
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. DR. DANIEL J. MCDOWELL

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

— Revelation 4:11_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

MR. RYAN SLABACH

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

— Psalm 104:31–34_{ESV}

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE



How sweet and awe-some is the place with Christ with-in the doors,
While all our hearts and all our songs join to ad-mire the feast,
"Why was I made to hear your voice, and en-ter while there's room,
'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweet-ly drew us in;
Pi-ty the na-tions, O our God, con-strain the earth to come;
We long to see your church-es full, that all the cho-sen race



while ev-er-last-ing love dis-plays the choic-est of her stores.
each of us cries, with thank-ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
when thou-sands make a wretch-ed choice, and rath-er starve than come?"
else we had still re-fused to taste, and per-ished in our sin.
Send your vic-tor-ious Word a-broad, and bring the strang-ers home.
May with one voice and heart and soul, sing your re-deem-ing grace.

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****prayer of invocation**

MR. SLABACH

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Which is the sixth commandment?

All: The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

Leader: What is required in the sixth commandment?

All: The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 67-68

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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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

— Psalm 139:23-24^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
Our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
In wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
For we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways,
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

All: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

— 2 Corinthians 3:17-18^{ESV}

HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Have thine own way! Have thine own way! Have thine own way! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot-ter, I am the clay.
Search me and try me, Mas-ter, to-day!
Wound-ed and wea-ry, help me, I pray!
Hold o'er my be-ing ab-so-lute sway!

Mold me and make me af-ter thy will,
Whi-ter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
Pow-er, all pow-er, sure-ly is thine!
Fill with thy Spir-it till all shall see.

While I am wait-ing, yield-ed and still.
As in thy pres-cense hum-bly I bow.
Touch me and heal me, Sav-ior div-ine!
Christ on-ly, al-ways, liv-ing in me!

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scripture reading

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Leader: Acts 16:1-15
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

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 | “When God Says No”

April 19, 2026

Deuteronomy 3:23-29 ^{ESV} | 23 “And I pleaded with the Lord at that time, saying, 24 ‘O Lord God, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours? 25 Please let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.’ 26 But the Lord was angry with me because of you and would not listen to me. And the Lord said to me, ‘Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and look at it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan. 28 But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.’ 29 So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER HORRALL

Leader: Having now heard from the Lord who has called us by his name, how should we respond?
All: **Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

— From Hebrews 12:1 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

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 unto our Lord God.

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

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Children of God, what have we received from our Lord?

All: “What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit taught words.”

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.

**** offering & song of thanksgiving**

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.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend-eth my way, when sor-rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as-
3. My sin, O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



sea bil-lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
-sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re-sound and the Lord shall de-scend,



"It is well, it is well with my soul."
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
"Ev - en so," it is well with my soul.



with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul;

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announcements

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** 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.

**get involved**

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

Join us for **Wednesday Night Ministries** every week from **615-745p** – a time for connection, growth, and encouragement. Dinner is provided, so come as you are!

CPC Kids Club (3rd-5th Grade)

Kids will dive into an engaging catechism class filled with worship, music, fellowship, and plenty of fun games.

Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)

Students gather for an exciting evening of worship, meaningful teaching, open discussion, prayer, and games – a great place to grow in faith and friendships.

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Adults are warmly invited to join a refreshing time of Bible study and prayer in the sanctuary.

Make your Wednesdays the highlight of your week! Come be part of what God is doing on Wednesday nights!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING | MAY 3

Join us for an informative children's ministry meeting on **Sunday, May 3, 5-630p** in the youth room. This meeting is for all current and interested volunteers. We will review vision, class objectives, and our updated child protection policies. Dinner will be provided and childcare will be provided with RSVP. **Email Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org) with any questions you may have. **Scan the QR code to RSVP for food and childcare!** We look forward to seeing you there!

