



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 20, 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/PRAAYER 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

(All music used by permission CCLI #3038781)

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: "God with us." We tend to focus our attention at Christmas on the infancy of Christ. The greater truth of the holiday is his deity. More astonishing than a baby in the manger is the truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent creator of the heavens and the earth!

- John MacArthur Jr.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tom & Kara Glasgow

Call to Worship

Psalms 148:1b, 2, 12, 13a

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Words and Music by James Montgomery and Henry T. Smart

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light

Chorus

Angels We Have Heard on High

Words and music are a Traditional French carol

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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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song

Chorus

The First Noel

Words: Unknown. Music Traditional English Carol

The First Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Chorus

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Chorus

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 2:8-20

Pew Bible p. 857

Large Print Bible p. 1069

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words by Charles Wesley, altered; Music by Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Words and Music: Otis Skillings 1972

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him; Christ the Lord

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - continued

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel

*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

O Come, Let Us Adore Him - continued

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord

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

Psalm 79:8-9

Leader: Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

The following questions may be used as a guide as you spend time silently confessing your sins.

- Am I proclaiming the good news of Jesus to those around me?
 - Am I praising & glorifying God?
 - Am I going to Bethlehem?
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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: Barbara Smith.
 - Health Issues: Ken Harrison, Gabrielle Jean-Bart, 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

Leviticus 27:30

Leader: Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.

What Child is This

Words: Traditional English carol; Music: W. Sandy's Christmas Carols

What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary*

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

Chorus

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

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 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.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Morning:** Christmas Project gift wrapping at 10 am.
- **Tuesday-Thursday:** Christmas Project deliveries.
- **Thursday Evening:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 pm. *Please note: there will be no nursery available.*
- **Thursday & Friday:** The office will be closed on Christmas Eve (office hours) and Christmas Day.
- **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	John 1:1-5	Genesis 1:1—2; Colossians 1:15-23; Revelation 1:4-8
Tuesday	John 1:6-18	Malachi 2:17-3:1; Acts 19:1-5; 1 John 2:7-14; Romans 5:18-21
Wednesday	John 1:19-28	Acts 13:16-25; Isaiah 40:1-5; Acts 1:1-5
Thursday	John 1:29-34	Acts 8:26-40; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:13-21
Friday	John 1:35-51	Psalm 32:2; Zechariah 9:9-13; Daniel 7:13-14

FYI ...

- **CRPC Christmas Project:** The church works best when the whole church works and the church congregation has been working hard! Thank you to our donors, callers, buyers, wrappers, and deliverers! You guys have been/are greatly appreciated.
- **Condolences to the Sharon Griffin Family:** Our hearts and prayers go out to the Griffin family, especially her son, Christopher, as we mourn the loss of Sharon.
- **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:

20 - Kay Smith & Ginny Vander Zee

27 - Marilyn Smith & Lori Brousseau

December Children's Worship:

20 - Zulema Miguele & Dulce Roldan

27 - Betty Parmerter & Becky Steverson

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/20 Barb Luchenbill (Birthday)

12/20 Don & Linda Paris (Anniversary)

12/22 James & Nancy Breiner (Anniversary)

12/23 Robert & Barbara McClelland (Anniversary)

12/23 John & Valerie Williams (Anniversary)

12/24 David & Carolyn Holdener (Anniversary)