

Fear not, for behold,  
I bring you  
good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.

For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.

*- Luke 2:10-11*

## **Cypress Ridge PCA**

December 26, 2021

**Join our 10:30 am Worship Service  
at CRPC or Livestream!**

*[cypressridge-pca.org](http://cypressridge-pca.org)*

# WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. It is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and grace. This bulletin will guide you as we worship together.

## OUR PURPOSE

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to **Exalt** God's Glory, **Equip** God's People, and **Extend** God's Kingdom.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America: [pcanet.org](http://pcanet.org)

## VISITOR/PRAYER REQUEST CARD

Visitors: We would like to get to know you. Therefore, we ask that you please fill out the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate. If you'd like additional information about CRPC, we encourage you to look at our website for further information. Website is: [www.cypressridge-pca.org](http://www.cypressridge-pca.org).

Prayer Requests: After recording your prayer requests, please place the card in the offering plate.

## CHILDREN

We offer numerous options for children during worship:

- Children are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service. (Approximately one hour and 15 minutes.)
- There is a nursery and pre-school room. The nursery is for infants through 1 year olds. The pre-school room is for 2-3 year olds.
- Children's Prayer: Children of all ages will be invited to come forward for prayer during our worship service. After the prayer, children may return to their seats or go to Children's Worship.
- Children's Worship is offered for those from age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children return to the Sanctuary before Communion.
- There is a cry room at the back of the Sanctuary where parents can take their child(ren) during the service.

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**Scripture:** Scripture in the service is from the ESV translation, unless otherwise noted.

## THE LORD GATHERS THE NATIONS

*We believe that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – calls the world to worship Him. As a Christian community, we gather together on the first day of each week to worship Him as we are led by the Spirit. As we worship, we bring our praise and our concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our troubles.*

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### **Prelude**

*\*Please silence your electronic devices*

### **Announcements**

### **Reflection on Worship**

*Through salvation our past has been forgiven,  
our present is given meaning, and our future is secured.*

*- Rick Warren*

### **Call to Worship**

Isaiah 9:6-7

**Leader:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called:

**Response:** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Leader:** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

**Response:** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*Words and Music: John Francis Wade. Arr. David B. Hampton.  
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O come, all ye faithful; joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye; To Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him; Born the King of angels

*O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him; Christ the Lord*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee; born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father; now in flesh appearing

*Chorus*

## **The First Noel**

*Traditional English Carol. Music by W. Sandy's Christmas Carols, 1855.  
Arr. Jeff Lippencott © 1998 Community Worship Music.*

The First Noel, the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

They looked up and saw a star; shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light; and so it continued both day and night

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel*

This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay; Right over the place where Jesus lay

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught  
And with his blood mankind hath bought

*Chorus*

## **Go, Tell it on the Mountain**

*Text: John W. Work II. Music: arr. by Bill Wolaver. Text used by permission of Mrs. John W. Work III. Arr. © 1986 WORD MUSIC. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born*

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light

*Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Savior's birth

*Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger, our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn

*Chorus*

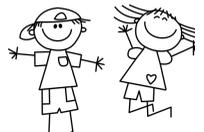
### **Monthly Memory Verse**

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall  
be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### **Prayer for Children**

[Children's activity sheets are available in the back, if desired.]



# THE LORD REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE WORLD

*God calls the nations to follow him primarily through the reading and exposition of His inspired, infallible, and inerrant word as contained in the Old and New Testaments.*

*We believe that the Scriptures teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

*God's Messengers on the Move: The Impossible Becomes Reality  
The Impact of Grace*

*Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)*

*Pew Bible p. 857*

*Large Print Bible p. 1069*

*I. The Gospel Comes to the Unexpected*

*II. The Gospel Changes Hearts*

## **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*Words by Charles Wesley, altered; Music by F. Mendelssohn; arr. by W. H. Cummings.*

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel

*Chorus*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth

*Chorus*

## THE LORD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO PRAY

*Throughout Scripture, God's people are called to pray through adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. As we come to the Lord in prayer, we are placing our dependence and trust in the One who forgives, who cares, and who strengthens.*

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### Congregational Prayer

Titus 2:11-14

**Leader:** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

*The following prayer may be used as an example.*

Almighty and merciful Father, I have erred and strayed from Your ways like a lost sheep. Too often I have followed the devices and desires of my own heart. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done. And I have done those things which I ought not to have done. Apart from You, there is nothing good in me. O Lord have mercy upon me. Renew my heart so that I may live a humble righteous life in Christ Jesus. I pray in His name. Amen.

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***Mission of the Month:*** PCA Ministerial Relief.

