of voting on extending a call to Dean Williams for CPC's Senior Pastor role. The constitution of the PCA vests the power and authority for calling Senior/Solo and Associate Pastors with the membership of local congregations. Therefore, to extend a call to any candidate for Senior Pastor role, CPC must have a congregational vote to do so. If you are a regular attender or visitor, you are welcome to stay and observe the congregation's meeting, however, only CPC members may cast a vote.

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.

office volunteers needed!

The office is looking for two volunteers for two hours **Wednesday**, **April 2**, **1130a-130p**. If you are available and want to serve, **please email Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org).

scripture readers needed

If you are looking for a way to serve CPC, please consider signing up to read Scripture during service. Scan the QR code to pick the dates you are available. Thank you for serving!

good friday service | april 18

Please plan to join us **Friday**, **April 18**, **530p**, for a Good Friday service to provide space for reflecting on Christ's sacrifice for us through contemplative worship, prayer, readings in the Passion narrative, and celebrating his Supper together.