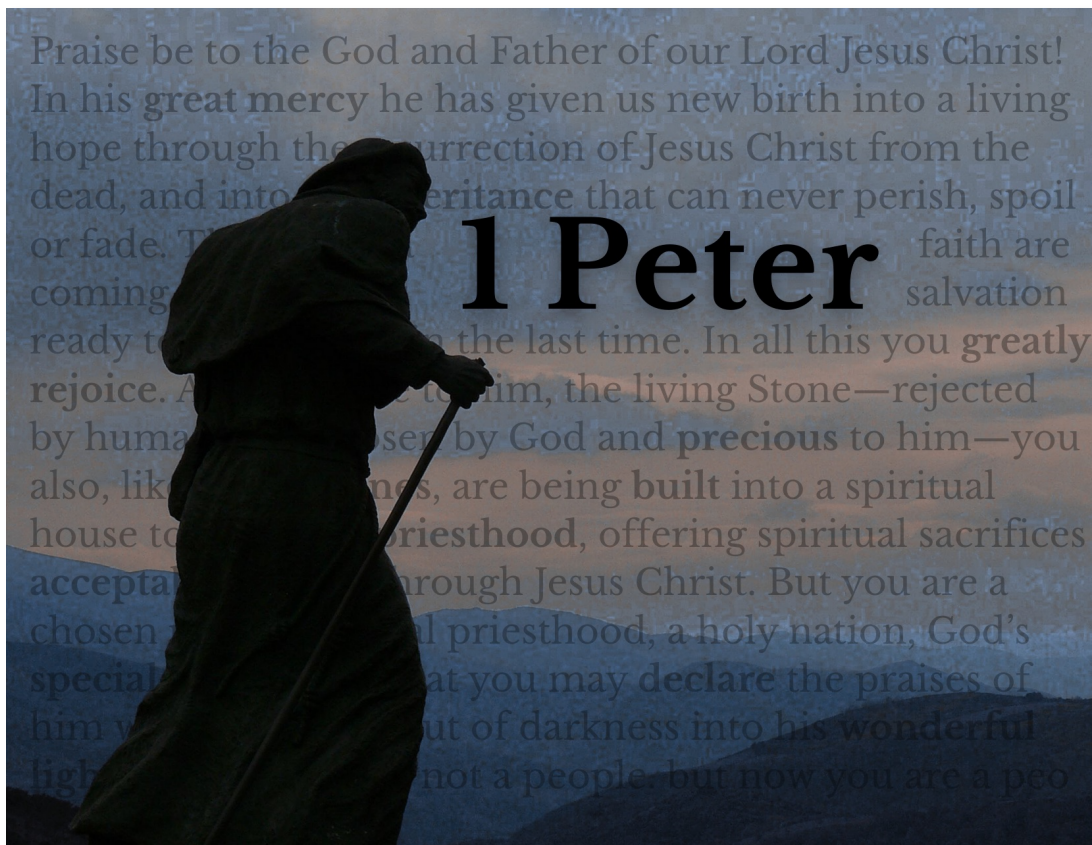




Cypress Ridge PCA

October 12, 2025

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

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.

OUR MISSION: Because we were created to be a **Christ-centered connected community**, we seek to make disciples of all people & generations through Gospel-centered worship, Faithful service, and Authentic relationships.

WE DO THIS BY: Building disciples of Jesus who are rooted in the Gospel, serving on mission, and connecting in community.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America: pcanet.org

VISITOR/PRAYER REQUEST CARD

Visitors: We would like to get to know you! Please fill out the Visitor Card and put it in the offering box. We also encourage you to look at our website for further information: www.cypressridge-pca.org.

Prayer Requests: Please record your prayer request on the Visitor Card and put it in the offering box.

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 for infants through 3 years old.
- 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 3rd 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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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.

Prelude

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

Those who understand God's sovereignty have joy even in the midst of suffering, a joy reflected on their very faces, for they see that their suffering is not without purpose."

- R.C. Sproul

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 21-22

Leader: God, You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In You our fathers trusted, and You delivered them.

Response: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the nations shall worship before You.

Leader: You who fear the LORD, praise Him and stand in awe of Him!

Response: Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength! We will sing and praise You!

