



A Series in Samuel

Cypress Ridge PCA

October 29, 2023

**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 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

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

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

Sola Scriptura - Scripture Alone

Sola Fide - Faith Alone

Sola Gratia - Grace Alone

Solus Christus - Christ Alone

Soli Deo Gloria - Glory to God Alone

- Five Solae of the Protestant Reformation

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Response: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving.

Response: Praise the LORD!

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Words and Music by Martin Luther, 1529. Public Domain.

A mighty fortress is our God; a bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood; of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide; our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side; the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sab-a-oth, His Name, from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Ancient of Days

Words and Music by Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Blessing and honor, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

*Every tongue in heaven and earth, shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne, in worship
You will be exalted oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
Oh Ancient of Days*

We Believe

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In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe, we believe

*We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again, we believe*

Let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

Proverbs 21:3

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.



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.

Sermon

Pastor Rodney Barton

1 Samuel 18:1-9; 19:1-7; 20:1-9, 12-17, 42

Pew Bible p. 241

Large Print Bible p. 303

What Kind of Friend Are You?

Characteristics of an Authentic Friendship are:

I. Intentional

II. Selfless

III. Steadfast

IV. Safe

Questions to Consider

1. How do you intentionally pursue friendships? How do you seek to be a friend you would want others to be to you?
2. How has Christ's example of selfless love been seen in your earthly friendships?
3. Why would being/having a safe friendship be valuable? What makes Jesus' friendship safe? What did you do to earn it? How should this affect your life?

Our Great Savior

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Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He, my Savior, makes me whole

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Chorus

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me
He, my pilot, hears my cry

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 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!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not always faithful friends. Too often we pursue our own interests and desires before considering the needs of those around us. We have broken promises and hurt those we claim to love. Forgive us Lord! May Your Spirit shape and fashion us to be more like Jesus - selfless and steadfast. In His name we pray. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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.

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: PCA Relief Fund, see genevabenefits.org

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

Health Issues: Blossom Warren, Rick & Rosie DeCoito

Homebound: Pat & Larry Moss, Brenda Donnell

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. UBP CCLI #3038781.

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save

‘Til on the cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain

Then, bursting forth in glorious day; up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory; sin’s curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His, and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow’r of Christ in me

From life’s first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny

No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man; can ever pluck me from His hand

‘Til He returns or calls me home; here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand

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 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!*

Benediction

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison Response:

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!!!

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

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.
- **Mercy Fund Collection:** Please put your designated Mercy Fund giving in the green envelopes, located by the tithes & offering box.
- **Renew Polk Worship Service:** At 5 pm, held at Trinity Presbyterian in Lakeland. Guest speaker: Dr. Irwyn Ince.

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

- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home, at 5 pm, meeting: 10/29.
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 11/5.
- **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.
- **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.

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 Evening:** Boathouse (7-12th grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Afternoon:** Fall Festival, 4-6 pm. Sign-up at the high-top table to bring chili or dessert! Grab a flyer to invite a friend.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

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

Monday: Job 40 and Hebrews 2
Tuesday: Job 41 and Hebrews 3
Wednesday: Job 42 and Hebrews 4
Thursday: Proverbs 1 and Hebrews 5
Friday: Proverbs 2 and Hebrews 6
Saturday: Psalm 97

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Daylight Savings Time:** Sunday, November 5th. Fall "back" in time – set your clocks the night before on November 4th or you'll miss some extra sleep!
- **Kidz Night Out:** Friday, November 10th, at 6 pm (4 yrs. - 6th grade, no nursery available at this time).
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, November 11th at 9 am.
- **Women's Christmas Celebration:** Monday, December 4th at 7 pm. Sign-ups will begin November 19th.

- **Kidz Christmas Party:** Friday, December 8th, at 6 pm, at the church. Parents are asked to stay for the party ☺.
- **Boathouse Christmas Party:** Thursday, December 14th, at the Pletcher's home. Details TBA.
- **Ladies Christmas Bus Tour:** Friday, December 15th, cost \$99. *Christmas Memories Henry B Plant Victorian Stroll*. The motor coach will depart the church at 8:30 am and take the ladies out on a holiday adventure.
 - Cost includes: Motor Coach transportation, lunch, and Admission to the Henry B. Museum. Make checks payable to Small World Tours, due by November 29th. See Sheryl Bacheldor or Brenda Knappenberger with any questions.

FYI ...

- **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 OCTOBER 2023

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Ushers: Brad Johnson & Joe Johnston

Communion Preparation: Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Nursery Volunteers:

10/29 - Briana Campos & Matt Sanders

Children's Worship Volunteers:

10/29 - Betty Parmerter & Melissia Pletcher

Snacks:

10/29 - Paris Family

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

10/29 - Naveed Campos

10/31 - Dolca Rios-Ruiz

10/30 - Sammy Gonzalez

11/1 - Sammy & Lucy Gonzalez

10/30 - Dean Kendall

11/1 - Ken Harrison

10/30 - Dean & Tami Kendall

11/1 - Athenna Taylor

10/30 - Kay Smith

11/1 - Rosie Chaudoin

10/31 - Marlene Heath

11/3 - Amanda Johnson



SERVING IN NOVEMBER 2023

Deacon of the Month: Dave Cruz

Ushers: Tony Aviles & Jon Parmerter

Communion Preparation: Dennis & Brenda Knappenberger

Nursery Volunteers:

11/5 - Lois Adair & Brenda Knappenberger

11/12 - Katelynn Wedeman & Renae Anderson

11/19 - TBD

11/26 - Jessica Sanders & Briana Campos

Children's Worship:

11/5 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Melissia Pletcher

11/12 - Anna Smith & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

11/29 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

11/26 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

Snacks: TBD

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