
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

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

– Revelation 4:11_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

RULING ELDER DAVID MOORE

Leader: Sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with your mouth make known his faithfulness to all generations.

All: **O God of my salvation, my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praises.**

– Adapted from Psalm 89:1; 51:14-15_{ESV}

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING



1. O, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy;



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
ye blind, be - hold your Sav-ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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**** prayer of invocation**

REV. WILLIAMS

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

All: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

Leader: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

All: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 19-20

THERE IS A BANNER (PSALM 60)

There is a banner raised by God,
For those who fear the Lord,
A solid rock immutable, where we may flee and bow
Where we may flee and bow, where we may flee and bow
A solid rock immutable, where we may flee and bow

God speaks to us enthroned on high,
He has said "I, sovereign, will reign!"
When overcome by enemies, he alone he will save our soul
He alone will save our soul, yes, he will save our soul
When overcome by enemies, he alone he will save our soul

He gives us aid through times of pain,
When all of man's help fades.
He calls us to his throne above, he is the Lord our God
He is the Lord our God, he is the Lord our God
He calls us to his throne above, he is the Lord our God

Caught in the mire of deep despair,
When we would fly away
You hold us in your mighty hand, you give us hope and peace
You give us hope and peace, you give us hope and peace
You hold us in your mighty hand, you give us hope and peace

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

– Psalm 51:5 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Eternal and merciful God,**
You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
And you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet, we have strayed from your way;
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
Through what we have done and what we have left undone,
And we have wandered from your pathway.
As we reflect on the sin that so easily entangles us, O God,
We praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
And to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
And in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

– Adapted from John Calvin by *Reformed Worship*

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: By faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. Amen.**

– Romans 5:1b; Psalm 36:9 ESV

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,



what won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
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to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul,
-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul,
is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing,
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on,



for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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scripture reading

KATIE WILCOX

Leader: Deuteronomy 27:9-26
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

RULING ELDER 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 | “The Curse and the Cross”

August 31, 2025

Galatians 3:10-14 ESV | 10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” – 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER MOORE

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: **Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**

– Colossians 2:6-7_{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.

JESUS SHALL REIGN

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 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

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 thron - e to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
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shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
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 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
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announcements

REV. WILLIAMS

** benediction

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

** 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).

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 **TODAY** to sign up.

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.

JOIN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This fall, the Women's Ministry at CPC is offering a 10-week verse-by-verse study of the Book of James using *James: Walking in Wisdom* by Lydia Brownback. Together, we'll explore topics such as trials and temptations, the connection between faith and works, and the difference between godly wisdom and worldly wisdom. Study options: Wednesday mornings (starting September 17) 9:30 - 11a in the Youth Room (childcare available with RSVP) OR Thursday evenings (starting September 18) 7 - 8:30p in the Conference Room (no childcare available). **Scan the QR code to sign up and also to request childcare by Wednesday, September 10!**

**sunday school**

Sunday school resumes classes **Sunday, September 7, 9:15a**. Please see the fall bulletin insert for class descriptions. Be sure to come early that morning for donuts and coffee!