
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 God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
 for my hope is from him.
 He only is my rock and my salvation,
 my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
 Trust in him at all times, O people;
 pour out your heart before him;
 God is a refuge for us.

— Psalm 62:5-6, 8 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
All: For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Leader: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
All: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

— Psalm 24:1-6 ESV

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

** Please stand if you are able

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice.
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend. To us he'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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Leader: Which is the sixth commandment?

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

Leader: What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?

All: The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies, and lawful endeavours, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defence thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep, labor, and recreation; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild, and courteous speeches and behavior: forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil; comforting and succoring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.

— *The Westminster Larger Catechism*, Questions 134 & 135

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: For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

— Romans 8:6 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 the love of our design
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!**

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee;
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

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Leader: 1 Peter 3:8-22
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.**

**** 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 | “Perfect Love”**May 4, 2025**

Matthew 5:43-48 ^{ESV} | 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at himself in a mirror and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

All: But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

— Based on James 1:22-25^{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

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:23-26^{ESV}

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

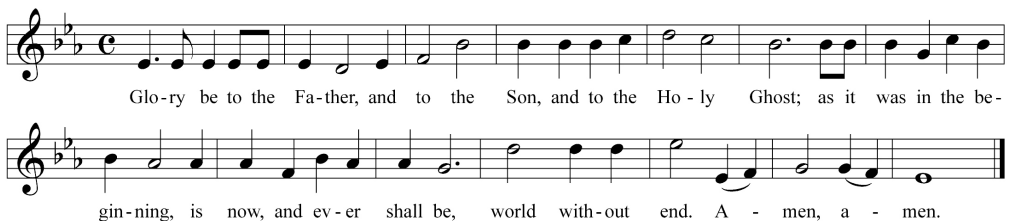
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

All: **(singing Gloria Patri)**



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 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.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *

** Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *

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announcements

**** 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).

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING | TODAY

We are gearing up for "Summer Sequest" and need your help! If you're interested in helping with Vacation Bible School in any capacity, please join us **TODAY, 1230p** in the youth room. Pizza and drinks will be provided. There are plenty of ways to get involved – whether you're interested in setup and cleanup, leading groups and games, decorating, or much more. We look forward to seeing you there!

VBS REGISTRATION

VBS registration is OPEN! Any children ages 4 years to 5th grade are invited to join us for a "deep dive" into the book of Jonah from **Wednesday, June 18 through Friday, June 20, 9a-1230p**. The cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 dollars for each additional sibling. Lunch will be provided. Register here!

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sunday school

Sunday school classes are back in session. The last day of classes for the spring semester will be **May 18**.

During the last weeks of the semester, adult Sunday school classes will include:

Biblical Financial Concepts – The conclusion of the class led by Gary and Jan Britigan.

Lessons from Jonah – A new class designed to outline and discuss larger lessons from the book of Jonah. Led by Lane Joffrion.