



**Cypress Ridge PCA**

April 28, 2024

**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 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](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**

*“No Christian has the right to go around wringing his hands, wondering what we are to do in the face of persecution, confusion, wars, and rumors of wars, we are to comfort one another with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is coming back in triumph, glory, and majesty.”*

*- Billy Graham*

### **Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 95:1-3

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

**Response:** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

**Leader:** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Response:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Authors: John Bacchus Dykes & Reginald Heber. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Holy, Holy, Holy; Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, Holy, Holy; merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy; though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy; Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, Holy, Holy; Merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

## **Be Thou My Vision**

*Words: Eleanor H. Hull. Music: Irish Folk Melody, arr. By David B. Hampton. © 1998  
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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

*[Hymn continued on the next page]*

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

### **Your Name**

*Author Paul Baloche. Used by permission CCLI #3038781.*

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your Name

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save, but Your Name*

Jesus, in Your Name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord, give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your Name

### *Chorus*

### **Monthly Memory Verse**

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



### **Prayer for Children**

*[Children's Worship is available for 4 yrs. - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Rodney Barton

Matthew 5:9-12

Pew Bible p. 810

Large Print Bible p. 1010

*Imitating Christ: The Way to a Flourishing Life*

*Since we are to imitate Christ, we must:*

*I. Pursue peacemaking*

*II. Endure persecution*

*III. Give praise*

## **Questions to Consider**

1. How does having peace with God affect the peace you are to have with others? How are you inviting others to experience peace with God?
2. Have you ever been persecuted for your faith? Why/How? How did you respond?
3. Being persecuted for Christ is a part of our call as disciples of Christ - do you fear the future for yourself/your children or are you trusting in our sovereign God? How does the promise of reward help us to rejoice and be glad in the midst of persecution?

## Cornerstone

*Authors: Edward Mote, Eric Lilero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan & William Bradbury.  
UBP CCLI #3038781.*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong; in the Savior's love  
Through the storm; He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless, stand before the throne

*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.*

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### Confession of Sin

Daniel 9:4b-5

**Leader:** O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.

**Prayer:** *Almighty God, we confess that we do not always seek peace in our conversations or our hearts. There are times we delight in stirring up anger or provoking someone to react harshly. Forgive us! Cause our hearts to rest in the peace You have provided and to seek to share that peace everywhere we go. We also confess our fear of persecution and at times our lack of standing for you. May we not sit back in fear, but boldly spread Your Gospel where we live, work, and play. May we rejoice and be glad during hardships, knowing that we have an eternal promise in Christ. Help us, Lord, to run this race of life faithfully and boldly for You. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

**Leader:** But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



## 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

Psalm 96:8

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

### Congregational Prayer

**Missionaries of the Month:** David & Marcia, MTW

**Battling Cancer:** Susie Fuday and Sue Gilkey

**Health Issues:** Fran Henry; Steve & Carol Dortman

**Homebound:** Larry & Pat Moss

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### Behold the Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us; and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith; find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life; and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace; around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life; paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this bread of life; and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love; around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you; drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in; to receive the life of God  
So we share in this bread of life; and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace; around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond; and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ; as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering; we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven; around the table of the King

## **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: 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!*

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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:** 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.
- **Inquirer/New Member Class:** Following the worship service - meeting in Room 112. Lunch is provided.

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

- **Pletcher/Bachelder Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Sheryl Bachelder's home, Wednesday at 6 pm, meeting: 05/01.
- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 05/05.
- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Tony & Maritza Lanzillotti's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 05/05.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at Cypress Ridge, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 05/05.
- **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 (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 4 pm at Anna Smith's home.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Morning:** Homeless Bag Ministry at 10 am.
- **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 12 and 2 Corinthians 2

**Tuesday:** Jeremiah 13 and 2 Corinthians 3

**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 14 and 2 Corinthians 4

**Thursday:** Jeremiah 15 and 2 Corinthians 5

**Friday:** Jeremiah 16 and 2 Corinthians 6

**Saturday:** Psalm 119:49-64

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Inquirer/New Member Class:** The next class will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. Lunch will be provided.
- **Senior Sunday:** We will be celebrating this year's high school senior, Caleb Barton, on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am.
- **Family Pool Party:** CRPC Kidz and their families are invited to the Knisley's for a pool party on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. The main meal will be provided, please see Anna on what you can bring to share.
- **Boathouse Event:** Tubing at the Holdener's, Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> ... more details to come.

FYI ...

- **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 APRIL 2024

*Usher of the Month:* Terry Schmucker

*Greeters:* David Warren & Elijah Green

*Communion Preparation:* Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

*Nursery:*

04/28 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

*Children's Worship:*

04/28 – Ginger Andersen, Terri Jefferies & Athenna Taylor

*Snacks:*

04/28 – Campos Family

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

04/30 – José Del Valle

05/01 – Janet Abell

05/01 – Rick & Rosie Chaudoin

05/03 – Galina Hitching



### SERVING IN MAY 2024

*Deacon of the Month:* David Holdener

*Greeters:* Lois Adair; Knappenbergers (5/5;5/26); & José Del Valle (5/9;5/19)

*Communion Preparation:* David & Blossom Warren

*Nursery:*

05/05 – Stephanie Bates & TBD

05/12 – Stephanie Bates & Kaleigh Fung

05/19 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

05/26 – Stephanie Bates & Briana Campos

*Children's Worship:*

05/05 – Sheryl Bachelder & Jessica Sanders & Cade & Ariella Bates

05/12 – Anna Smith, Gabrielle Jean-Bart, & Carolyn Holdener

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

05/26 – The Baiers

*Snacks:*

05/05 – Church - Graduation Cake      05/12 – Parmerter Family

05/19 – Lanzillotti Family                      05/26 – Andersens

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