Your Grace is Enough

Words & Music, Matt Maher. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Great is Your faithfulness O God; You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy and nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people, remember Your children

Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God; You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation and all Your people sing along

Chorus

O God of Mercy, Hear our Plea

*Songwriters: Matthew Merker & Brittany Kauflin. Lyrics © Sovereign Grace Praise.
UBP CCLI #3038781.*

O God we've seen Your faithfulness

You brought us from the wilderness

But now our faith is frail and weak

O God of mercy hear our plea

When will You comfort our distress

How long until the promised rest

We cry to You from deepest need

O God of mercy hear our plea

Abba Father our Redeemer

In this barren land be our hope and strength

Until glory we will trust and sing

Abba Father hear our plea

We join creation's longing groan
To take Your ransomed children home

For then the eyes of all will see

The God of mercy hears our plea

Chorus

By Faith

Authors, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. UBP CCLI #3038781.

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Prayer for Children *[Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. - 3rd grade.]*

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.

Sermon

Guest, Pastor Tony Myers

1 Peter 4:12-19

Pew Bible p. 1032; Large Print Bible p. 1206

Gospel Shaped Suffering

Gospel Shaped...

1. Attitudes toward Suffering (vv. 12-13)

2. Assurances while Suffering (vv. 14-16)

3. Applications from Suffering (vv. 17-19)

**see questions to consider on page 10*

It Is Well with My Soul

*Horatio G. Spafford. Music: Philip P. Bliss. Arr. by David B. Hampton © 1998
Community Worship Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

*It is well, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

Chorus

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

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.

Confession of Sin

Romans 3:10-12

Leader: None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession: *Dear Lord Jesus, we are humbled by the call to be co-sufferers with You. Help us, Lord Jesus! Help us go with You into the sufferings of friends and family and into the groans of our own hearts. Like most, we have aversions to pain and suffering. Like many, we would love the Christian life to be a spiritualized antidote for all discomfort and distress. And yet the very Spirit that is telling us that we are beloved children of God is also convincing us that we are co-heirs of Christ's glory and co-sharers in His sufferings. You're not calling us to suffer for You, but to suffer with You. You'll never lead us into places where You're not present. You'll never ask us to do anything for which You will not give us sufficient mercy and grace, and the Spirit's power. Help us to know You better, Lord Jesus, and more of the sacred fellowship of sharing in Your sufferings. In Jesus' name Amen.*

[Prayer taken and adapted from thegospelcoalition.org. Author Scotty Smith.]

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:3-5

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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.

Offertory Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:7

Leader: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: Renew Polk

Community Needs: Winter Haven, leaders & beyond

Battling Cancer: Frank D.

Health Issues: Sheryl B.; Philip B.; Dulce R.; Pat M.; Rosie C.; Steve M.

Homebound: Larry M.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Authors: Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse. © 1989 Word Music LLC. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men; oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper; Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way; oh, we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us; falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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.

Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

Unison: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!!!

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Bread: Gluten-free bread is held in small bowls within each basket.

Cup: Grape juice is in the clear cups; wine is in the tinted, purple cups.

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!

Benediction

adapted from Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Choral Response

Doxology

Doxology

*Text by Thomas Ken. Music by Genevan Psalter, 1551, att. To Louis Bourgeois.
UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

Questions to Consider

1. How have I been more influenced by the world's view toward suffering than God's? How can I cooperate with the work of the Spirit to regain a biblical attitude toward suffering? Where have I complained more than rejoiced in hardships?
2. What difference does it make to know that suffering is always purposeful, caring, and redemptive when from the Lord's hand? How does God's presence make all the difference in how we suffer? Where have I found God to be more than enough in the midst of suffering?
3. Think of an area in your life where you are presently suffering. What does it look like to entrust myself to God in the midst of this suffering? How is God providing me with an opportunity to "do good" in this suffering?

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School:** At 9:15 am.
 - Adults: *Make Disciples*, Room 110.
 - 6-12th Grade: *The Who Series*, Room 111.
 - 4 yrs. - 5th Grade: *The Biggest Story*, Room 106, but begin in Room 103 for songs.
 - Nursery: Infants - 3 yrs. old, nursery, but begin in Room 103 for songs.
- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** At 10:30 am.
 - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.

