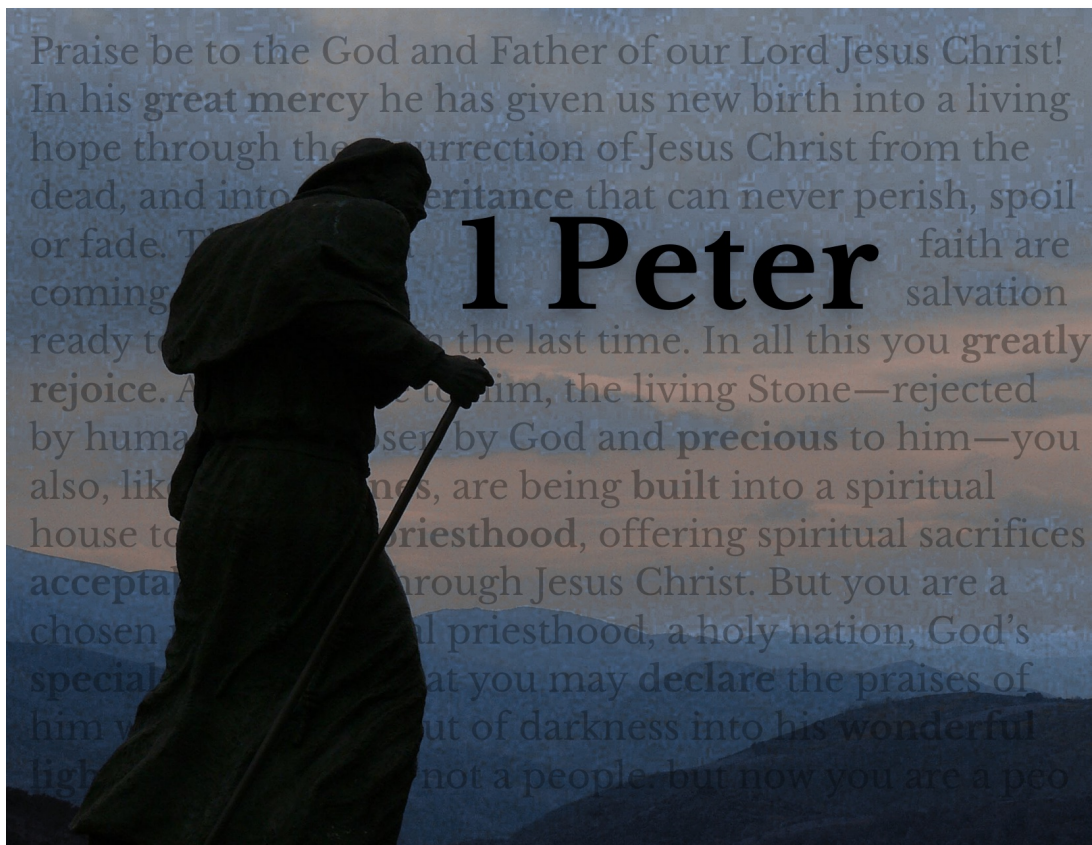




## **Cypress Ridge PCA**

October 19, 2025

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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 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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# 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

*And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever.  
Amen.*

*- 1 Peter 5:10-11*

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Worship

from Psalm 113

**Leader:** Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!  
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ashes.  
Praise His name!

**Response:** Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

**Leader:** Who is like the LORD our God? He is high above all nations,  
and His glory above the heavens!

**Response:** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

## **Hallelujah to My King**

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O how strong the power of Jesus' name; it is stronger than any other name  
How sweet the victory that bore my shame  
Took the burden of my sin away

*Hallelujah, what a Savior, I owe everything to Him  
Hallelujah, what a Savior, Hallelujah to my King*

O how great the kindness our God has shown  
We were strangers, now we're called His own  
His grace has welcomed the sinner home; tender mercies lead us to the throne

*Chorus*

O what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings; through the trials, He will carry me  
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet  
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing

*Chorus*

## **Great I Am**

*Jared Anderson. 2011 Integrity Worship Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

I wanna be close, close to your side, so heaven is real and death is a lie  
I wanna hear voices of angels above, singing as one

*Hallelujah, Holy Holy God Almighty, The Great I Am  
Who is worthy? None beside Thee, God Almighty, The Great I Am*

I wanna be near, near to your heart, loving the world hating the dark  
I want to see dry bones living again, singing as one

*Chorus*

The mountains shake before Him, the demons run and flee  
At the mention of the name, King of Majesty  
There is no power in hell or any who can stand  
Before the power and the presence of the Great I Am  
The Great I Am, the Great I Am

*Chorus*

## **Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone**

*Words by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio. © 2006 sixsteps Music,  
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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

### *Chorus*

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*

## **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. - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Rodney Barton

1 Peter 5

Pew Bible p. 1033; Large Print Bible p. 1206

*What Apron Are You Wearing?*

1. God calls His people to tie on the apron of humility.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Our pride rejects the apron of humility.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In humility, Jesus was crushed on the cross for our pride.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Each day we have the opportunity to joyfully and deliberately tie on the apron of humility.

