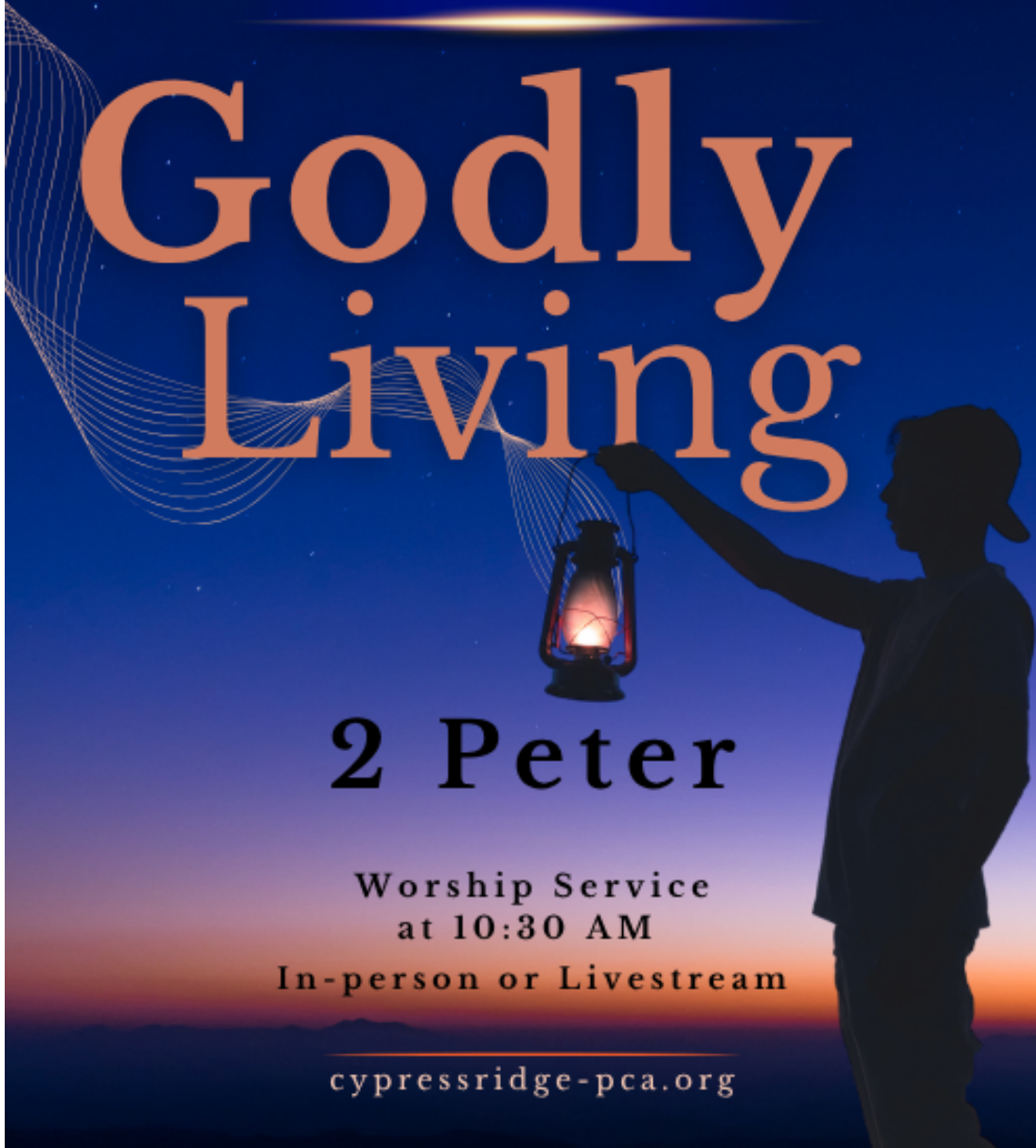


November 2, 2025

Godly Living



2 Peter

Worship Service
at 10:30 AM

In-person 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.

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.

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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 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 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

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

My hope lives not because I am not a sinner, but because I am a sinner for whom Christ died; my trust is not that I am holy, but that being unholy, HE is my righteousness. My faith rests not upon what I am or shall be or feel or know, but in what Christ is, in what He has done, and in what He is now doing for me. Hallelujah!

- Charles Spurgeon

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 8 & 9

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Response: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all Your wondrous deeds.

Leader: The LORD reigns forever; He is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Response: Sing praises to the LORD, and proclaim among the nations what He has done!

Everlasting God

Authors, Brenton Brown & Ken Riley. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (2x)
Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

Who You Say I Am

Songwriters: Reuben Timothy Morgan & Benjamin David Fielding. ©Hillsong Publishing, Hillsong Music Publishing Australia. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh His love for me; Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free; oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am*

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

*Who the Son sets free; oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
In my Father's house; there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am*

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am
(repeat)
I am who You say I am

*Who the Son sets free; oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
In my Father's house; there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am*

You Alone Can Rescue

Authors, Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Who, O Lord, could save themselves; their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea; Your grace is deeper still

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You, O Lord, have made a way; the great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away, Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

Chorus

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life (3x)

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Prayer for Children *[Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. - 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 Rodney Barton

2 Peter 1:12-21

Pew Bible p. 1034; Large Print Bible p. 1207

The Unshakable Sure Word of God

1. God has given us a Sure Word as our unshakable foundation.
2. By nature, we reject God's Sure Word to follow our own un-sure word.
3. Jesus is the unshakeable and eternal Sure Word.
4. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are free to continually devote ourselves to the Sure Word of God.

