



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 13, 2020

**Join our In-House & Live Stream
Worship Service at 10:30 am!**

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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 handout 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: www.pcanet.org

VISITOR/PRAYER REQUEST

Please send all new information and prayer requests to info@cypressridge-pca.org

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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

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**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which is love ...
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.*

- Wilda English

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tim & Jessica Holdener

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-2; 67:3-4a

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

Sing the glory of his name.

Give to him glorious praise!

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Text by Henry van Dyke; Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

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

Joy to the World

Words and music by Isaac Watts, 1719

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ
While fields and floods; rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Words and Music: Latin Carol and German Melody (14th century)

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today
Ox and ass before Him bow; and He is in the manger now
Christ is born today; Christ is born today

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this
He has opened heaven's door; and man is blessed evermore
Christ is born for this; Christ was born for this

Monthly Memory Verse

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Prayer for Children

[Children's Worship is for children 4 years to 3rd grade. We ask that everyone wear a mask while going to and from the classroom. Extra masks are available in the back of the sanctuary, if needed.]

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

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible p. 855, 807

Large Print Bible p. 1067, 1007

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Words and Music: English Carol and English Melody, 18th century

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior; was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power; when we were gone astray

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

Now to the Lord sing praises; all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood; each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas; all anger should efface

Chorus

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Author unknown. Music: Venni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel; and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Desire of nations, bind; all peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace

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.

Confessional & Congregational Prayer

James 4:8

Leader: Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Please use the following questions as a guide as you spend time silently confessing your sins.

- When don't I serve God faithfully?
 - What holds me back from trusting in and following God's plan?
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Prayers for Missionaries and the Congregation



- *December Mission of the Month: PCA Ministerial Relief.* For more information on this ministry, see the flyers at the Welcome Center.
 - Receiving treatments for cancer: Sharon Griffin & Barbara Smith.
 - Health Issues: Ken Harrison, Paul Smith, Gilberto Rios, Art Gilkey, Vicki Johnston, Bobbie Razor, Bruce Engstrom, Muriel Baker and Larry & Pat Moss.
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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.

Offertory Scripture

1 Chronicles 16:29a

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

Fullness of Grace

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Fullness of grace in man's human frailty
This is the wonder of Jesus
Laying aside His power and glory
Humbly He entered our world
Chose the path of meanest worth
Scandal of a virgin birth
Born in a stable cold and rejected
Here lies the hope of the world

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for
Promise of God in Jesus
Through His obedience we are forgiven
Op'ning the flood-gates of Heav'n
All our hopes and dreams we bring
Gladly as an offering
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable
God's gift in love to the world

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.

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 ...

- **Livestream Worship Service:** @ 10:30 am
 - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.
- **CRPC Christmas Project Fundraiser Concert:** Tonight at the church at 6 pm. This concert will be live-streamed.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Tuesday Morning:** Women's Bible Study via Zoom at 9:30 am.
- **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>New Testament</u>	<u>Cross References</u>
Monday	Luke 2:1-7	Matthew 1:1-17; John 7:40-44
Tuesday	Luke 2:8-21	Zechariah 9:9-13; John 11:45-53; Isaiah 9:2-7
Wednesday	Luke 2:22-40	Leviticus 12; Galatians 4:1-7; Isaiah 8:11-15; Isaiah 42:6-9
Thursday	Matthew 2:1-12	Micah 5:1-5a; Ezekiel 34:20-24; Isaiah 60:1-6
Friday	Matthew 2:13-23	Hosea 11:1; Jeremiah 31:15

FYI ...

- **CRPC Christmas Project:** The church works best when the whole church works! For our Christmas Project, there's a variety of ways that you can serve: phone calls to families (Spanish speakers would be helpful), shopping, wrapping, and delivering gifts. Sign up in the back!
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:** December 24th at 6:30 pm. *Please note: there will be no nursery available.*
- **Cooking for Jesus Videos:** We hope you enjoyed our monthly Kidz Cooking for Jesus videos. You can find them all on our website, cypressridge-pca.org, under Media Streaming – Kidz Page. In December we made Spicy Stars and learned about the common misconceptions of the wisemen.
- **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.
- **God's provision through November:**
November General Fund Giving: \$31,315
Through Nov. GF Giving: \$286,864
Through Nov. Exp. Paid: \$281,428
Through Nov. Budgeted: \$293,545

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

December Deacon of the Month: David Holdener

December Usher: Don Copeland & Terry Schmucker

December Communion Preparation: Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones

December Children's Nursery:

13 - Kay Smith & Lori Brousseau

20 - Kay Smith & TBD

27 - Marilyn Smith & Lori Brousseau

December Children's Worship:

13 - Mary Jones & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

20 - Zulema Miguele & Dulce Roldan

27 - Betty Parmerter & Becky Steverson

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/13 Amber May (Birthday)

12/14 James Kingsbury (Birthday)

12/14 Ruby Smith (Birthday)

12/14 Marta Sullivan (Birthday)

12/15 Bobbie Razor (Birthday)

12/17 Donna Luchenbill (Birthday)