
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 the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age[.]

–Titus 2:11-12_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

All: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Leader: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

All: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. Praise the Lord!**

– Psalm 113:2-3, 5-8, 9b_{ESV}

WORSHIP CHRIST THE RISEN KING

Rise, O Church! and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now its mouth declares
Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour
He has conquered! He has conquered! Christ the Lord the Risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph! Stand in triumph! Worship Christ the Risen King!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Father in heaven, you alone are all-knowing and perfectly wise. Receive this worship from us who are weak and frail, because it depends not upon us, but upon your immeasurable worth. Perfect us, though we are slow to move, because it depends not on our will but yours. Grant us your sufficient grace, though our faith is small, because it depends not on our strength, but upon your powerful Spirit. Be our all, for all we offer you must provide. Be our all, for when we have you, we need nothing else. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever and ever. Amen

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

All: **Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in his anointing, so that I may as prophet confess his Name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with him eternally over all creatures.**

— *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 32*

BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? *

** Chorus:*

Behold our God, seated on his throne – come, let us adore him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare – come, let us adore him!

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *

You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
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You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth) *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

– Psalm 27:8-9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Lord of all love and goodness,
Whose steadfast love is unfailing and unending,
Forgive us, your children, for we have sinned against you.
We have been like Judas, loving our own plans more than you;
We have been like Peter, loving our own strength more than you.
We have been like the Pharisees, loving our own righteousness
At the expense of despising our neighbor.
But you have loved us while we were yet far off,
And Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.
Therefore, cause us to repent of our self-love
That we might be remade by the love of our Savior,
And be directed to love our neighbors as he did.
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

– 1 John 4:10 ESV

All: **Thanks be to the Risen Lamb!**

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands; my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God.

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Leader: Deuteronomy 5:1-10
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.**

the sacrament of baptism

Candidate for baptism | Violet Ann Weaver

Matthew 28:18-20 ESV | And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Romans 6:4-5 ESV | We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF AN INFANT

1. Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION **

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Welcome this new covenant child by singing:

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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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.

Series | “Romans: The Foundation of Our Faith”**Sermon** | “Our Debt of Love”**April 14, 2024**

Romans 13:8-14 ^{ESV} | 8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

– John 13:34-35 ^{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

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{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 remember his suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; and we await his coming again with power and great glory. God of Mercy, hear our prayer and by your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name.

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: 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.

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *

** Chorus:*

O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. *

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *

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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.

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on his hands. *

** Chorus:*

Arise (arise), arise (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise. (x2)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry;
"Let not that ransomed sinner die!" *

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba Father," cry. *

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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.

intro to cpc class

Our next Intro to CPC class will be held Sundays, **April 21 and May 5, 330-530p** in the church lobby. Both classes are required for membership. If you are interested, **please reach out to Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information or to sign up.

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting in the conference room **Tuesday, April 16, 12p**. **Prayer and meeting link requests can be sent to Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org). All are welcome to join!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP | SATURDAY

Come join us for a day of fellowship at the M&M Ranch **Saturday, April 20, 9-2p!** The ranch is located just north of Lometa, TX, an easy drive just over an hour from our church. We will have great food and men doing manly things. This is a come and go event and a great opportunity to invite your neighbors, coworkers, friends, and please bring your son(s). **To RSVP or be added to the men's list for the evite/address info, email the James Schell** (men@cpcgeorgetown.org).

YOUTH DEVOTIONALS AT LAMPPPOST | SATURDAY

All youth girls (grades 6-12) are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 20, 9a** at Lamppost Coffee (809 S Main St, Georgetown) for a time of devotions in the Psalms, led by Korina Slabach. Bring your Bible, journal and a desire to fellowship and study God's Word.

congregational meeting | sunday

Members, please plan to join us for a congregational meeting **Sunday, April 21**, immediately following the service to vote on an amendment to the corporation's by-laws and to dissolve Pastor Whit's call to CPC.

ladies' tea party | may 4

Ladies, come and join us for our Ladies' Tea Party **Saturday, May 4, 3p** in the church lobby. We'll sip tea, indulge in delicate treats, and enjoy sweet fellowship as sisters in Christ. Ladies of all ages are welcome - wearing your frilliest dress is encouraged! Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby. **Contact Alexia St. John** (alexiajohn26@gmail.com) with questions.

nursery worker needed

Our nursery is growing and we are looking to hire a **SECOND** nursery worker! If you know anyone who loves babies, has experience working with kids, and is over the age of 18, please send them our way. Please join us in praying that we find a new nursery worker to serve our youngest members and their families at CPC.

cpc playgroup

If you take care of kids during the day, come visit with friends from church while your children play! We would love to have you join planned and impromptu playdates around town. **Contact Joanna Sukup** (joannasukup@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.