
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

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!

– Psalm 119:1-3 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: [T]he LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,

All: [He] judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: [T]hose who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

All: Tell among the peoples his deeds!

– Psalm 9:7-11 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet and leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O Lord God, maker of the heavens, the earth, and all that is within them; so also you have made us, a people you have set aside for yourself; a people called by your Holy Name. As we gather here in your presence today by the grace you give, impress upon our hearts the praise and honor we owe you; instruct us in our need for your Son; and increase in us faith and obedience by your Spirit. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What does the Law of God require of us?

All: This Christ teaches us in sum, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

Leader: Can you keep all this perfectly?

All: No, for I am by nature prone to hate God and my neighbor.

Leader: But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and prone to all evil?

All: Yes; unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 4, 5, and 8_{ESV}

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed as - sur - rance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, perfect de - light, vi - sions of glo - ry now burst on my sight;
 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest;

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, praising my Sav - ior all the day long;
 this is my sto - ry, this is my song, praising my Sav - ior all the day long.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

– James 4:1-2a, 8b-10 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Almighty God, who has come to us as Redeemer in Jesus Christ,
The incarnate Son whose humiliation “consisted in his being born,
And that in a low condition, made under the law,
Undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God,
And the cursed death of the cross; in being buried,
And continuing under the power of death for a time”,
O Lord, we have not yet resisted sin as you have,
We pray you make us evermore like yourself,
Through the Spirit you have poured out upon us for this purpose.
Cleanse us from our sin, our pride, our grasping, our vain ambition.
Move us to love your people, your kingdom and your way more than ourselves.
For our good and your eternal glory. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: [T]he tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying ‘God be merciful to me, a sinner!’

All: **I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.
For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles
himself will be exalted.**

– Luke 18: 13-14 ESV

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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Leader: Mark 10:35-45
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.

Series | “Philippians – Joy in the Lord”**Sermon** | “A Mind for Others”**September 15, 2024**

Philippians 2:1-4 ESV | 1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In response to the Word of God, how shall we then live?

All: A new Commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

– John 13:34-35_{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 as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{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 and heavenly Father, when we celebrate and observe this memorial your Son has commended to us, we consider his sacrificial suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and ascension; and we await his return in power and with glory. God of Mercy, through your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these symbols of broken bread and a poured out cup. Grant that all who participate in this table may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name. 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 thankfulness.

As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please consider Christ's sacrifice, the meaning of his sacrifice for you, and how you will respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the Kings of Kings through his self-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.

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God

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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.

welcome

Serving Communion today and worshiping with us again is Rick Box. Rick has preached for CPC and served Communion several times in the recent past. He was born and raised in Texas, and he and his family served as Mission to the World church planting missionaries in Bogota, Colombia for 29 years. Rick retired from MTW in 2020 and now lives in the Austin metroplex area. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick and express our thanks for his service to us today.

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting in the conference room **Tuesday, September 17, 12p.** **Prayer and meeting link requests can be sent to Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org). All are welcome to join!

BIBLE BUCKS

Have you heard about Bible Bucks yet? Our 1-5 grade Sunday school class will be working together this semester to earn "Bible Bucks." There are three ways kids can acquire Bible Bucks in their class: 1) Memorizing a Bible verse that correlates with their lesson. 2) Bringing their Bible to class. 3) Bringing a friend to church. If they can collectively earn 50 Bible Bucks over the next several weeks, they will have a party on the last day of class in November!

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 will be provided.

pca global missions conference

The 2024 PCA Global Missions Conference will be held **November 1-3** in Atlanta, GA. The theme will be "Multiply! Rediscovering our mission to go and make disciples" and will include many engaging speakers and informational breakout sessions. If you are interested in the multifaceted work of the church in missions, in need of having your love for missions refreshed, or are interested in learning more about how missions might be a part of your future, please seriously consider attending this wonderful opportunity. For more information, please visit their website at www.mtw.org.

sunday school

Sunday school classes have resumed, 915a. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Come early enough to get your coffee and join in. It is important for God's people to be immersed in his Word often and repeatedly. The regular exposure places God's Word in our minds and hearts ready for the Holy Spirit to teach and convict us.