*\*see questions to consider on page 10*

## How Great Thou Art

*Words and Music, Stuart K. Hine ©1953, Renewed 1981 by MANNA MUSIC, Inc.  
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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

### *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art

### *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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### Confession of Sin

1 Peter 5:6-8

**Leader:** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

### Silent Confession

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:** Almighty God, You have called us to live a life of humility and service to others, yet too often we reject that call. Our pride, self-reliance, & selfishness leads us to be anxious instead of trusting You. Our worries about our needs prevent us from caring about other people's needs. We frequently disregard others because we do not have "enough time or resources." Instead of seeing the needs of others, we judge and critique them, while elevating ourselves. Forgive us Lord for our stubborn and proud hearts. Cause us to remember and dwell upon all that Jesus has done for us, moving us to joyfully and deliberately tying on the apron of humility each day, eager to serve as Jesus has served us. In His name we pray. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

**Leader:** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Ministry Moment

*David Reyes*

## 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

Psalm 54:6

**Leader:** With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

### Congregational Prayer

**Mission of the Month:** Renew Polk

**Community Needs:** Winter Haven, leaders & beyond

**Battling Cancer:** Frank D.

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

**Homebound:** Larry M.

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### Come Ye Sinners

*Songwriter Matthew Smith. Indelible Grace © 2008. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched; weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you; full of pity, joined with power  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more

Come, ye weary, heavy laden; bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry 'til you're better; you will never come at all  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger; nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires; is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you, this He gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him; venture wholly; let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus; can do helpless sinners good

## 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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### 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!*

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### 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*

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#### Doxology

*Text by Thomas Ken. Music by Genevan Psalter, 1551, att. To Louis Bourgeois.  
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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. Peter connects true greatness not with a crown, but with an apron. In what specific, practical ways does our culture teach the opposite? Where do you feel the pressure to seek a "crown" instead of putting on an "apron"?
2. This passage links anxiety directly to the pride of self-reliance. Can you share a recent situation where your anxiety or worry was fueled by a desire to control the outcome? What "idol" (control, approval, comfort, security) was at the root of that anxiety?
3. When we consider the "great exchange" on the cross, how does the truth that Jesus wore the "apron of your shame" so you could wear the "robe of His righteousness" change the way you view your failures and weaknesses?
4. Of the practical examples of "tying on the apron" (in moments of conflict, worry, service, etc.), which one is most challenging for you right now? What is one specific, practical step you can take this week to cast that care on God and, in response, humbly serve someone else?

## 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.
- **Congregational Meeting:** Following the worship service. 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.

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

- **Childress/Bachelder Group** (*Dennis Childress 863-287-5423*): Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, at Ginger Andersen's home.
- **Barton/Holdener Group** (*Rodney Barton 407-375-2756*): Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, attending the Renew Polk worship service.
- **Smith Group** (*Matt Smith 256-659-8114*): Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm, at Matt & Anna Smith's home.
- **Luchenbill Group** (*Bob Luchenbill 517-398-2212*): Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill's home.
- **Reyes Group** (*David Reyes 863-206-8278*): Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, following the worship service, at the church.
- **Wood/Paris Group** (*Bob Wood 419-969-4056*): Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service, at the church.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Tuesday Morning:** Women's Bible Study at 9:45 am. See Jennifer Barton for more details.
- **Wednesday Afternoon:** Girls' D-Group (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 4 pm, at Anna Smith's home.
- **Wednesday Evening:** Heavenly Dancers practice at 6:30 pm (girls 6 yrs. and above).
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (6-12<sup>th</sup> graders) at 6:30 pm.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

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

**Monday:** Joshua 22 and 1 Peter 4

**Tuesday:** Joshua 23 and 1 Peter 5

**Wednesday:** Joshua 24 and 2 Peter 1

**Thursday:** Judges 1 and 2 Peter 2

**Friday:** Judges 2 and 2 Peter 3

**Saturday:** Psalm 43

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Renew Polk Worship Service:** Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, at Christ Community Pres. (6565 South Florida Ave. Lakeland, FL 33813). All are welcome!
- **Men's Fellowship Night:** Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, at Grove Roots.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 3:30 - 6 pm. Be praying about who you can invite! Sign-up to bring food at the high top table.

- **Ladies Fall Fling:** Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **Officer Training:** Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.
- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am.
- **Ladies Fellowship Night:** Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, at Bowen Yard.

FYI ...

- **Take Them a Meal:** If you would like to bring the Woods a meal, please sign up at [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com) (last name and password: Wood).
- **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:*

10/19 – Stephanie B. & Katelynn W.

10/26 – Stephanie B. & Lois D.

*Children's Worship:*

10/19 – Philip & Jeanie B.

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

*Snacks:*

10/19 – Eric & Nubia Torres

10/26 – Dave & Kay Smith



### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

10/20 – Valentina Bahamon

10/22 – Finley May

### SERVING IN NOVEMBER 2025

*Deacon of the Month:* David Cruz

*Greeters:* Roberto & Jennifer Sanchez & José Del Valle (11/9 & 11/16)

*Communion Preparation:* Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

*Nursery:*

11/02 – Stephanie B. & Anna S. & Athenna T.

11/09 – Stephanie B. & Kay S.

11/16 – Stephanie B. & TBD

11/23 – Stephanie B. & TBD

11/30 – Stephanie B. & Katelynn W.

*Children's Worship:*

11/02 – Philip & Jeanie B.

11/09 – Anna S., Gabrielle J.B. & Carolyn H.

11/16 – Sheryl B., Jessica S. & Melissia P.

11/23 – Ginger A., Terri J. & Athenna T.

11/30 – Lois D., Tenley J. & TBD

*Snacks:* TBD - sign up at the coffee bar to bring snacks!

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