
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

[O]ur citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

– Philippians 3:20-21 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

All: **Know that the LORD, he is God!**

Leader: It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

– Psalm 100:2-4 ESV

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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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O Lord our God, who is always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them, and who is more willing to give more than we desire or deserve: Grant us to sense your presence today and lead us to seek you that we might truly find you, to ask that we may joyfully receive, and to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Jesus spoke these things to us while he was still with us on the Earth.

All: **The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.**

– Adapted from John 14:25-26_{ESV}

Leader: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

All: **The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.**

– *New City Catechism*, Q&A 37

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

“Man of Sorrows!” what a name, for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
“Full atonement!” can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; “It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in Heav’n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

– Psalm 51:1-2 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Holy God, all our deeds are ever before you.
We sin daily and do what is evil in your sight.
Indeed, we were brought into this world in iniquity,
And in sin did our parents conceive us.
Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;
Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.
Let us hear joy and gladness;
Let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
And renew right spirits within us.
Cast us not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of our salvation.**

– Adapted from Psalm 51:3-12 ESV

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

All: **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned[.]**

– John 3:16-18a ESV

TEACH ME, O LORD, YOUR WAY OF TRUTH

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music has four lines of lyrics. The second system has four lines. The third system has three lines. The fourth system has three lines. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a hymn book.

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth,
In your com - mand - ments make me walk,
Turn now my eyes from van - i - ty,
Turn a - way my re - proach and fear;

and from it I will not de - part;
for in your law my joy shall be;
and cause me in your ways to tread;
your right - eous judg - ments I con - fess;

that I may stead - fast - ly o - bey,
give me a heart that loves your will,
O let your ser - vant prove your word
to know your pre - cepts I de - sire;

give me an un - der - stan - ding heart.
from dis - con - tent and en - vy free.
and thus to god - ly fear be led.
re - vive me in your righ - teous - ness.

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Leader: Exodus 34:1-8
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.**

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.

about our guest speaker | Lee Wright

Preaching and serving Communion today is Rev. Lee Wright. Lee is the RUF campus minister at UTSA. Both he and his wife, Sarah, are native Texans, from Granbury and Amarillo, respectively. Lee and Sarah both graduated from Covenant Seminary in 2012 with Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Counseling degrees. Before moving to San Antonio in 2020, Lee was the RUF campus minister at UCF in Orlando, FL for 6 years. The Wrights have welcomed small groups of students in their home weekly for many years and the opportunity for those students to be in the Wright's home seems to ease the ache of anonymity on campus. Please take a moment to greet Lee and thank him for serving CPC today.

Sermon | “Patient and Kind and Just”**August 25, 2024**

Matthew 11:25-30 ^{ESV} | **25** At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; **26** yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.**27** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. **28** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: Saints of the Lord, having heard God's Word, how should we respond?

All: [L]et 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, 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 12:1b-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. 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

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

– Matthew 26:26-28 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 of all, you have ordained this supper as a symbol of your sacrificial death on our behalf and for our contemplation. It is a reminder that you gave your body and blood to redeem us. You have taken upon yourself the Father’s just displeasure on account of our sins, bearing what we deserved. Even so, O Lord, our participation in this supper is a sign of our fellowship and participation with you in dying to the world. Remind us, Lord, that we cannot partake of your cup and also of the cup of those idols around us. Lead us to abandon drinking from the cup of the idols of this world and grant us to be strengthened by your example in resisting sin and the evil one. Let us not grow weary or fainthearted, but live by faith to honor and praise you and Father and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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: Take these symbols of Christ's sacrifice in remembrance and proclamation that he died for you, and partake of them in faith and thanksgiving.

communion reflection & song

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me your all in all."*

* *Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. *

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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.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of
 4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and
 sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your
 efficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
 troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
 only design your dress to consume and your gold to refine.

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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.

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | SEPTEMBER 8

Immediately following the worship service Sunday, September 8, 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

For the fall, we will be studying the book of Colossians using the study guide *Colossians: Fullness of Life in Christ* (Flourish Bible Study) by Lydia Brownback. Books are available on Amazon. Our Bible study will begin **September 18 & 19** (depending on the day you choose). We will meet at the church building for a daytime study on **Wednesdays at 930a** (childcare by reservation) or **Thursdays at 7p** (no childcare). **Please contact Nicole Mardian** (nicolemardian@protonmail.com) with questions.

intro to cpc class

We will be offering a membership class this fall in the church lobby **Sundays, September 22 & 29, 1230p**. Lunch will be served. This is a wonderful time to learn more about CPC, our denomination, beliefs, ministry philosophy, and where you might fit in and serve. If you are interested in membership or just learning more about our church, **please reach out to Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org). Both classes are required for membership. Childcare is available as needed.