CONNECT GROUPS ... *Contact a C.G. leader to learn more!*

- **Wood/Paris Group** (*Bob Wood 419-969-4056*): Sunday, October 12th, following the worship service, at the church.
- **Reyes Group** (*David Reyes 863-206-8278*): Friday, October 17th, at 6 pm, at Eric & Nubia Torres' home.
- **Barton/Holdener Group** (*Rodney Barton 407-375-2756*): Sunday, October 19th, at 5 pm, at the Barton's home.
- **Childress/Bacheldor Group** (*Dennis Childress 863-287-5423*): Monday, October 20th, at 5:30 pm, at Ginger Andersen's home.
- **Smith Group** (*Matt Smith 256-659-8114*): Sunday, October 26th, at 5 pm, at Matt & Anna Smith's home.
- **Luchenbill Group** (*Bob Luchenbill 517-398-2212*): Sunday, November 2nd, at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill's home.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Tuesday Morning:** Women's Bible Study at 9:45 am. See Jennifer Barton for more details.
- **Wednesday Afternoon:** Girls' D-Group (6-12th grade) at 4 pm, at Anna Smith's home.
- **Wednesday Evening:** Officer Training at 6:30 pm.
- **Wednesday Evening:** Heavenly Dancers practice at 6:30 pm (girls 6 yrs. and above).
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (6-12th graders) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Morning:** Homeless Bag Ministry at 10 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** SWFL Presbytery Women's Conference in Riverview, FL, at 8:30 am. See Jennifer Barton for more info. Flyers are at the Welcome Center.
- **Saturday Morning:** (Community Event Opportunity) LifeChoice Walk for Life at 9 am. Flyers are at the Welcome Center.
- **Saturday Morning:** Kidz Outing at Heartland Place. Meet there at 11 am. R.S.V.P. with Anna Smith. \$5/person (2 and under are free), please pay Anna with cash or check to the church.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

*After you read through the chapters, pray through them with A.C.T.S.
(Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)*

Monday: Joshua 17 and Mark 15
Tuesday: Joshua 18 and Mark 16:1-8
Wednesday: Joshua 19 and 1 Peter 1
Thursday: Joshua 20 and 1 Peter 2
Friday: Joshua 21 and 1 Peter 3
Saturday: Psalm 42

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Congregational Meeting:** The session of CRPC calls a congregational meeting for October 19, 2025 for the purpose of giving a financial update on budget and funds, and discuss special projects – especially the roof.
- **Renew Polk Worship Service:** Sunday, October 26th, from 5:30 - 7 pm, at Christ Community Pres. (6565 South Florida Ave. Lakeland, FL 33813). All are welcome!
- **Men's Fellowship Night:** Wednesday, October 29th, at 6 pm, at Grove Roots.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, November 1st, from 3:30 - 6 pm. Be praying about who you can invite! A food sign-up sheet will be available next week.
- **Ladies Fall Fling:** Tuesday, November 4th, at 6 pm, at the Childress' home. Enjoy a cozy fall gathering with fun, food, fellowship and create a charming pumpkin craft. All women welcome, including our youth! Sign-up at the high top table.

FYI ...

- **God's Provision Through September 2025:**
September General Fund Giving: \$23,692
YTD September GF Giving: \$267,221
YTD September Exp. Paid: \$302,785
YTD Sept. General Transfers to Roof Contingency Fund: \$9,000
YTD September General Fund Budget: \$318,750
YTD Mercy Fund: \$7,950
- **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 box. Any prayer or visitation request may also be put on this card.
- **Post-Service Prayer:** If you would like prayer after the service, there will be leaders by the piano, available to meet and pray with you.
- **Resource Table:** We provide free copies of *Our Daily Bread* (large print & regular) and *Tabletalk* at the Welcome Center.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE ...

SERVING IN OCTOBER 2025

Deacon of the Month: Charles Burkett

Greeters: David Warren & Elijah Green

Communion Preparation: Matt & Jessica Sanders

Nursery:

10/12 – Stephanie B. & Jennifer S.

10/19 – Stephanie B. & Katelynn W.

10/26 – Stephanie B. & Lois D.

Children's Worship:

10/12 – Anna S., Carolyn H. & Jessica S.

10/19 – Philip & Jeanie B.

10/26 – Ginger A., Terri J. & Athenna T.

Snacks:

10/12 – Dave & Carolyn Holdener

10/19 – Eric & Nubia Torres

10/26 – Dave & Kay Smith

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

10/14 – Ron Castleberry

10/16 – Mason Parmerter

10/16 – Jon & Betty Parmerter

10/17 – Larry & Pat Moss

10/18 – Ron & Vera Castleberry

10/18 – Brad Johnson

10/18 – Tony & Maritza Lanzillotti



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