



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 11, 2022

**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 **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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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

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven.*

– Martin Luther

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jean-Bart Family (Creole, Haiti)

Call to Worship

Psalm 30:4-5

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Response: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Words and Music: Latin Carol and German Melody (14th century). UBP CCLI #3038781.

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French carol and melody. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

Joy Has Dawned

*Words & music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend © 2004 Thankyou Music/Adm. by
worshiptogether.com songs. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for ev'ry nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary

Son of Adam, Son of Heav'n
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of hist'ry

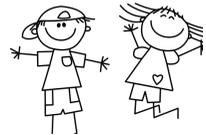
Monthly Memory Verse

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

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

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Gifts of the Incarnation: Leap for Joy

Luke 1:41-50 & Excerpts

Pew Bible p. 856

Large Print Bible p. 1068

Joy to the World

*Text: Isaac Watts. Music: George Frederick Handel, arranged by Lowell Mason.
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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

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

Luke 15:7

Leader: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Prayer:

Almighty God, You have given us so much to be joyful for. You have created us, loved us, and redeemed us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Yet, too often we choose to dwell on things that rob us of joy – like anger, doubt, jealousy, or self-pity. Forgive us, merciful Father! May Your Holy Spirit cause us to have joy in knowing that You provide for us daily, and may we find joy in our salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Mission of the Month: Faith Xtreme. See page 14.

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday

Health Issues: Dolca Rios, Steve Dortman, Marilyn Smith, Rick & Rosie DeCoito, Pat Moss, Brenda Donnell

Ministry Moment

Faith Xtreme

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 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.

Oh Come All You Unfaithful

*Bob Kauflin & Lisa Clow. Arr. by Dan Galbraith © 2020 Sovereign Grace Praise
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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 wine; the inner rings are juice.

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

1 Thessalonians 3:12a

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

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 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.
- **Inquirer/New Member Class:** Meeting after the worship service.
- **Connect Group:** Contact a leader to learn more about their upcoming meetings!
 - **Bob Wood (419-969-4056):** *Senior Saints* will be meeting on December 11th, after church, at the Paris home.
 - **David Reyes (863-206-8278)**
 - **Leopold Jean-Bart (863-521-3136):** Meeting on December 11th, at 5:45 pm, at Sheryl Bacheldor's home.
 - **Rodney Barton (407-375-2756)**
 - **Tom Luchenbill (863-632-3241):** Meeting on December 18th, at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill home.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday-Wednesday:** FX Christmas Project calls.
- **Tuesday Afternoon:** Session Meeting at 4 pm.
- **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	Romans 15:1-7	Philippians 2:1-8; Psalm 69:9-13
Tuesday	Romans 15:8-13	2 Sam. 22:50-51; Deut. 32:43; Ps. 117:1-2; Is. 11:1-5
Wednesday	Romans 15:14-21	Malachi 1:10-11; Acts 15:12-17; Isaiah 52:13-15
Thursday	Romans 15:22-29	Acts 19:21-22; 1 Cor. 16:1-4
Friday	Romans 15:30-33	Hebrews 13:18-19; 2 Cor. 1:8-11

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Brookdale Christmas Caroling:** Sunday, December 18th. Meet in the foyer at 9:15 am to walk over OR meet us in front of Brookdale. Anyone is welcome to join us!
- **Faith Xtreme Christmas Project:** *Sign up to serve at the Welcome Center!*
 - Still Needed: Deliver gifts (December 22nd – 24th)
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:** Saturday, December 24th at 6:30 pm. *Please note, there will not be any nursery attendants during this service.*

FYI ...

- **God's Provision Through November 2022:**

November General Fund Giving:	\$32,282
YTD November GF Giving:	\$309,683
YTD November Exp. Paid:	\$362,741
YTD Budget:	\$355,667
YTD Mercy Fund:	\$7,854
- **Directory Update:** Tony Aviles' new address is: 615 16 St. NE Winter Haven, FL 33881.

- **Resource Table:** We provide free copies of *Our Daily Bread* (large print and regular print) and *Tabletalk* at our Resource Table located at the back of the sanctuary.
- **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 DECEMBER 2022

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Usher: Brad Johnson

Communion Preparation: Dennis & Brenda Knappenberger

Nursery Volunteers:

12/11 - Jessica Sanders & Lori Brousseau

12/18 - Briana Campos & Lori Brousseau

12/25 - Kay Smith & Alannah Acevedo

Children's Worship Volunteers:

12/11 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

12/18 - Linda Paris & Sherry Sakko

12/25 - No Children's Worship on Christmas Morning

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12/11 - Shirley Momberger

12/12 - David & Naomi Cruz

12/12 - Amy Smith

12/13 - Amber May

12/14 - Ruby Smith

12/15 - Jude Babcock

12/15 - Bobbi (Mimi) Razor

12/17 - Donna Luchenbill



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Faith Xtreme

FX Mission: “Faith Xtreme reaches kids through evangelism, disciples them in God's Word, and provides opportunities for them to serve Jesus by serving others. Our facility, the Refuge, provides a safe place for these kids in the midst of an at-risk community; our pantry provides free food and clothing to meet the physical needs of families.”

Visit: www.faithxtreme.org to learn more about their ministry.

Serve: One of the ways we support Faith Xtreme is through the FX Christmas Project. Check out the Welcome Center display to learn how you can help provide Christmas presents to at-risk families in the Winter Haven area.



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