

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

And from the throne came a voice saying,
 "Praise our God,
 all you his servants,
you who fear him,
 small and great."

— Revelation 19:5^{ESV}

** call to worship

REV. DR. DANIEL J. MCDOWELL

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

— Psalm 118:22–24^{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

JESUS SHALL REIGN



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es throng to
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his love with
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner leaps to
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors



jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
 crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
 sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 and all the sons of want are blest.
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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Leader: Which is the fourth commandment?

All: The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Leader: What is required in the fourth commandment?

All: The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 57-58

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
 pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold; he must hold me fast.
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
 till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!



He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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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: Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live as, by your mercy, you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

All: For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

– Hebrews 9:11-14 ESV

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
4. On that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let thy good - ness like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.
clothed by thee in blood - washed li - nen, how I'll sing thy sov - ereign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.
send thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

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scripture reading

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Leader: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ministry moment

YOUTH MINISTRY

prayer

RULING ELDER SHAWN HORRALL

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 | “Under Divine Guidance”

March 8, 2026

Deuteronomy 2:1-15 ^{ESV} | 1 “Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea, as the Lord told me. And for many days we traveled around Mount Seir. 2 Then the Lord said to me, 3 ‘You have been traveling around this mountain country long enough. Turn northward 4 and command the people, “You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful. 5 Do not contend with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession. 6 You shall purchase food from them with money, that you may eat, and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink. 7 For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.” 8 So we went on, away from our brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road from Elath and Ezion-geber.

“And we turned and went in the direction of the wilderness of Moab. 9 And the Lord said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession.’ 10 (The Emim formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim. 11 Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim. 12 The Horites also lived in Seir formerly, but the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, as Israel did to the land of their possession, which the Lord gave to them.) 13 ‘Now rise up and go over the brook Zered.’ So we went over the brook Zered. 14 And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the Lord had sworn to them. 15 For indeed the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from the camp, until they had perished.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER HORRALL

Leader: Having heard the Lord's Word, how should we respond?

All: But as for you...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

— 1 Timothy 6:11-12_{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.

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH



1. Guide me, O thou great Je-ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar-ren land.
2. O - pen now the crys-tal foun-tain, where the heal - ing waters flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-side.



I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy pow'r-ful hand.
let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me all my jour-ney through.
Death of deaths, and hell's de-struc-tion, land me safe on Ca-naan's side.



Bread of hea-ven, feed me now and ev - er - more; Bread of
Strong de-liv-'rer, be thou still my strength and shield Strong de-
Songs of prai-ses, I will ev - er give to thee; Songs of



hea-ven, feed me now and ev - er - more. Land me safe on Ca-naan's
-liv-'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield.
prais-es, I will ev - er give to thee.



side. Bid my anx-ious fears Bid my anx-ious fears, Land me safe on Ca-naan's



side. Bid my anx-ious fears, bid my anx-ious fears, good-bye.

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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.



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.

get involved

sunday school

Please note that Sunday school will be on break **March 15** for Spring Break. Classes will resume **March 22**.

wednesday night ministries

Please note that Wednesday night ministries are on break for spring break **March 18** and will resume **March 25**.

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).



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

If you are interested in singing in the Easter choir please join us **Wednesdays, March 18, March 25, and April 1, 645p** in the church sanctuary. Rehearsals will be one hour long. Music will be sent out to everyone along with a practice link. Thank you all for being willing to bring your gift of singing to the Lord.

mission trip opportunity

A one-week short-term mission trip opportunity 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 going 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).



ranchopalooza

Thank you to everyone who prayed for our high school retreat last weekend in New Braunfels. We had a rich time together – deepening friendships, making new ones, and learning to seek God through the Psalms. It's a joy to see these young men and women continuing to grow in their knowledge of our Lord! There was also plenty of fun along the way, including a hard-fought, near-upset in the basketball tournament semifinals. A special thanks to Andrew Gonzalez for faithfully serving as volunteer staff and investing in our students.

weekly financial snapshot

Thank you for faithfully giving to the Lord!

General Fund Weekly Giving

Budgeted weekly average	\$16,521
Last week (3.1.26)	\$18,625



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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