***Battling Cancer:*** Susie Fuday and Zulema Miguele

***Health Issues:*** Kerry Smith, Bob Wood, Sherry Sakko, Kay Smith, Rick & Rosie DeCoito, Bill & Dulce Roldan

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## THE LORD PROVIDES OUR DAILY BREAD

*Worship includes returning to God and His work a portion of our material possessions as tithes and offerings. We ask Him to use the generosity of His people to continue and to advance the work of His church.*

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### Offertory Scripture

Leviticus 27:30

**Leader:** Every tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.

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### What Child is This

*Text: William C. Dix. Music: Traditional English melody, 16<sup>th</sup> century.*

What Child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary*

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading

*Chorus*

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

*Chorus*

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

*The climax of our worship is sitting at the Table with the Lord. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. As the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus' sacrifice reconciled us to the Father so that we are in a right relationship with him.*

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### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

*Bread: Gluten free bread is located in the cups within the basket.*

*Cup: The outer ring is grape juice, the inner rings are wine.*

#### ***What is Communion?***

Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper. The bread represents the broken body of Christ and the cup represents the blood Jesus poured out as the Sacrificial Lamb (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

When we celebrate this feast, we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer spiritual nourishment, renewal and life. We also participate together in the reconciling grace of God.

#### ***Who can take Communion?***

We warmly welcome to the table all who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus – trusting in His once-for-all sacrificial death upon the cross.

At Cypress Ridge, we ask children to wait to take communion until they have met with the elders to share their faith in Jesus.

If you have not yet professed faith in Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers below.

#### ***Prayer for those searching for the truth***

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, truth and life. If what You claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Give me an understanding of who You are, and open up my heart so that I may have faith in You. Amen.

#### ***Prayer of faith***

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross. Knowing that You have also been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior. Amen.

## THE LORD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*God does not save us simply from something. He saves us to something ... to be His messengers of redemption to a lost and fallen world. He sends us out redeemed, loved, and with a purpose. We are called to bear witness to what He is doing in our lives where we live, work, and play. Praise be to God!*

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### **Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

### **Unison Response:**

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!!!

### **Choral Response**

*Tri-fold Amen*

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# CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

## TODAY ...

- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** at 10:30 am.
  - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday – Friday:** The staff will be in and out of the office during the week. If you need anything, you can reach them on their cell phones.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men’s Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.

## BIBLE READING THIS WEEK ...

*As you read, ask these questions:*

*1) What does this teach me about God? 2) What does this teach me about how I should live?*

|                  | <b><u>Bible Reading</u></b> | <b><u>Cross References</u></b>                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Matthew 20:1-16             | Lev. 19:11-13; Romans 9:14-15                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Matthew 20:17-19            | Acts 2:22-24                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Matthew 20:20-34            | Romans 8:12-17; 1 Peter 5:1-3; Philippians 2:1-11  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Matthew 21:1-11             | Zechariah 9:9-13; Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 118:25-26 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Matthew 21:12-17            | Isaiah 56:1-8; Psalm 8:1-2                         |

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Sunday School:** Sunday school will resume, for all ages, on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.
- **Children's Worship:** Children's Worship will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## FYI ...

- **Congratulations:** Congratulations to David & Carolyn Holdener on the adoption of their son, Shawn! Shawn was officially made a Holdener on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.
- **Faith Xtreme Christmas Project:** Thank you to Cypress Ridge for stepping up and serving so many families this Christmas. With your financial support, we were able to support 18 families with Christmas gifts (50 children). Because our church gave so generously, we were able to give FX the remaining money raised to help other families. Thank you again!
  - *“The church works best when the whole church works.”*
    - A lot of donors
    - 5 Callers
    - 8 Gift Wrappers
    - 8 Drivers
- **Visitor/Prayer Request Card:** If you are a visitor, please fill out the card, under the seat in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests may also be put on this card.

# THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE ...

## SERVING IN DECEMBER

*Deacon of the Month:* David Holdener

*Usher:* Phil Baier

*Communion Preparation:* Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

*Nursery Volunteers:*

12/26 - Marilyn Smith & Lori Brousseau

*Children's Worship Volunteers:*

12/26 - No Children's Worship

## **This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries**

12/27 - Wayne & Renae Anderson (Anniversary)

12/27 - Frantz & Violene Genisse (Anniversary)

12/28 - Lori Brousseau (Birthday)

12/28 - Art & Sue Gilkey (Anniversary)

12/28 - Reed & Priscilla Jostes (Anniversary)

12/29 - Marilyn Smith (Birthday)

12/31 - Ginny Vander Zee (Birthday)



## **SERVING IN JANUARY 2022**

*Usher of the Month:* Terry Schmucker

*Usher:* Larry Vander Zee

*Communion Preparation:* TBD

### *Nursery Volunteers:*

1/2 - TBD & Lori Brousseau

1/9 - Jessica Sanders & Lori Brousseau

1/16 - TBD & Lori Brousseau

1/23 - Ginny Vander Zee & Lori Brousseau

1/30 - Marilyn Smith & Lori Brousseau

### *Children's Worship Volunteers:*

1/2 - Mary Jones & Maira Aviles

1/9 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

1/16 - Linda Paris & TBD

1/23 - Ginger Andersen & Renae Anderson

1/30 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

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