



Cypress Ridge PCA

April 21, 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 MISSION

Making disciples of all people & generations through Gospel-centered worship, Faithful service, and Authentic relationships.

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

The Goodness of Jesus

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in Thee.*

- Augustine of Hippo

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 105

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

Response: Sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

Response: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Your Grace is Enough

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Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God*

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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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

Thou art giving and forgiving; ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living; ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother; all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine

Beautiful Savior

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All my days I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise to the fountain of delights
For in my helplessness, You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history
You're the way, the truth, the life
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness
You're the risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign, You reign over all*

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end

Chorus

I long to be where the praise is never ending
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades
Where countless worshipers will share one song
And cries of "Worthy" will honor the Lamb

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Prayer for Children



[Children's Worship is available for 4 yrs. - 3rd grade. Kidz Guides to Worship are available in the back, for those staying in the service].

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 Rodney Barton

Matthew 5:6-8

Pew Bible p. 809

Large Print Bible p. 1010

The Way to a Flourishing Life: A Transformed Heart

Since Christ transforms us, we:

I. Desire righteousness

II. Display mercy

III. Desire God wholeheartedly

Questions to Consider

1. What are you longing for? How are you longing for Christ?
2. How have you seen God show mercy in your life? Who do you need to be showing mercy to? What does that look like?
3. Read Colossians 3:1-4. When is it hardest to have a pure heart? What can you do to keep your eyes focused on Christ?

The Goodness of Jesus

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Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart
Rest here in His wondrous 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.

Confession of Sin

Psalm 38:17-18

Leader: For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Prayer: *“Father, I am empty, but you are full. I am hungry, but you are the Bread of Heaven. I am thirsty, but you are the Fountain of Life. I am weak, but you are strong. I am poor, but you are rich. I am foolish, but you are wise. I am broken, but you are whole. I am dying, but your steadfast love is better than life”. Transform our hearts daily to desire righteousness only found as a gift from You. Help us to show mercy to others as You have shown mercy to us. As we understand the gospel, cause us to love You wholeheartedly. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

[Quote from John Piper, *A Hunger for God (Redesign): Desiring God through Fasting and Prayer*]

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

Leader: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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

Deuteronomy 16:17

Leader: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.

Congregational Prayer

Missionaries of the Month: David & Marcia, MTW

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday and Sue Gilkey

Health Issues: Fran Henry; Steve & Carol Dortman

Homebound: Larry & Pat Moss

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

*Words: Margaret Becker. Music: Keith Getty. Words © Modern M Music, c/o The Select Artist Group. Music © 2001 Thankyou Music/Adm. by worshiptogether.com.
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Jesus draw me ever nearer; as I labor through the storm
You have called me to this passage; and I'll follow though I'm worn

*May this journey bring a blessing; may I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing; with Your likeness let me wake*

Jesus guide me through the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning; let me love You even more

Chorus

May the treasures of the trial; form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage; let me leave them at Your throne

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

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.

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.
- **Inquirer/New Member Class:** Following the worship service - meeting in Room 112. Lunch is provided.

CONNECT GROUPS ... Contact a leader to learn more!

- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 04/21.
- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Tony & Maritza Lanzillotti's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 04/21.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at Cypress Ridge, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 04/21.
- **Wood Group (Bob: 419-969-4056):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12:15 pm, meeting: 04/21.
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Sheryl Bacheldor's home, Wednesday at 6 pm, meeting: 05/01.
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** *Done till the Fall!*

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls' Discipleship Group (7-12th grade) at 4 pm at Anna Smith's home.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12th grade) 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: Jeremiah 7 and 1 Corinthians 13

Tuesday: Jeremiah 8 and 1 Corinthians 14

Wednesday: Jeremiah 9 and 1 Corinthians 15

Thursday: Jeremiah 10 and 1 Corinthians 16

Friday: Jeremiah 11 and 2 Corinthians 1

Saturday: Psalm 119:33-48

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Inquirer/New Member Class:** The second class will be held on April 28th, following the worship service. Lunch will be provided.
- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** Friday, May 3rd, at 10 am.
- **Senior Sunday:** We will be celebrating this year's high school senior, Caleb Barton, on Sunday, May 5th.
- **Family Pool Party:** CRPC Kidz and their families are invited to the Knisley's for a pool party on Friday, May 17th, 6-8 pm. The main meal will be provided, please bring a side to share.
- **Boathouse Event:** Tubing at the Holdener's, Friday, May 31st ... more details to come.

FYI ...

Thank you from Dave & Kay Smith: *Kay and I want to thank everyone that has sent cards and offered encouragement during this time. Also all who contributed to the snacks after Marilyn's service. We appreciate all that our church family has done to help us during this time.*

- **God's Provision Through March 2024:**

March General Fund Giving:	\$40,168
YTD March GF Giving:	\$98,915
YTD March Exp. Paid:	\$68,965
YTD Budget:	\$96,249
YTD Mercy Fund:	\$5,570
- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** We need your help collecting plastic grocery bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless.
- **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 APRIL 2024

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Greeters: David Warren & Elijah Green

Communion Preparation: Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Nursery:

04/21 – Stephanie Bates & Kay Smith

04/28 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

Children's Worship:

04/21 – Jennifer Barton & Lois Adair & Dulce Roldan

04/28 – Ginger Andersen, Terri Jefferies & Athenna Taylor

Snacks:

04/21 – Church & Pam Baker

04/28 – Campos Family



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

04/21 – Roman Roldan 04/22 – Dale Shafer

04/23 – Paul Pletcher 04/26 – Dave Smith 04/26 – Cindy Luchenbill

SERVING IN MAY 2024

Deacon of the Month: David Holdener

Greeters: Lois Adair; Knappenbergers (5/5;5/26); & José Del Valle (5/9;5/19)

Communion Preparation: TBD

Nursery:

05/05 – Stephanie Bates & TBD

05/12 – Stephanie Bates & TBD

05/19 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

05/26 – Stephanie Bates & Briana Campos

Children's Worship:

05/05 – Sheryl Bachelder & Jessica Sanders & Cade & Ariella Bates

05/12 – Anna Smith, Gabrielle Jean-Bart, & Carolyn Holdener

05/19 – The Baiers

05/26 – Ginger Andersen, Terri Jefferies & Athenna Taylor

Snacks:

05/05 – Church - Graduation Cake 05/12 – Parmarter Family

05/19 – TBD 05/26 – TBD

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