

**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.*

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### prelude

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

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### preparing our hearts

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

— From Ephesians 2:4-7 ESV

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### \*\* call to worship

**Leader:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**All:** **Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

**Leader:** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**All:** **So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."**

**Leader:** "All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

**All:** **They sing praises to your name." Come and see what God has done[.]**

— Psalm 66:1-5a ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

You chosen seed of Israel's race, you ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

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## **\*\*prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* O Great God, you are deserving of all our honor and praise. Your way is perfect and your Word is true; you are a shield for all those who take refuge in you. For who is God but you, Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? Therefore, we praise you this morning with hearts remade in the image of your Son, through whom we have become new creations. As we come before you in worship today, O Father, open our minds and show us more of your greatness and glory. We lift our hearts and our whole selves up to you in Jesus' Most High Name. Amen.

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**All:** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father. In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

— *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 26

# THE APOSTLES' CREED



I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Mak - er of the heav'n and earth,  
Suf - fer'd un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell,  
At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said;  
I be - lieve the church of Jes - us ho - ly cath - o - lic re - mains;



and in Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth;  
laid with - in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell.  
fin - al judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead.  
we are one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints.



by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Ma - ry bore God's Son,  
But the stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose;  
I con - fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son  
I be - lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised,



he in whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y Three in One.  
in - to heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.  
to ap - ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, three in One.  
lifewith God is ne - ver end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised!

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”  
— Psalm 41:4 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Our Father and Creator God,**  
**All creation has been made by you.**  
**And you created it all for your own purposes and glory!**  
**Everything that has breath is designed and called to worship you.**  
**But even with the testimony of your creation and your word together,**  
**I have failed to magnify you in my own heart, much less in the world.**  
**I am prone to sin, to indulge my own flesh and ignore your Holy Spirit.**  
**I have not honored you completely in what I speak or do, nor in what I think.**  
**Forgive me, Father, because of the grace of your Son, my Lord Jesus Christ;**  
**And work within me by your power through both your word and your Spirit.**  
**For his sake, make me holy, genuine, and faithful.**  
**In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with [Christ],

**All:** **[H]aving forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.**  
— Colossians 2:13-14 ESV

# HOW BLEST IS HE WHOSE TRESPASS

How blest is he whose tres - pass Has free - ly been for - giv'n,  
 While I kept guilt - y si - lence My strength was spent with grief,  
 So let the god - ly seek thee In times when thou art near;  
 I gra - cious - ly will teach thee The way that thou shalt go,  
 The sor - rows of the wick - ed In num - ber shall a - bound,

Whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered Be - fore the sight of heav'n.  
 Thy hand was heav - y on me, My soul found no re - lief;  
 No whelm - ing floods shall reach them, Nor cause their hearts to fear.  
 And with mine eye up - on thee My coun - sel make thee know.  
 But those that trust Je - ho - vah, His mer - cy shall sur - round.

Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah Will not im - pute his sin,  
 But when I owned my tres - pass, My sin hid not from thee,  
 In thee, O Lord, I hide me, Thou sav - est me from ill,  
 But be ye not un - ru - ly, Or slow to un - der - stand;  
 Then in the Lord be joy - ful, In song lift up your voice.

Who has a guile - less spir - it, Whose heart is true with - in.  
 When I con - fessed trans - ges - sion, Then thou for - gav - est me.  
 And songs of thy sal - va - tion My heart with rap - ture thrill.  
 Be not per - verse, but will - ing To heed my wise com - mand.  
 Be glad in God, ye right - eous, Re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

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## scripture reading

*Leader:* Jeremiah 31:31-34  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

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## 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.**

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## youth ministry moment

RYAN SLABACH

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## \*\* 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.*

Jeffrey Weir is a retired PCA pastor and member of South Texas Presbytery. He has served as a pastor and as a chaplain in the Navy and for the Veterans Administration. Jeff is a Colson Fellow and presently leads the Colson Fellows Austin Cohort. He is married to Dorcas, and they have three grown children and nine grandchildren. He and Dorcas live in Round Rock and attend CrossPointe Church. Please greet Jeff and Dorcas and express our thanks to Jeff for his service to CPC this week.

## Sermon | “Preparing for a Future Pastor”

March 9, 2025

**Colossians 3:1-17** <sup>ESV</sup> | 1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In response to the Gospel of grace, how shall we then live?

**All:** Put off your old self and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.

– Adapted from Ephesians 4:22-32 ESV

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## 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.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

— Matthew 26:26-28 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 of all, you have ordained this Supper as a reminder that you gave your body and blood to redeem us. The elements call out to us to consider your sacrificial death on our behalf. You have taken upon yourself the Father’s just displeasure on account of our sins, bearing what we deserved. Even so, O Lord, our participation in this supper signifies our fellowship and participation with you in dying to the world. Lead us, Lord, to understand that we cannot partake of your cup and also of the cup of the world’s idols, and grant us to be strengthened by your example in resisting sin and the evil one. Let us not grow weary or fainthearted, but live by faith to honor and praise you and the Father and the Holy Spirit.

*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.*

### THY MERCY, MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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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.*

## GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within.

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross! \*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace; freely bestowed on all who believe.  
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? \*

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announcements

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\* 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.

**sunday school**

Sunday school will be on break **March 16** for Spring Break. Classes will resume **Sunday, March 23, 915a.**

**NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | TODAY**

Immediately following the worship service **TODAY**, we will be hosting a Newcomers' Gathering in the conference room across the hallway. This is an informal social event for visitors to meet the staff, some of the ordained officers, and each other as well as the chance to ask some questions. Light refreshments will be provided. This event normally goes for about 30 minutes but it is come and go as you please.

**INTRO TO CPC CLASS**

We will be offering a two-part membership class this spring after worship from 1230-230p (dates TBD) 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](mailto:daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org)). You can also scan the QR code to register. Both classes are required for membership.

**elementary sunday school class**

We have begun our second semester of scripture memorization! If you didn't receive the laminated print-out of the memory verses yet, **please see Korina Slabach**. The goal for this semester is to collect 100 Bible Bucks. If our Elementary Sunday School class can collect all 100, they will have potentially memorized 16 verses, brought their Bibles to class each week, and received a bounce house party at the end of this spring semester!