



And the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

And behold, you will conceive
in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall call his name Jesus.”

Luke 1:30-31

Cypress Ridge PCA

December 12, 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.

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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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Caleb & Joshua Barton

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven.*

– Martin Luther

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Holdener Family

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1; 145:3

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

*Words & Music: Trad. English Carol. Music arr. by David B. Hampton.
UBP CCLI #3038781.*

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior; was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power; when we were gone astray

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

Now to the Lord sing praises; all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood; each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas; all anger should efface

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
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Come to Bethlehem, and see; Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee; Christ the Lord, the newborn King

Chorus

See within a manger laid; Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid; with us sing our Savior's birth

Chorus

Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts. Music: George Frederick Handel, arranged by Lowell Mason.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ
While fields and floods; rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

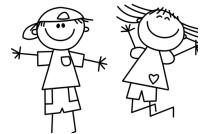
Monthly Memory Verse

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
God is the Ultimate Promise Keeper*

Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

Pew Bible p. 855

Large Print Bible p. 1067

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Words & Music: Latin Hymn ascribed to John Francis Wade. Arr. by David B. Hampton. UBP CCLI #3038781.

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

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

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

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

Luke 1:68-69, 74-75

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ... that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

The following prayer may be used as an example.

Heavenly Father, forgive me for I have sinned in my words, thoughts and actions every day. Despite my ugly heart, you poured Your love on me through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank You, Jesus, for paying my debt and making me beautiful in God's eyes. Holy Spirit, change my heart so that I may respond to this grace with praise and a servant's heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mission of the Month: PCA Ministerial Relief.

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday and Zulema Miguele

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

Special Music

Glorious Light!
Kimberly Reyes

Glorious Light!

Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Ian Hannah. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Glorious light! See the dawn of salvation
Angels in white fill the skies with their wonderous song
Awakening earth with news of His birth
Join the hymn of the highest heaven

Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to men on earth
Come and adore Him with wonder
Christ Lord of heaven and earth

Long has the world fought the song of the angels
Heavenly music is drowned by a warring world
Yet hope burns a light, that shatters the night
Turn your heart to the call of glory

Chorus

There is a day all creation has longed for
When all of time has been spent and the Lord returns
His song we'll repeat, as heaven completes
Promised peace that will fill the nations

Chorus

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

Exodus 23:19

Leader: The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.

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 ...

- **Tuesday Afternoon:** Session Meeting at 4 pm.
- **Wednesday Evening:** Boathouse (students 7-12th grade) at 6 pm.
- **Friday Afternoon:** 100th Birthday Open House for Donna Luchenbill at Astoria Senior Retirement. See “FYI” for details.
- **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>Bible Reading</u>	<u>Cross References</u>
Monday	Matthew 16:1-12	1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Tuesday	Matthew 16:13-23	1 Tim. 4:6-16; Eph. 2:11-22; Col. 3:1-17
Wednesday	Matthew 16:24-28	2 Tim. 2:8-13; Dan. 7:13-14
Thursday	Matthew 17:1-13	2 Peter 1:16-21; Malachi 4
Friday	Matthew 17:14-27	Exodus 30:11-16; Romans 13:1-7

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **FX Christmas Project:** Sign up in the back to help! See Pastor Rodney for more details.
 - **Make Calls:** December 13th – 14th
 - **Wrap Gifts:** December 21st
 - **Deliver Gifts:** December 22nd – 24th
- **Christmas Eve Service:** Friday, December 24th at 6:30 pm.

FYI ...

- **God's provision through November 2021:**

November General Fund Giving: \$27,249

YTD November GF Giving: \$338,886

YTD November Exp. Paid: \$304,933

YTD Budget: \$306,351

YTD Mercy Fund: \$8,510

- **Directory Update:** Please update your directories with *Jim & Nancy Breiner's* new phone #s:

Home phone. 260-468-2520

Jim's cell phone 260-571-0003

Nancy's cell phone 260-571-0002

- **Children's Worship:** There will be no Children's Worship on December 26th.
- **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:

12/12 - Betty Parmerter & Lori Brousseau

12/19 - Ginny Vander Zee & Lori Brousseau

12/26 - Marilyn Smith & Lori Brousseau

Children's Worship Volunteers:

12/12 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

12/19 - Ginger Andersen & Renae Anderson

12/26 - No Children's Worship

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/12 - David & Naomi Cruz (Anniversary)

12/12 - Amy Smith (Birthday)

12/13 - Amber May (Birthday)

12/14 - Ruby Smith (Birthday)

12/15 - Bobbie Razor (Birthday)

12/17 - Alannah Acevedo (Birthday)

12/17 - Donna Luchenbill (Birthday)



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