

# JONAH

## SILLY AND SENSELESS

**Cypress Ridge PCA**

January 1, 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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**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.*

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### **Prelude**

*\*Please silence your electronic devices*

### **Announcements**

### **Reflection on Worship**

*For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.*

*- Psalm 33:4*

### **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 89:1-2 (NIV)

**Leader:** I will sing of the Lord's great love forever.

**Response:** With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**Leader:** I will declare that your love stands firm forever.

**Response:** That you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

## **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

*Words: Thomas O. Chisholm. Music: William M. Runyan. Public Domain.*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

*Chorus*

## **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

## **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

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy  
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

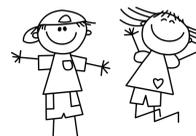
### **Monthly Memory Verse**

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### **Prayer for Children**

[Children's Worship is available for children 4 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Rodney Barton

*Silly & Senseless*

*Jonah 1:1-5, 11-17, 4:5-11*

Pew Bible p. 774

Large Print Bible p. 970

*Despite our silly and senseless behavior, God is faithful.*

*I. Faithful to Pursue Us*

*II. Faithful to Save Us*

*III. Faithful to Teach Us*

## **Questions to Consider**

1. What storms has God sent in order to pursue you? How did it draw you closer to Him?
- 5 2. Describe a time in your life when you didn't ask for help, yet God proved Himself faithful.
3. Who or what situation do you need to show more compassion to?

## **By Faith**

*Authors, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

*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

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 too often we doubt Your faithfulness in our lives. Forgive us when we fail to wait on Your timing, rest in Christ's salvation, or refuse to show compassion on the people around us. May Your Holy Spirit cause our hearts to show Your love and forgiveness to others, just as You have shown to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

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***Mission of the Month:*** The Mission, see page 14.

***Battling Cancer:*** Susie Fuday

***Health Issues:*** Bob Wood, Lillian Steverson-Kelder, Dolca Rios, Steve Dortman, Marilyn Smith, Rick & Rosie DeCoito, Pat Moss, Brenda Donnell

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### Apostles' Creed

**Leader:** Christians, what do you believe?

**Unison:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven & earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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

Exodus 23:19a

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

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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 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: 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**

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, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, 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 ...

- **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 Group:** Contact a leader to learn more about their upcoming January meetings!
  - Bob Wood (419-969-4056)
  - David Reyes (863-206-8278)
  - Leopold Jean-Bart (863-521-3136)
  - Rodney Barton (407-375-2756): January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, at the Barton home.
  - Tom Luchenbill (863-632-3241): January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill home.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday:** The office will be closed for the holiday.
- **Thursday Morning:** Mom's Small Group at 9:45 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.

## BIBLE READING THIS WEEK ...

	<u>Bible Reading</u>	<u>Cross References</u>
<b>Monday</b>	Esther 1:1-22	Daniel 6:6-9
<b>Tuesday</b>	Esther 2:1-23	2 Kings 24:10-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Esther 3:1-15	Acts 16:16-24
<b>Thursday</b>	Esther 4:1-17	1 Samuel 1:11-12; Daniel 3:16-18
<b>Friday</b>	Esther 5:1-14	Mark 6:14-29

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Bridal Shower for Anna Bachelder:** Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, following the worship service. Anna and Matt (Smith) are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon, and Walmart. All ladies are welcome to join us – a luncheon will be provided.
- **2023 Start Dates:**
  - Sunday School resumes on January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 am.
  - Girls' D-Group resumes on January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15 pm.
  - Boathouse resumes on January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.
- **Kidz Night Out:** Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:30 pm. KNO is for infants – 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

## FYI ...

- **Condolences:** Our sister-in-Christ, Anne Dumas, passed away on December 22, 2022. Please pray for her family and friends as they mourn her loss.
- **Offering Envelopes:** 2023 offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Center for those on the envelope list. If you would like to be added to the list, please see Anna in the office.
- **Resource Table:** We provide free copies of *Our Daily Bread* (large print and regular print) and *Tabletalk* at our Resource Table located at the back of the sanctuary.
- **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 JANUARY 2023**

*Deacon of the Month:* Charles Burkett

*Usher:* Larry Vander Zee

*Communion Preparation:* Dennis & Brenda Knappenberger

*Nursery Volunteers:*

- 1/1 - Kay Smith & Carolyn Holdener
- 1/8 - Briana Campos & Amber May
- 1/15 - Betty Parmerter & Abby Babcock
- 1/22 - Brenda Knappenberger & Ginny Vander Zee
- 1/29 - Jessica Sanders & TBD

*Children's Worship Volunteers:*

- 1/1 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Melissia Pletcher
- 1/8 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart
- 1/15 - Philip & Jeanie Baier
- 1/22 - Ginger Andersen & Renae Anderson
- 1/29 - TBD

## **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY**

- 1/7 - Don Snow



# MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

## The Mission of Winter Haven

*“The Mission of Winter Haven exists to provide an immediate response of food, support services and a day center for homeless individuals and all in need; by way of Faith, Community and Help.”*

*Their services include, but are not limited to:*

- *Food Pantry*
- *Soup Kitchen*
- *Budgeting Classes*

*Learn more about The Mission at: <https://themissionwh.org>*



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