
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

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.
He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding[.]

– Daniel 2:20b-21 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

All: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: **Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**

– Psalm 99:1-3 ESV

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

** Please stand if you are able

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of Grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him;
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in. *

** Chorus:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with a certain hope of peace. *

Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!” *

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the sacrifice of the Lamb established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

– From the *Book of Common Prayer*

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Why is Jesus called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

All: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

– *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 31

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? *

** Chorus:*

Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. *

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

– Isaiah 48:10 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: God in heaven, you are as a refiner and purifier of silver,
A consuming fire so that our worship is offered in righteousness.
Therefore forgive us for the sin that remains,
Sins of omission and sins of commission,
Sins that are unseen and hidden,
Sins deliberate and brazen;
For this is a time of your patience and favor.
Let our current afflictions burn away the dross of worldliness and self.
Let us repent, believe upon, and love Jesus Christ,
Our very life and salvation;
And grant that we find his heart in place of ours,
That we would be preserved in this life
And at the end of it be counted holy and righteous,
To the glory of your perfect name. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,

All: So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

A DEBTOR TO MERCY ALONE

A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of
The work which your good - ness be - gan, the
My name from the palms of your hands, e -

cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing, I come with your right - eous - ness,
arm of your strength will com - plete. Your prom - ise is yes and a -
ter - ni - ty will not e - raise. Im - pressed on your heart it re -

on, my hum - ble of - f'ring to bring, The
men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet, The
mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace, Yes

judgments of your ho - ly law with me can have noth - ing to -
fu - ture or things that are now, no pow - er be - low or a -
I, to the end, will en - dure, un - til I bow down at your

do. My Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans -
above, can make you your pur - pose fore - go, or sev - er my
throne. For - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to

gres - sions, from view.
soul from your love.
mer - cy, a - lone.

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Leader: Daniel 3:13-18
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 | Lucas James Magallanes

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 his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his 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 him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring him 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 | “God and Government”

April 7, 2024

Romans 13:1-7 ^{ESV} | 1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

All: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

Leader: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

– Romans 6:8-11 ^{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.

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death.
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright;
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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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.

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

** Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity. *

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight. *

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing. *

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever; that Name to us is Love. *

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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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP | APRIL 20

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 | APRIL 20

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 | april 21

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.

nursery allergy alert

Attention parents and volunteers of nursery-age babies and toddlers: Due to our growing numbers and increased number of little ones with food allergies, **we will only allow nursery-approved snacks** (cheerios and goldfish) in the nursery room. Please feel free to send a labeled sippy cup or bottle with your little one, but we will be unable to allow outside food or snacks into the room. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy! **If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Rhoda Hunter** (nursery@cpcgeorgetown.org), our nursery coordinator.

nursery worker

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.

weekly email

Did you know that CPC sends a weekly email newsletter on Fridays? **If you are not receiving the email already and would like to, please email Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) to get on our email list. It's a great way to keep up with church life!

easter breakfast

Thank you to **Debi Newcombe** for organizing the wonderful Easter breakfast last Sunday! We also thank everyone who brought food and drinks to contribute. What a blessing it is to be able to fellowship together! **If you are interested in organizing a future event, please contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org).