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**prelude**

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

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**preparing our hearts**

To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

– Psalm 123:1<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Praise the LORD, all nations!

**All:** Extol him, all peoples!

*Leader:* For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**All:** And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

– Psalm 117:1-2<sub>ESV</sub>

## PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!

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## \*\* prayer of invocation

*Leader:* O God, you are our rock and our fortress and the God of our salvation. How abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you. You have set the name of Christ over us all, because you loved us though we were lost. There is no shortage of grace; no lack of mercy in you. Grant us your abounding grace and boundless love this morning as we worship you, through Christ our perfect sacrifice and peace offering, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever. Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* What then shall we say? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**All: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

*Leader:* Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?

**All: It is God who justifies.**

*Leader:* Who is to condemn?

**All: Christ Jesus is the one who died and was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

*Leader:* Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

**All: I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, not things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

—Adapted from Romans 8:31-35, 38-39<sub>ESV</sub>

## BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I thy true son; thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

– Psalm 38:1-2 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;  
There is no health in my bones because of my sin.  
For my iniquities have gone over my head;  
Like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.  
My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness,  
I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;  
All the day I go about mourning.  
I am feeble and crushed;  
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.  
My heart throbs; my strength fails me,  
And the light of my eyes – it also has gone from me.  
But for you, O LORD, do I wait; It is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.  
I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.  
Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!**

– From Psalm 38:3-21 ESV

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**All:** **As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

*Leader:* As a father shows compassion to his children,

**All:** **So the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

– Psalm 103:11-13 ESV

## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands; my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heaven he stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God.

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## scripture reading

*Leader:* Isaiah 6:1-8  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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## 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.**

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## \*\* 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.*

about our guest speaker | **Titus Bagby**

Rev. Titus Bagby is the RUF International Campus Minister at Texas A&M and a fightin' Texas Aggie class of 2010. Titus is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary in Dallas. He and his wife, Crystal, have three daughters: Brighton (6), Blaire (4) and Blythe (1). Prior to his seminary studies, Titus and Crystal were "international" students in China and had the privilege of sharing the gospel with college students there. Titus desires that RUF International be a place where students from around the world can experience a home away from home as they have the opportunity to explore the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Sermon** | "Fishing for Fishers"

**September 8, 2024**

**Luke 5:1-11** <sup>ESV</sup> | 1 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* Having heard the Lord's Word, how should we respond?

**All:** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

– Matthew 28:19-20<sub>ESV</sub>

## 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.*

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## 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 reminder that you gave your body and blood to redeem us. The elements call out to us to consider your sacrificial death on our behalf. 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 signifies our fellowship and participation with you in dying to the world. Lead us, Lord, to understand that we cannot partake of your cup and also of the cup of the world’s idols, 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 the Father and the 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 thankfulness.

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

## HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for your purity;  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

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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.*

## THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh! for sinners slain \*

*\* Chorus:*

Thank you, O my Father! for giving us your Son  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

When we stand in glory, we will see his face  
There we'll serve our King forever in that holy place \*

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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 | 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.

**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](http://www.mtw.org).

**sunday school**

Sunday school classes started today! 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.

**Preschool - Kindergarten Sunday School:** God's story is the most beautiful story ever told, full of wonder and grace. There is nothing more important for the younger ones than imparting to them a concrete understanding of the gospel. This fall, our preschoolers and kindergarteners are beginning their study through Pastor Kevin DeYoung's *The Biggest Storybook* (an adapted age-appropriate version of the book our elementary kids are studying). Children will be encouraged by God's love and faithfulness to his people in these lessons. We can't wait to see your precious 3-5 year olds in this class!

**Elementary Sunday School:** The 1st-5th graders will be embarking on their second year of making their way through the curriculum based on the bestselling *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* by Pastor Kevin DeYoung. Teachers are leading kids through key Bible stories. They have faithfully studied through Genesis-Ruth and are picking up in 1 Samuel this fall. The children are diving into God's story of redemption and discovering how every story and every lesson points them to their Savior. This Sunday School class will help children understand God's plan to redeem the world through Jesus.

**CPC Youth (Grades 6-12):** Calling all 6th-12th graders! Welcome to the CPC Youth Ministry! We want to know Jesus Christ better, learn his Word deeply, and form solid friendships with each other. For our twice-monthly Youth Fellowship Nights we'll be walking through the life of Christ in the Gospel of Mark, seeing the beauty and goodness of Jesus again. Our fall semester of Sunday school will begin a study of Israel's history in 1 & 2 Kings. And along the way, we will have loads of fun together with special events, games, and activities! For further information, or if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Ryan Slabach (youth@cpcgeorgetown.org).

**Adult Sunday School:** This fall, CPC will offer two adult Sunday School classes. Please join the class of your choice.

*The Promise Keeper, The God of the Covenants* - Led by Eric Mardian in the sanctuary. These days there's much talk of promises particularly in an election year. Most of the time, the focus is on man's promises rather than on God's promises. But as we have all experienced, the promises of sinful man fail time and time again. In this 12-week Ligonier Ministries video series "The Promise Keeper, The God of the Covenants," R.C. Sproul demonstrates that the one true Promise Keeper always keeps his promises through an overarching covenant relationship of grace as recorded for us in Scripture. By examining the various forms of this 'Covenant of Grace' in the Bible, Dr. Sproul explains how God, throughout history, has and is fulfilling his long-promised plan of redemption of his people. You'll learn about the Creation Covenant, Noahic Covenant, Abrahamic Covenant, Mosaic Covenant, Davidic Covenant, and the New Covenant - each a reflection of the continuing, expanding work of God's grace. The videos and discussion will help participants further grasp that they can trust in God's promises because he is the Promise Keeper.

*The Five "Solae" of the Reformation* - Led by Allen Utzig in the conference room. "Sola" is a Latin term meaning 'alone' and these five foundational principles (Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone and the Glory of God Alone) encapsulate the core Biblical beliefs that arose out of the Reformation. These Biblical ideas distinguished the "reformers" and their understanding of the Scriptures from the Roman Catholic teachings of that day. This series of classes will explore the historical backstory that led to the Reformation and discuss the Biblical basis for each of these "Solae".