**see questions to consider on page 10*

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

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Christ is my firm foundation, the rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus, 'cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations, so why would He fail now

He won't, He won't

I've still got joy in chaos. I've got peace that makes no sense
So, I won't be going under. I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus. He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season, so why would He fail now

*He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail, He won't*

Rain came, wind blew, but my house was built on You
(And) I'm safe with You, I'm going to make it through

Yeah I'm going to make it through, 'cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through, 'cause my house is built on You

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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 130:1-4

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession: God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done,
we have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:5-8

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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

2 Corinthians 9:7

Leader: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: Heart for Winter Haven

Community Needs: Winter Haven, leaders & beyond

Battling Cancer: Frank D.

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

Homebound: Larry M.

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus; just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know “Thus saith the Lord”

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus; just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me; ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood

Chorus

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus; just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking; life and rest, and joy and peace

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.

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!

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

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. Why is it so significant that Peter calls the written Word more sure than even his own powerful, mountain-top experience of hearing God's voice (Transfiguration)?
2. In what practical, everyday ways do you see yourself or our culture tempted to trust an "un-sure word" (our feelings, experiences, or cultural ideas) over God's Sure Word?
3. How does this "glorious exchange" (Jesus taking our judgement and giving us His perfect 'I am well pleased' status from the Father) free you from the pressure of having to perfectly understand or obey the Bible to be accepted by God?
4. Peter says we "do well to pay attention" to this Word as a "lamp shining in a dark place" (v. 19). What is one specific area of darkness or confusion in your life right now, and what would it look like to "pay attention" to the Sure Word as your lamp in that situation this week?

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.

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

- **Reyes Group** (*David Reyes 863-206-8278*): Sunday, November 2nd, following the worship service, at the church.
- **Luchenbill Group** (*Bob Luchenbill 517-398-2212*): Sunday, November 2nd, at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill's home.
- **Childress/Bacheldor Group** (*Dennis Childress 863-287-5423*): Monday, November 3rd, at 5:30 pm, at the Pletcher's home.
- **Wood/Paris Group** (*Bob Wood 419-969-4056*): Sunday, November 9th, following the worship service, at the church.
- **Barton/Holdener Group** (*Rodney Barton 407-375-2756*): Sunday, November 9th, at 5 pm, at the Barton's home.
- **Smith Group** (*Matt Smith 256-659-8114*): Sunday, November 9th, at 5 pm, at the Anderson's home.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Tuesday:** Please note that the church will be a polling site for a city election the entire day.
- **Tuesday Morning:** Women's Bible Study at 9:45 am. *Ladies, due to the election, please come through the back of the church.*
- **Tuesday Evening:** Ladies Fall Fling at 6 pm, at Debbie Childress' home.
- **Wednesday Afternoon:** Girl's D-Group at 4 pm, at Anna Smith's home. *TBA - See Anna for confirmation.*
- **Wednesday Evening:** Officer Training at 6:30 pm.
- **Wednesday Evening:** Heavenly Dancers at 6:30 pm.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (6-12th graders) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Morning:** Homeless Bag Ministry at 10 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Breakfast at 9 am.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

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

Monday: Judges 8 and Hebrews 5

Tuesday: Judges 9 and Hebrews 6

Wednesday: Judges 10 and Hebrews 7

Thursday: Judges 11 and Hebrews 8

Friday: Judges 12 and Hebrews 9

Saturday: Psalm 45

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Women's Fellowship Night:** Wednesday, November 12th, at 6 pm, at Bowen Yard.
- **Cyber Security:** Sunday, November 16th, following the worship service. *Stay safe online! Join us for a Cybersecurity Basics session with Austin Suddarth, Senior Solutions Engineer, PAM SME at CyberArk. Learn how to spot scams, create strong passwords, and keep your devices secure. Perfect for all ages!*
- **Officer Training:** Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:30 pm.
- **Mercy Fund Collection:** Sunday, November 30th, during the worship service.
- **Family Christmas Celebration:** Thursday, December 11th, 6 pm. Nursery provided.
- **Boathouse Christmas Party:** Thursday, December 18th, at 6:30 pm.
- **Kidz Night Out Christmas Party:** Friday, December 19th at 6 pm.

FYI ...

- **Thank you from the Bartons:** *Rodney and Jennifer would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for all of the love shown to them last week through your cards and gifts! Thank you so much for blessing us.*
- **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 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. & Briana C.

11/09 – Stephanie B. & Kay S.

11/16 – Stephanie B. & Lois D.

11/23 – Stephanie B. & Anna S. & Athenna T.

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:

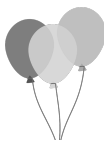
11/02 – Fall Fest Leftovers

11/09 – **TBD**

11/16 – The Suddarths

11/23 – **TBD**

11/30 – **TBD**



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

11/03 – Amanda Johnson

11/08 – Christian Wedeman

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