



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 19, 2021

**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. 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

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.

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 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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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.

Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas
Sandy Luchenbill

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men.*

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Knisley Family

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 85:7-13 (NIV)

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior.

Response: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: Listen to what the Lord our God says:

Response: He promises peace to his people, who are his beloved saints.

Leader: The Lord will indeed give what is good.

Response: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Leader: May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship.

Response: May we see God's face and so know peace. Amen.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*Text by Edmund H. Sears; Music by Richard S. Willis. Arr. David B. Hampton.
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It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heav'n's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

For lo, the days are hast'ning on
By prophets seen of old
When with the ever circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When the new heav'n and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Music by Ludwig van Beethoven., Arr. David B. Hampton, Words by Henry Van Dyke.
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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee; God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee; opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness; fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee; center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain; flowery meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain; call us to rejoice in Thee

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*

Sing choirs of angels; sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens; of heav'n above
Glory to God; all glory in the highest

Chorus

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

Special Music

*Away in the Manger
Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven
CRPC Children's Choir*

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 Worship is available for children 4 years to 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 Matt Luchenbill

*God's Messengers on the Move: The Impossible Becomes Reality
Awe and the Incarnation*

Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Pew Bible p. 807

Large Print Bible p. 1007

Jesus' Incarnation Leads To:

I. Minds Blown

II. People Saved

III. Lives Changed

Jesus, Your Name

Words & Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Ian Hannah. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Jesus, Your name, Prince of Peace
Quiets my soul, treasures the least
In perfect rest You will keep all whose hope is in You
Jesus, Your name can silence the storms
The strivings that trouble our world
Jesus, Your name reveals You as Lord
Oh, powerful name

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Words by Roland H. Prichard. Music by Charles Wesley. Arr. Jeff Lippencott. ©1998
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Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a Child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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.

Congregational Prayer

Hebrews 9:15

Leader: Therefore he, [Jesus], is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

The following prayer may be used as an example.

Merciful God, I confess that there are times when I have ignored the promises of Your kingdom. I also get distracted by the busyness of the season. Forgive me, God. Grant me the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph. May I journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*, © 2004, CRC Publications]

Mission of the Month: PCA Ministerial Relief. See more on page 14.

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday and Zulema Miguele

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

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

1 Chronicles 16:29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

Oh Come All You Unfaithful

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O come, all you unfaithful; come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying
Come see what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born; Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken; come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love
O come, guilty and hiding ones; there is no need to run
See what your God has done

Chorus

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come, though you have nothing; come, He is the off'ring
Come, see what your God has done

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: 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!

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

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School:** at 9:15 am. Classes available for all ages.
- **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 ...

- **Tuesday Morning:** FX Christmas Project: Wrapping gifts at 10 am. See Pastor Rodney for more details.
- **Wednesday – Friday:** FX Christmas Project: Delivering gifts. See Pastor Rodney for more details.
- **Friday:** The office will be closed during the hours of 9 am – 4 pm.
- **Friday Evening:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 pm.
Please note: there will be no nursery available. All children are welcome in the regular service.
- **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?

	<u>Bible Reading</u>	<u>Cross References</u>
Monday	Matthew 18:1-9	Psalms 131; 1 Peter 2:1-3;
Tuesday	Matthew 18:10-20	Ps. 34:4-7; Heb. 1; James 5:19-20; 2 Cor. 13:1-4; Deut. 19:15-21
Wednesday	Matthew 18:21-35	Col. 3:12-17; Eph. 4:31-32; 1 John 4:7-12; Prov. 21:12-13
Thursday	Matthew 19:1-12	Genesis 2:15-25; Ephesians 5:25-33; Deut. 24:1-4; 1 Cor. 7
Friday	Matthew 19:13-30	Neh. 9:26-31; Rom. 10:5-21; Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Tim. 6:17-19

FYI ...

- **God's provision through November 2021:**
November General Fund Giving: \$27,249
YTD November GF Giving: \$338,886
YTD November Exp. Paid: \$304,933
YTD Budget: \$306,351
YTD Mercy Fund: \$8,510
- **Sunday School:** Today was the last day of Sunday School for this year. Classes will resume for all ages on January 9th at 9:15 am.
- **Children's Worship:** There will be no Children's Worship on December 26th. It will resume on January 2nd.
- **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:

12/19 - Ginny Vander Zee & Lori Brousseau

12/26 - Marilyn Smith & Lori Brousseau

Children's Worship Volunteers:

12/19 - Ginger Andersen & Renae Anderson

12/26 - No Children's Worship

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/20 - Barb Luchenbill (Birthday)

12/20 - Don & Linda Paris (Anniversary)

12/22 - James & Nancy Breiner (Anniversary)

12/23 - Robert & Barbara McClelland (Anniversary)

12/23 - John & Valerie Williams (Anniversary)

12/24 - David & Carolyn Holdener (Anniversary)



December Missionary of the Month

PCA Ministerial Relief

Pastors and their families often find themselves in seasons of hardship in addition to the emotional and financial constraints of pastoral work. We partner with pastors and churches to support ministry employees and their families in need.

- *We provide financial assistance to PCA church servants and their families to help with basic expenses like food, housing, medical costs, and more.*
- *We provide access to affordable and confidential Christian counseling services to pastors and pastors' wives through ministry partners.*

- Information taken from: <https://pcarbi.org/relief>

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