



# A Series in Samuel

**Cypress Ridge PCA**

November 5, 2023

**Join our 10:30 am Worship Service  
at CRPC or Livestream!**

*[cypressridge-pca.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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## **Prelude**

*\*Please silence your electronic devices*

## **Announcements**

## **Reflection on Worship**

*“Trusting God does not mean believing He will do what you want, but rather believing He will do everything He knows is good.”*

*- Ken Sande*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 91 and 71

**Leader:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**Response:** I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

**Leader:** For You, O Lord, are my hope.

**Response:** My mouth is filled with Your praise, and with Your glory all the day.

## **May the Peoples Praise You**

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You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!  
All Your blessing comes that we may praise  
May praise the name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word

*Chorus*

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your Name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim

*Chorus*

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name

*Chorus*

## **All Creatures of Our God and King**

*Text by St. Francis of Assisi; Music by Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1623. Music & words by Karen Lafferty. David Crowder © 2003 worshiptogether.com & sixsteps music UBP CCLI #3038781.*

All creatures of our God and King; lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam; Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless; and worship Him in humbleness  
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son; and praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## **How Great Is Our God**

*Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice  
*How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great, how great is our God*  
And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

*Chorus*

## **Monthly Memory Verse**

Psalms 86:12

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will  
glorify Your name forever.



## **Prayer for Children**

*Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. – 3rd grade. Kidz Guide to  
Worship papers are available in the back, for the older children.*

# 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.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Rodney Barton

1 Samuel 24:1-22

Pew Bible p. 246

Large Print Bible p. 310

*Trusting in the Rock*

*Because God is our Rock, we are to:*

*I. Trust in God's Way*

*II. Trust in God's Justice*

*III. Trust in God's Promise*

## **Questions to Consider**

1. When have you had to trust in God's timing, instead of pressing the "easy button?" What happened? What did you learn in this experience?
2. Read Romans 12:14-21. What does it look like to let God be the avenger? Why is it hard to trust in God's justice? How do you show love towards those you dislike or feel they dislike you?
3. When have you seen God keep His promises in your life? What circumstances make you doubt God's promise to you? What strengthens your trust in God's promises (including promise of salvation)?

## **Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

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What is our hope in life and death; Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence; that our souls, to him belong  
Who holds our days within his hand; what comes apart from his command  
And what will keep us to the end; the love of Christ, in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul; God is good, God is good  
Where is his grace and goodness known; in our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise; who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh; unto the shore, the rock of Christ

### *Chorus*

Unto the grave, what will we sing; "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring; everlasting life with him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord; then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy; when Christ is ours forever more

### *Chorus x 2*

*Now and ever we confess; Christ our hope in life and death*

## 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.*

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### Confession of Sin

Proverbs 28:13

**Leader:** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, we confess that it is very tempting to push the “easy button” and to look for the short cut instead of trusting in Your Way and in Your Word. Help us to learn to wait on Your timing as we trust in Your way, in Your justice, and in Your promises. Forgive us when we want to avenge those who harm us, instead of loving them. May Your Spirit cause our hearts to remember to show Your steadfast love and compassion to everyone we meet, for Your glory alone. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 36:25-27

**Leader:** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules.



## 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.*

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### 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

***Mission of the Month:*** Heart for Winter Haven

***Battling Cancer:*** Susie Fuday, Shawn Holdener, and Sue Gilkey

***Health Issues:*** Bob Luchenbill, Charles Burkett, Kay Smith, Blossom Warren, Rick & Rosie DeCoito

***Homebound:*** Pat & Larry Moss, Brenda Donnell

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### Jesus Paid it All

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I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in Me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find; Thy pow'r, and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

*Chorus*

For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white, in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

*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.*

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### **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!*

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### **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*

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## CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

### TODAY ...

- **Sunday School:** Classes available for all ages at 9:15 am.
- **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 leader to learn more!

- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 11/5.
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Sheryl Bacheldor's home, at 6 pm, meeting: 11/8.
- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home, at 5 pm, meeting: 11/12.
- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Matt & Anna Smith's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 11/12.
- **Wood Group (Bob: 419-969-4056):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12:15 pm, meeting: 11/12.
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 12/3.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls' Discipleship Group at 4:15 pm at Anna Smith's home.
- **Thursday Morning:** Ladies Bible Study at 9:45 am. See Jennifer Barton with any questions. Childcare is provided.
- **Thursday Morning:** Women's Ministry Team meeting at 11:30 am.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Evening:** Kidz Night Out (4 yrs. - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6 pm.
- **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:** Proverbs 3 and Hebrews 7

**Tuesday:** Proverbs 4 and Hebrews 8

**Wednesday:** Proverbs 5 and Hebrews 9

**Thursday:** Proverbs 6 and Hebrews 10

**Friday:** Proverbs 7 and Hebrews 11

**Saturday:** Psalm 98

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Installation:** Pending Southwest Florida Presbytery's approval on November 14<sup>th</sup>, we have scheduled the installation of Rodney Barton as our Senior Pastor for Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, during the morning worship service.
- **Women's Christmas Celebration:** Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Sign-ups will begin November 19<sup>th</sup>.

- **Kidz Christmas Party:** Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, at the church. Parents are asked to stay for the party ☺.
- **Boathouse Christmas Party:** Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Pletcher's home at 6:30 pm, dinner provided.
- **Ladies Christmas Bus Tour:** Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, cost \$99.  
*Christmas Memories Henry B Plant Victorian Stroll.*
  - Cost includes: Motor Coach transportation, lunch, and Admission to the Henry B. Museum. Make checks payable to Small World Tours, due by November 29<sup>th</sup>. See Sheryl Bacheldor or Brenda Knappenberger with any questions. Departure from the church will be at 8:30 am.

FYI ...

- **Thank you from the Bartons:** Rodney and Jennifer would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love last week. *Your cards & gifts brought us much encouragement. We appreciate your kindness and generosity so much and are so blessed to be here at CRPC with you all.*
- **God's Provision Through October 2023:**

October General Fund Giving:	\$32,599
YTD October GF Giving:	\$325,788
YTD October Exp. Paid:	\$311,581
YTD Budget:	\$296,634
YTD Mercy Fund:	\$4,868
- **Job Search:** CRPC is currently looking to hire a Director of Worship and Youth & Families. The job description is posted on the PCA's website and on Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. Please be praying that the Lord will provide the right person for this position!
- **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 NOVEMBER 2023

*Deacon of the Month:* Dave Cruz

*Ushers:* Tony Aviles & Jon Parmerter

*Communion Preparation:* Dennis & Brenda Knappenberger

*Nursery Volunteers:*

11/5 - Brenda Knappenberger & Ginny Vander Zee

11/12 - Katelynn Wedeman & Renae Anderson

11/19 - Lois Adair & TBD

11/26 - Jessica Sanders & Briana Campos

*Children's Worship:*

11/5 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Melissia Pletcher

11/12 - Anna Smith & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

11/19 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

11/26 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

*Snacks:*

11/5 - TBD

11/12 - TBD

11/19 - Church & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

11/26 - TBD

*Kidz Night Out:* David Holdener, Paul & Melissia Pletcher

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

11/8 - Christian Wedeman

11/9 - Lois Adair



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