



Cypress Ridge PCA

March 3, 2024

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

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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 **Glorify God** *through*: **Exalting** God's Glory, **Equipping** God's People, and **Extending** God's Kingdom.

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 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 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

*“If Jesus forgave those who nailed Him to the cross,
and if God forgives you and me,
how can you withhold your forgiveness from someone else?”*

- Anne Graham Lotz

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 95 & 89

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Response: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Response: Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

Ancient of Days

Words and Music by Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Blessing and honor, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

*Every tongue in heaven and earth, shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne, in worship
You will be exalted oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
Oh Ancient of Days*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hallelujah)

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Charles G. Gläzer UBP CCLI #3038781.

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life, and health, and peace

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; all praise to our God
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; all praise to our God*

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

Chorus

Jesus Messiah

*Words & Music by Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves. © 2008
sixsteps music/worshipstogether.com songs/Alletrop Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood, the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

Psalm 18:2

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock,
in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my
stronghold.



Prayer for Children *Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. – 3rd
grade. Worship Sheets are available for older students in the back.*

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

Ruling Elder, Bob Wood

Luke 23:26-34

Pew Bible p. 884

Large Print Bible p. 1103

The Sermon from the Cross

I. **Father**...

II. Father, **forgive them**...

III. Father, forgive them, **for they do not know what they do.**

Jesus Paid it All

*Words by Elvina M. Hall. Music by John T. Grape. Arr. By Matt Huesmann. Arr. © 1998
Community Worship Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in Me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find; Thy pow'r, and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

Chorus

For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white, in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

Chorus

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

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

Psalm 139:23-24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You have loved us with a love deeper than our comprehension, and yet we fail to love You back with all our hearts. We know that Jesus paid the price for our sin, so that we could be forgiven, yet too often we fail to forgive those who sin against us. Cleanse us, O God! May we strive to meditate daily on the price Jesus paid, so that our hearts will respond with compassion for those who have hurt us. May we forgive others as our Father in Heaven forgave us! In Jesus' name we ask this and pray. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 85:2-3

Leader: You forgave the iniquity of your people; You covered all their sin. You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Psalm 96:8

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: Renew Polk

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday and Sue Gilkey

Health Issues: Marilyn Smith; Briana Campos; Susan Peterson; Vera Castleberry; Steve & Carol Dortman; Rick DeCoito

Homebound: Pat & Larry Moss; Brenda Donnell

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Words by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio. © 2006 sixsteps Music, Vamos Publishing, worshiptogether.com. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear; the hour I first believed

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

Through many dangers, toils and snares; I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far; and grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years; bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise; than when we'd first begun

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.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Bread: Regular bread will be offered unless gluten-free bread is requested.

Cup: Grape juice will be offered unless wine is requested.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine
upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.

Unison Response:

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

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Family Camp Worship Service:** At 9:30 am at Highlands Hammock State Park.
- **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 leader to learn more!

- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 03/03.
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Charles & Shirley Burkett's home, Wednesday at 6 pm, meeting: 03/06.
- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 03/10.
- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Jon & Betty Parmerter's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 03/10.
- **Wood Group (Bob: 419-969-4056):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12:15 pm, meeting: 03/10.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at Cypress Ridge, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 03/17.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls' Discipleship Group at 4:15 pm at Anna Smith's home (7-12th grade).
- **Wednesday Morning:** Ladies Small Group Bible Study at 9:30 am. Babysitting provided - see Jennifer Barton with any questions.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12th grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Evening:** Kidz Night Out at 6 pm (4 yrs. - 6th grade).
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Breakfast at 9 am

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

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

- Monday:** Isaiah 38 and Acts 22
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 39 and Acts 23
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 40 and Acts 24
- Thursday:** Isaiah 41 and Acts 25
- Friday:** Isaiah 42 and Acts 26
- Saturday:** Psalm 114

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Sunday School:** Classes resume for all ages next Sunday, March 10th, at 9:15 am.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, March 10th, following the worship service.
 - **Note:** This is also Daylight Savings, so you will need to "spring forward" in time.
- **Homeless Bag Ministry Class:** The next mat-making class will be Friday, March 15th, at 10 am. See Phyllis Morrison for details or call the church office.

- **Easter Eggstravaganza:** Saturday, March 23rd at 9:30 am.
 - **Items Needed:** Small individually wrapped candy to fit in Easter eggs & small prizes (bouncy balls, pencils, etc.) for games. Anna will be sending out an Amazon Wishlist soon!
- **Good Friday Service:** Friday, March 29th, at 6:30 pm.
- **Easter Breakfast:** Sunday, March 31st, at 9:15 am. Food signups will begin March 17th.
- **Mercy Fund Collection:** Sunday, March 31st.

FYI ...

- **Condolences:** Our deepest condolences and prayers extend to Tony Aviles on the loss of his father, John Wedeman on the loss of his grandfather, and Kay Smith on the loss of her brother-in-law.
- **Thank you:** Thank you for your donations to LifeChoice Pregnancy Center and for your help packing the Embrace Grace resource boxes. We are excited to support LifeChoice in this way.
- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** We need your help collecting plastic grocery bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless.
- **Inquirer/New Member Class:** If you are interested in joining the next Inquirer/New Member class, email the church office.
- **Snack Time:** If you would like to bring snacks, you can sign up at the coffee bar!
- **Resource Table:** We provide free copies of *Our Daily Bread* (large print & regular) and *Tabletalk* at the Welcome Center.
- **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 at the front of the sanctuary, by the piano, available to meet and pray with you.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE ...

SERVING IN MARCH 2024

Deacon of the Month: David Cruz

Greeters: Art Gilkey & Matt Sanders (3/3); Brad Johnson & Jon Parmerter

Communion Preparation: Dennis & Brenda Knappenberger

Nursery:

03/03 – Stephanie Bates & Jessica Sanders

03/10 – Stephanie Bates & TBD

03/17 – Stephanie Bates & Brenda Knappenberger

03/24 – Stephanie Bates & Katelyn Wedeman

03/31 – Stephanie Bates & TBD

Children's Worship:

03/03 – Sheryl Bacheldor & Ginny Vander Zee

03/10 – Anna Smith, Gabrielle Jean-Bart & Carolyn Holdener

03/17 – Philip & Jeanie Baier

03/24 – Ginger Andersen, Terri Jefferies

03/31 – No CW on Easter morning

Snacks:

03/03 – Gloria Wood

03/10 – TBD

03/17 – Linda Engstrom & Shirley Burkett

03/24 – TBD

03/31 – TBD

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

03/04 – Maritza Lanzillotti



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