
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

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

All: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

— Psalm 118:19-21_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



our help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er!

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****prayer of invocation**

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**** affirmation of faith**

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

—The Apostles' Creed

* Here, “catholic” means “universal,” and refers to the Christian church in all places

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

— Psalm 69:5 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
Whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,
To confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;
We have not loved you with all our heart and soul,
We have not loved you with all our mind and strength;
We have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.
In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done
And for the good we have left undone,
So that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.
But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow.
With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness.
In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;
So that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

All: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

— Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

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.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

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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scripture reading

MR. RYAN SLABACH

Leader: Numbers 35:9-34
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

ministry moment

prayer

RULING ELDER DAVID MOORE

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 | “A Place of Justice and Mercy”**May 3, 2026**

Deuteronomy 4:41-43 ^{ESV} | 41 Then Moses set apart three cities in the east beyond the Jordan, 42 that the manslayer might flee there, anyone who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without being at enmity with him in time past; he may flee to one of these cities and save his life: 43 Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER MOORE

Leader: Saints, the Lord has spoken to us through his Word, how should we respond?

All: All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

— Exodus 19:8a_{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 he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

— Luke 22:19-20 ESV

Minister: Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

All: They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Minister: He also said, “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”

All: For his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink. For on the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”

Minister: Let us pray.

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.

PSALM 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul *

** Chorus:*

And I will trust in you alone (I will trust, I will trust in you)
And I will trust in you alone (I will trust, I will trust in you)
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And he anoints my head with oil
And my cup, it overflows with joy
I feast on his pure delights *

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For you are with me and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know *

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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.



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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING | TODAY**

Join us for an informative children's ministry meeting **today, 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 7

Mark your calendar **Thursday, May 7, 630-730p** to join in on the annual National Day of Prayer in Georgetown on the historic Williamson County Courthouse lawn (710 S Main Street, Georgetown) as Scripture is read and reflected upon. Pray for our nation, national leaders, local government, police, emergency services, military, businesses, churches, family, and youth. Bring a blanket or chair if you wish. In the event of inclement weather, the event will move indoors down the block (111 W Main Street).

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Beginning in early June, you're invited to join us for a spiritually refreshing 10-week study: *Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Our Identity in Christ* by Melissa Kruger and other contributing authors. In every season of life, it's easy to anchor our identity in things like relationships, circumstances, or achievements. But Scripture invites us to consider a deeper question: Who does the Bible say I am in Christ? Together, we'll uncover and replace false ideas of identity with the rich, unchanging truth found in God's Word. From our identity as children of God to citizens of heaven, this study will help us live confidently in who we truly are in Christ. Scan the QR code to sign up for one of three home-based study groups offered this summer. **Email questions to Jan Windsor** (biblestudy@cpcgeorgetown.org).

**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!