
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. DEAN WILLIAMS

You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further message be spoken to them. But you have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

– Hebrews 12:18-19, 22a, 24, 28-29^{ESV}

**** call to worship**

RULING ELDER ROB CASTRO

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures forever!

All: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

– Psalm 106:1; 111:1^{ESV}

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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**** prayer of invocation**

REV. WILLIAMS

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

All: **The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.**

Leader: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereunto man fell?

All: **The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.**

– *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 17-18

FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION



1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre-a - tion thou hadst cho-sen us in love,
2. Though the world may change its fash-ion, yet our God is e'er the same;
3. God's com-pas-sion is my sto - ry, is my boast-ing all the day;
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be-fore thee, we will ev - er praise thy love,



and that love so deep, so mov-ing, draws us close to Christ a-bove.
his com-pas-sion and his cov'nant through all a - ges will re-main.
mer-cy free and ne-ver fail-ing moves my will, di-rects my way.
and our songs will sound un-ceas-ing 'til we reach our home a-bove,



Still it keeps us still it keeps us firm-ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own chil-dren, God's own chil-dren must for - ev - er praise his name.
God so loved us, God so loved us that his on - ly Son he gave.
(giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.) x 2

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

– 1John 1:8-9_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Gracious God,**
Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,
And what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
Open to us a future in which we can be changed;
And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

– *Book of Common Worship*

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

All: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

– Psalm 103: 8-12_{ESV}

HE LEADETH ME



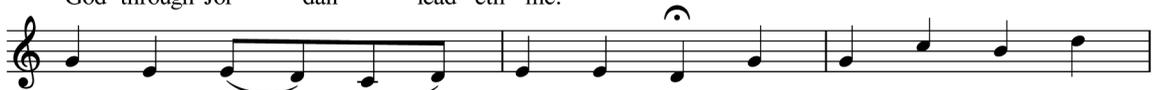
1.He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with heav - enly
2.Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where E - den's
3.Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
4.And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the



com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e're I be, still
bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, still
nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since
vic - t'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since



'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me; by
'tis his hand that lead - eth me.
'tis my God that lead - eth me.
God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



his own hand he lead - eth me: his faith - ful fol - l'wer



I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

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scripture reading

KIM WRIGHT

Leader: Genesis 15:1-5
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

reception of new members**NEW MEMBERS**

Grace Altman with Ronan, Rio, and Renzo
Jeremiah and Isabelle Ashworth
Dane and Christine Bostwick with Natalie and Riley Grace
Mark and Sarah Geyer with Madeline, William, Kate, and Henry
Herb and Susan Haertner
Brian and Susan Kinley with Abby, Asher, and Aaron
Matt and Megan Philipp
Dale and Marci Rogers
Michele Shaver with Ethan
Nathan Sheppard
Pat Sobocinska
Brent and Stephanie Stevens with Isaac, Liam, and Nora
Brian and Grace Torok with Caleb

VOWS FOR COMMUNING MEMBERS

All those who are joining the church as communing members for the first time, whether through baptism, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership, must affirm the following vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

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3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
 4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and the discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

**** 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

REV. WILLIAMS

Sermon | “Children of the Promise”

August 24, 2025

Galatians 3:6-9^{ESV} | 6[...] just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER CASTRO

Leader: Beloved saints of the Lord, in response to the Gospel of grace, how now shall we live?

All: Let us 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, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

– Hebrews 12:1-2_{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.

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.

**** 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.

WITH GRATEFUL HEART MY THANKS I BRING (PSALM 138)



With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring, be - fore the great your
I cried to you and you did save; your word of grace new
O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, you reign a - bove in
You will stretch forth your migh - ty arm to save me when my



praise I sing; I wor - ship in your ho - ly place and praise you for your
cour - age gave; the kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your
heav'n - ly height; the proud in vain your fa - vor seek, but you have mer - cy
foes a - larm; the work you have for me be - gun shall by your grace be



truth and grace; for truth and grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly
won - drous word; yea, they shall come with songs of praise for great and glo - rious
for the meek; through trou - ble though my path - way be, you will re - vive and
ful - ly done; your mer - cy shall for - ev - er be; O Lord, my Mak - er



word di - vine, in your most ho - ly word di - vine.
are your ways, for great and glo - rious are your ways.
streng - then me, you will re - vive and streng - then me.
think on me, O Lord my Mak - er think on me.

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announcements

REV. WILLIAMS

** 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).

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | TODAY

Immediately following the worship service **today**, we will be hosting a Newcomers' Gathering in the conference room across the hallway. This is an informal social event for visitors to meet the staff, some of the ordained officers, and each other as well as the chance to ask some questions. Light refreshments will be provided. This event normally goes for about 30 minutes but it is come and go as you please.

LEND A HAND - CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ROOM CLEANUP | TUESDAY

Join us on **Tuesday, August 26, 11a-12p**, for a one-hour deep clean of our children's and youth rooms. We'll be wiping down toys, disinfecting surfaces, organizing supplies, and giving the space a fresh reset. If you're available and willing to help, we'd love to have you! **Reach out to Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org) to let us know you're coming.

MEN'S BREAKFAST | AUGUST 30

Join us for a laid-back Men's Breakfast (high school age and up) on **Saturday, August 30, 8-10a**, in the lobby. We'll enjoy a simple but satisfying meal – think breakfast tacos or a hearty scramble – along with good coffee and even better company. We will have a brief study from Pastor Dean to spark meaningful conversation around the tables, and one or two men will share how they came to know the Lord and how God has been at work in their lives. Whether you're new or a regular, this is a great way to connect and be encouraged. **Email James Schell** (men@cpcgeorgetown.org) to RSVP.

CPC CONNECT



We are offering our CPC Connect dinner program again this fall. This is an opportunity to get to know and fellowship with 2-3 other families over dinner in September, October, and November with the host alternating each month. Please fill out a form in the lobby and submit it via the offering plate/to the office or scan the QR code by **Sunday, August 31** to sign up. Groups will be formed and information sent out that evening.

communicants class in the fall

Pastor Daniel will be teaching a six-week class beginning September 7 for our covenant children ages 11+ to prepare them to become communicant members of CPC (completion of the class is not a guarantee of obtaining that status). The class will cover the meaning of the five membership vows that are taken before one can become a communing member of a PCA church.

Students will be expected to work through Stephen Smallman's "Understanding the Faith, A Workbook for Communicants Classes"—Revised Edition with their parents at home. **Please sign up by emailing Pastor Daniel** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org). Parents who wish to request an exception to the age requirement, or have questions about membership and baptism should reach out to Pastors Dean or Daniel.