



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 5, 2021

**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 **Exalt** God's Glory, **Equip** God's People, and **Extend** 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. Therefore, we ask that you please fill out the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate. If you'd like additional information about CRPC, we encourage you to look at our website for further information. Website is: www.cypressridge-pca.org.

Prayer Requests: After recording your prayer requests, please place the card in the offering plate.

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.

About the Cover: Image retrieved online.

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

The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us.

- Max Lucado

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Fening Family

Call to Worship

based on Philippians 4:4-5 (NIV)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

Response: I will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

Response: The Lord is near.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Response: Let us worship God!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*Words: Latin Hymn. Music by: Thomas Helmore. Arr. by David B. Hampton.
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O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Words and Music: Latin Carol and German Melody (14th century)

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

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this
He has opened heaven's door; and man is blessed evermore
Christ is born for this; Christ was born for this

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words by Charles Wesley, altered; Music by F. Mendelssohn; arr. by W. H. Cummings.

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*

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

Chorus

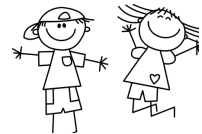
Monthly Memory Verse

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall
be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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

God's Messengers on the Move: The Impossible Becomes Reality

Luke 1:5-25 (ESV)

Pew Bible p. 855

Large Print Bible p. 1066

By Faith

Authors, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. UBP CCLI #3038781.

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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.

Congregational Prayer

Psalm 139:23-24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

The following prayer may be used as an example.

Heavenly Father, I have not fully believed in Your promises for my life. At times, I have doubted Your goodness, Your love, and Your care for me. I confess I have allowed certain disappointments drive me towards selfishness, bitterness, and even anger. Forgive me, Lord. Holy Spirit, cause my heart to delight in who You are what You have done for me through Christ Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

Mission of the Month: PCA Ministerial Relief - learn more on page 14.

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday and Zulema Miguele

Health Issues: Bob Wood, Sherry Sakko, Kay Smith, Rick & Rosie DeCoito, Bill & Dulce Roldan

Ministry Moment

Sean Fielder, 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 96:8

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Oh Come All You Unfaithful

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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 grape juice, the inner rings are wine.

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

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 ...

- **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.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Evening:** Women's Christmas Celebration at 7 pm.
- **Wednesday Evening:** Boathouse Christmas Party at 6 pm (7-12th grade).
- **Friday Evening:** Snow Central at 5:45 pm. See "On the Horizon" for more details!
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Breakfast at 9 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	Matthew 14:1-21	Leviticus 20:10-21
Tuesday	Matthew 14:22-36	Deuteronomy 31:1-6; Isaiah 43:1-2; James 1:2-8
Wednesday	Matthew 15:1-9	Gal. 1:11-17; Col. 2; Ex. 20:12; Gal. 3:15-29; Is. 29:13-14
Thursday	Matthew 15:10-20	Acts 10; Isaiah 61; James 3:1-12; Ephesians 4:17-32
Friday	Matthew 15:21-39	Romans 15:8-13; Isaiah 29:22-24

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Women's Christmas Celebration:** Monday, December 6th at 7 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center!
- **Winter Haven's Snow Central:** For anyone looking for some fun fellowship, come join us! This city event is held Friday, December 10th at the Chain of Lakes Park (500 Cletus Allen Drive).
 - We plan to meet around 5:45 pm at the Chain of Lakes Park, eat at the food trucks and enjoy the festivities.
 - Cost at the door: \$1/child, \$2 adult.
 - Contact Pastor Rodney Barton at 407-375-2756 for more details!
- **Christmas Eve Service:** Friday, December 24th at 6:30 pm.

FYI ...

- **FX Christmas Project:** Sign up in the back to help!
- **Sanctuary:** We need to clear the sanctuary for the upcoming Women's Christmas Celebration. Would you mind helping us stack the chairs after the service? Thank you!
- **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.

Birthday Invitation: You are cordially invited to help celebrate Donna Luchenbill's 100th birthday on Friday, December 17th.

There will be an open house from 1-3 pm at her residence:

Astoria Senior Retirement
701 Overlook Dr.
Winter Haven, FL 33884

We have a basket for cards in the fellowship area. Donna loves cards and would enjoy hearing from her church family.

Thank you, the Luchenbills

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE ...

SERVING IN DECEMBER

Deacon of the Month: David Holdener

Usher: Phil Baier

Communion Preparation: Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Nursery Volunteers:

12/5 - Karen Brown & Lori Brousseau

12/12 - Betty Parmerter & Lori Brousseau

12/19 - Ginny Vander Zee & Lori Brousseau

12/26 - Marilyn Smith & Lori Brousseau

Children's Worship Volunteers:

12/5 - Mary Jones & Swan Lee

12/12 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

12/19 - TBD & Renae Anderson

12/26 - Ginger Andersen & TBD

This Week's Birthdays

12/8 - Tom & Sandy Luchenbill (Anniversary)

12/9 - Sandy Luchenbill (Birthday)

12/11 - Tom Glasgow (Birthday)

12/11 - Shirley Momberger (Birthday)



December Missionary of the Month

PCA Ministerial Relief

Pastors and their families often find themselves in seasons of hardship in addition to the emotional and financial constraints of pastoral work. We partner with pastors and churches to support ministry employees and their families in need.

- *We provide financial assistance to PCA church servants and their families to help with basic expenses like food, housing, medical costs, and more.*
- *We provide access to affordable and confidential Christian counseling services to pastors and pastors' wives through ministry partners.*

- Information taken from: <https://pcarbi.org/relief/>

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