



# A Series in Samuel

**Cypress Ridge PCA**

January 14, 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 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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## 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**

*“If you have never known the power of God's love,  
then maybe it is because you have never asked to know it  
- I mean really asked, expecting an answer.”*

*— Frederick Buechner*

### **Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 145

**Leader:** I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

**Response:** The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**Leader:** The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.

**Response:** Every day I will bless You. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

## **Come, Thou Almighty King**

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Come, Thou Almighty King  
Help us Thy Name to sing; help us to praise  
Father all glorious; O'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us; Ancient of Days

To Thee, Great One in Three  
Eternal praises be; hence, evermore  
Thy Sov'reign majesty may we in glory see  
And to eternity love and adore

## **Blessed Be Your Name**

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Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful  
Where streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place  
When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious Name*

Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Chorus*

*[Song continued on the next page]*

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your Name

*Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious Name*

### **The Lord is My Salvation**

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The grace of God has reached for me; and pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need; when I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation

### *Chorus*

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is my salvation (*repeat*)

### **Monthly Memory Verse**

Psalm 51:10-11

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.



### **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.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Rodney Barton

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Pew Bible p. 260

Large Print Bible p. 327

*The Hesed of God*

*His lovingkindness gives us:*

*I. Protection*

*II. Provision*

*III. Position*

## Questions to Consider

1. Who can you share God's lovingkindness with? (coworker, neighbor, spouse, kids, 'enemy', or the unlovable/undesirable).
2. How have you seen God's loving kindness displayed to you? How does He go above and beyond?
3. As a child of God, you have been *given* the position of a child of God (see Ephesians 1). How should this effect the way you treat others? Has it?

## Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men; oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper; Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way; oh, we hopelessly lost the way

*Chorus*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us; falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your 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

Psalm 130:1-3

**Leader:** Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**Prayer:** Almighty God, we praise You for the steadfast love You have poured on us. We admit that we do not always share that love towards others. Too often we have sought after our own selfish needs instead of providing for those in need. Although You have given us the position of Your adopted children, our thoughts and actions do not always reflect that privilege. Forgive us Lord! We thank You for Your lovingkindness every day and may we share it with those You put in our path. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:10

**Leader:** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.



## 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 54:6

**Leader:** With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

### Congregational Prayer

***Mission of the Month:*** *The Mission of Winter Haven*

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

***Health Issues:*** Blossom Warren, Rick & Rosie DeCoito

***Homebound:*** Pat & Larry Moss, Brenda Donnell

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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

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.

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

- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Rodney & Jennifer's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 01/14.
- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Matt & Anna Smith's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 01/14.
- **Wood Group (Bob: 419-969-4056):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12:15 pm, meeting: 01/14.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at Cypress Ridge, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 01/21.
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Paul & Melissa Pletcher's home, Wednesday at 6 pm, meeting: 01/24.
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 02/04.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday:** Office closed for the holiday.
- **Wednesday Afternoon:** Session meeting at 4 pm.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **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:** Isaiah 3 and Luke 11  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 4 and Luke 12  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 5 and Luke 13  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 6 and Luke 14  
**Friday:** Isaiah 7 and Luke 15  
**Saturday:** Psalm 107

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Missionary Visit:** Roger & Shirley Brown will be visiting us Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. They have been faithfully serving as missionaries for 3 + decades through African Inland Mission and are retiring in April 2024.
  - Join us for light breakfast refreshments at the 9:15 am Sunday School class to hear about their missions' journey. They will also be sharing briefly during the worship service.
- **Kidz Night Out:** Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (4 yrs. - 6<sup>th</sup> grade).
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.
- **Family Camp:** March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> at Highlands Hammock in Sebring. *Family- Fellowship- Friends- Fun- Food- Fire.* Look out for sign-up sheet! See Tim Holdener or Rodney Barton for more details.

FYI ...

- **God's Provision Through December 2023:**

December General Fund Giving:	\$41,082
YTD December GF Giving:	\$397,586
YTD December Exp. Paid:	\$382,249
YTD Budget:	\$355,961
YTD Mercy Fund:	\$5,970
- **Inquirer/New Member Class:** What does it mean to be a member at Cypress Ridge? Sign up at the Welcome Center to learn more!
- **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 January 2023**

*Deacon of the Month:* Charles Burkett

*Ushers:* Larry Vander Zee & Ken Harrison

*Communion Preparation:* Allen & Monica Franklin

*Nursery:*

01/14 – Stephanie Bates & Ginny Vander Zee

01/21 – Stephanie Bates & John Wedeman

01/28 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

*Children's Worship:*

01/14 – Anna Smith, Gabrielle Jean-Bart & Carolyn Holdener

01/21 – Ginger Anderson, Terri Jefferies & Athenna Taylor

01/28 – Philip & Jeanie Baier

*Snacks:*

01/14 – Linda Paris & Shirley Burkett

01/21 – Lanzillotti Family

01/28 – Kendall Family

### **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

01/15 – Allen & Monica Franklin

01/16 – Dick Abell

01/17 – Jessica Sanders

01/18 – Ginger Andersen

01/20 – Charles & Shirley Burkett

01/20 – Karyne Jean-Bart



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