



Cypress Ridge PCA

May 12, 2024

**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 MISSION

Making disciples of all people & generations through Gospel-centered worship, Faithful service, and Authentic relationships.

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

*“Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God’s children; help those who are weak.
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.”*

- William D. Longstaff

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul! May the glory of the LORD endure forever!

Response: O LORD my God, You are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty!

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Response: May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Everlasting God

Authors, Brenton Brown & Ken Riley. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (2x)

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Words by Christian H. Bateman. Arr. David B. Hampton. ©1998 Community Worship
Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice; before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore; His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

Living Hope

*Music by Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham. Phil Wickham Music & Bethel Music Pub.
UBP CCLI #3038781.*

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven; and spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul; the work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory; to wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own; Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken ev'ry chain, there's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion; declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

Matthew 5:43-44

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”

Prayer for Children



[Children's Worship is available for 4 yrs. - 3rd grade. Kidz Guides to Worship are available in the back, for those staying in the service].

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

Matthew 5:13-16

Pew Bible p. 810

Large Print Bible p. 1011

World Changers

We are:

I. Instruments of Preservation

II. Instruments of Light

The Goodness of Jesus

Songwriters: Michael Farren / Rich Thompson / Jonny Robinson / Jaywan Maxwell / Harrison Druery / Flona Aghajanian. The Goodness of Jesus lyrics © Farren Love And War Publishing, Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Cityalight Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace

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

Ephesians 2:4-5

Leader: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Prayer: *Almighty God, we live in a decaying world that can be tempting to follow. Forgive us when we fail to be salt and light to those around us. Forgive us when we succumb to the world's culture, instead of staying faithful to Your Word. May Your Holy Spirit guide us down the right paths and may our hearts yearn to reflect our loving God to those we meet, so that You may receive the glory You deserve. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Leader: Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

Proverbs 3:9

Leader: Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: *Third Millennium*

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday and Sue Gilkey

Health Issues: Michelle Cruz; Naomi Cruz; Lillian Kelder; Katelynn Wedeman; Fran Henry; Carol Dortman

Homebound: Larry & Pat Moss

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness (Thanksgiving Song)

*Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. 2003 Thankyou Music.
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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him

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: Regular bread will be offered unless gluten-free bread is requested.

Cup: Grape juice will be offered unless wine is requested.

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

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

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Happy Mother's Day!**
- **Sunday School:** At 9:15 am. Classes available for all ages!
 - May 19th will be the last Sunday School class till the Fall.
- **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!

- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Matt & Anna Smith's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 05/19.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at Cypress Ridge, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 05/19.
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Sheryl Bacheldor's home, Wednesdays, at 6 pm, meeting 05/22.
- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** *Done till the Fall!*
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** *Done till the Fall!*
- **Wood Group (Bob: 419-969-4056):** *Done till the Fall!*

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls' Discipleship Group (7-12th grade) at 4 pm at Anna Smith's home.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12th grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Morning:** Homeless Bag Ministry at 10 am.
- **Friday Evening:** Kidz Pool Party, 6-8 pm. For CRPC kidz and their families - at the Knisley home. Hotdogs provided - please ask Anna on what you can bring.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

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

Monday: Jeremiah 22 and 2 Corinthians 12

Tuesday: Jeremiah 23 and 2 Corinthians 13

Wednesday: Jeremiah 24 and Galatians 1

Thursday: Jeremiah 25 and Galatians 2

Friday: Jeremiah 26 and Galatians 3

Saturday: Psalm 119:81-96

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **CRPC Boathouse (7th - 12th grade) Special Summer Events:**

 - **Lake Tubing at the Holdener's:** Friday, May 31st, 10 am - 1 pm. Bring \$5 and your medical release form.
 - **Summer Camp:** June 3-8th. Please be praying for our students!
 - **Putt Putt & Pizza:** Thursday, June 20th, 5-8:30 pm. Bring \$10 and travel waiver. Pickup/Dropoff at the church.
 - **Ultimate Escape Night:** Thursday, July 25th, 6-10 pm. Games. Pizza. Bring a friend.

- **CRPC Kidz Summer Events:**
 - **Kidz Skate:** Tuesday, June 18th, 2-4 pm at Skate World in Lakeland. Register with Anna Smith. Cost: \$6/skater.
 - **VBS:** July 8-12th, 6-8 pm. Register your child with the QR code at the back table in the sanctuary.
 - **Volunteers:** Please see Anna Smith if you are interested in volunteering!
 - **Bok Tower Outing:** Friday, July 26th, 10 am - 1 pm. *Must register through WaWa Summer Days for free tickets.*

FYI ...

- **God's Provision Through April 2024:**

April General Fund Giving:	\$28,582
YTD April GF Giving:	\$127,497
YTD April Exp. Paid:	\$106,141
YTD Budget:	\$128,332
YTD Mercy Fund:	\$5,750
- **Take Them a Meal:** If you would like to help the Kelders out with a meal while Lillian heals from her broken arm, you can sign up at www.takethemameal.com (last name and password: Kelder).
- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** We need your help collecting plastic grocery bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless.
- **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 MAY 2024

Deacon of the Month: David Holdener

Greeters: Lois Adair; & José Del Valle (5/12;5/19); Knappenbergers (5/26)

Communion Preparation: David & Blossom Warren

Nursery:

05/12 – Stephanie Bates & Kaleigh Fung

05/19 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

05/26 – Stephanie Bates & Briana Campos

Children's Worship:

05/12 – Anna Smith, Carolyn Holdener, Cade & Ariella Bates

05/19 – Ginger Andersen, Terri Jefferies & Athenna Taylor

05/26 – The Baiers

Snacks:

05/12 – Parmerter Family

05/19 – Lanzillotti Family

05/26 – Andersens

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

05/12 – Bob & Pam Baker

05/12 – David Reyes

05/16 – Lainey Johnson

05/17 – Lillian Kelder



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