



**Cypress Ridge PCA**

December 16, 2018

# 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 folder will guide you as we worship together.

## OUR PURPOSE

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to be a God centered, worshipping community that disciples God's people and extends God's kingdom.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America:  
[www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)

## VISITOR/PRAAYER 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](http://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 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**

*(All music used by permission CCLI #3038781)*

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### **Announcements**

### **Reflection on Worship**

*As the bells ring out the joys of Christmas,  
may we also be alert for the final trumpet that will announce His return,  
when we shall always be with Him.  
- Alan Redpath*

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The Steverson Family

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 67:1-4a

**Leader:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

**Response:** That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

**Leader:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

**Response:** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

## **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

*Text by Henry van Dyke; Music by Ludwig van Beethoven*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee; God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee; opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness; fill us with the light of day

Thou art giving and forgiving; ever blessing, ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living; ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother; all who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine

## **Joy to the World**

*Words and music by Isaac Watts, 1719*

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

## **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

*Words by Phillips Brooks & Music by Lewis H. Redner*

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

### **Prayer for Children**

[Children ages 4-3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship]

## **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 Tom Luchenbill

*Luke 1:5-23,26-38; Matthew 1:18-25*

Pew Bible p. 855, 807

Large Print Pew Bible p. 1066, 1007

## **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*

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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

## **Good Christian Men Rejoice**

*Words and Music: Latin Carol and German Melody (14<sup>th</sup> century)*

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice  
Give ye heed to what we say; News! News! Jesus Christ is born today  
Ox and ass before Him bow; and He is in the manger now  
Christ is born today; Christ is born today

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice  
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this  
He has opened heaven's door; and man is blessed evermore  
Christ is born for this; Christ was born for this

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice  
Now ye need not fear the grave  
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save  
Calls you one and calls you all; to gain His everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save

## THE LORD FORGIVES OUR SINS

*We respond to God's revelation by acknowledging that we are not perfect. Therefore, we need the Savior, Jesus Christ. He invites us to bring Him all our faults and brokenness. Because of His gracious love, He forgives all our sins.*

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### Confession of Sin

James 4:8

**Leader:** Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**Unison** [Taken from *The Worship Sourcebook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, p. 642]:

“Lord ... We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.”

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 30:2,4-5

**Leader:** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

**Unison:** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.



## 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

1 Chronicles 16:29

**Leader:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

### Offertory

## THE LORD CALLS US TO PRAY

*God calls us to pray. Through prayer we seek His good and perfect will. Our prayer time includes praying for our **December Missionaries of the Month: Roger and Shirley Brown**. They have been serving with Africa Inland Mission at Tumaini Counseling Center in Nairobi, Kenya for 25 + years. They are hoping to continue serving with AIM for another 5-10 years and are planning to transfer their work state-side as of August 2019. Please pray for them in this new transition.*

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### Prayer Scripture

Psalms 94:18-19

**Leader:** When I thought, “My foot slips,” your steadfast love, Lord, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

### Elder Prayer

Elder David Reyes

## Prayers for Recovery

**Recovering at Home**  
Al Luchenbill



**Recovering at Rehab**  
Larry Moss

**Recovering in the Hospital**  
Lee Donnell

## **I Wonder as I Wander**

*Composer, John Jacob Niles 1933, Arr. by G. Schirmer in 1934. UBP*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor orn'ry people like you and like I  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all  
But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall  
The promise of ages it then did recall

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing  
Or all of God's Angels in heaven for to sing  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was 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**

*(Loaves of bread are made with Almond Milk)*

## 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**

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NASB)

Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations 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:** @ 9:15 am
- **Fellowship and Snacks:** Following the worship service
- **Christmas Concert by Dr. Jonathan Reed:** @ 4 pm

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls D-Group Christmas Party @ 4 pm at the Bacheldor home
- **Tuesday Afternoon:** Session Meeting @ 4:30 pm
- **Wednesday Afternoon:** Jr. High Boys D-Group @ 4:20 pm
- **Wednesday Evening:** The Boathouse @ 6 pm
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7 am
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8 am

## BIBLE READING THIS WEEK ...

	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>
<b>Monday</b>	Mark 9:2-13	Malachi 3:1-4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mark 9:14-29	Jeremiah 3:11-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mark 9:30-32	Psalms 22
<b>Thursday</b>	Mark 9:33-41	Proverbs 5:6-7a
<b>Friday</b>	Mark 9:42-50	Proverbs 23:12-18

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Christmas Caroling at Brookdale:** Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meet in the foyer at 9:10 am to walk over OR meet us in the Brookdale parking lot at 9:15 am.
- **Christmas Eve Service:** Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## FYI ...

- **The Sunday School Hour:** We are replacing our usual Sunday School hour with Christmas caroling next week, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no Sunday School on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Regular Sunday School will resume January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Faith Xtreme:** is looking for volunteers to help gift wrap at the Eagle Ridge Mall & Lakeland Square Mall. This is the most effective fundraiser to do all year to help support a great ministry in the Winter Haven area. There are 2 shifts available Monday through Saturday 10-2 pm and 3-8 pm and on Sunday from 1-5 pm. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Sean Fielder at 863-202-0580.
- **Supper Club:** Sign up at the Welcome Center to join the Spring Supper Club crew. Joining a Supper Club allows you to get to know different families in the church in the comfort of a home.
- **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.
- **God's provision from December 9:**  
General Fund Giving: **\$6,862**  
YTD to General Fund: **\$276,789**  
YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$290,796**

# THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

## DECEMBER 2018 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Paul Bacheldor

Deacon/Usher of the Month: Charles Burkett, Tim Holdener, Mike Sakko

Ushers: Joe Johnston, Bob Wood, José Del Valle, Terry Schmucker

Greeters: 16 - Buck & Mary Jones  
23 - Bill & Edna Kelder  
30 - Tim & Jessica Holdener

Sunday 16 - Ginny Vander Zee & Lori Brousseau  
Nursery: 23 - Kay Smith & Lori Brousseau  
30 - Ginger Andersen & Lori Brousseau

Children's 16 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson  
Worship: 23 - Lynne Knisley & TBD  
30 - Jeremy Reyes & Faviola Genisse

Snacks: 16 - Naomi Cruz & Dolca Rios  
23 - Marilyn & Kay Smith  
30 - The Frodge Family

Counters: 16 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter  
23 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher  
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Communion: Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

### December Birthdays

12/17	Donna Luchenbill	12/28	Lori Brousseau
12/20	Barb Luchenbill	12/29	Marilyn Smith
12/23	Clay Frodge	12/31	Ginny Vander Zee

### December Anniversaries

12/20	Don & Linda Paris	12/24	David & Carolyn Holdener
12/22	James & Nancy Breiner	12/27	Wayne & Renae Anderson
12/23	John & Valerie Williams	12/27	Frantz & Violene Genisse

## JANUARY 2019 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Leopold Jean-Bart

Deacon of the Month: Charles Burkett

Ushers: Paul Pletcher, Frantz Genisse, Bob Baker, TBD

Greeters:     6 - Bob & Gloria Wood  
                  13 - Larry & Ginny Vander Zee  
                  20 - Vicki Jones & Jeanne Gayhart  
                  27 - Fred & Rosemond Fening

Sunday        6 - TBD

Nursery:      13 - TBD

                  20 - TBD

                  27 - TBD

Children's    6 - Kim Schmucker & Esther Mendez

Worship:     13 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

                  20 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson

                  27 - Jessica Holdener & Violene Genisse

Snacks:       6 - TBD

                  13 - TBD

                  20 - TBD

                  27 - TBD

Counters:    6 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter

                  13 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter

                  20 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher

                  27 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher

Communion:   Karen Brown

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