



**Cypress Ridge PCA**

December 23, 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, worshiping 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.

**About the Cover:** *image found on [perennialjoy.com](http://perennialjoy.com)*

## 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**

*O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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

The Knisley Family

### **Call to Worship**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7a

**Leader:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

**Response:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

**Leader:** And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Response:** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

## **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*Words by Charles Wesley, altered; Music by Felix Mendelssohn*

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel

*Chorus*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth

*Chorus*

## **O Come, Let Us Adore Him**

*Words and Music: Otis Skillings 1972*

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

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

## **It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

*Text by Edmund H. Sears; Music by Richard S. Willis*

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heavn's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on  
By prophets seen of old  
When with the ever circling years  
Shall come the time foretold  
When the new heav'n and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace their King  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing

### **Special Music**

Sunday School Children  
*Come On, Ring Those Bells*  
*Amen (Soloist: Akosua Fening)*

### **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

*Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7*

Pew Bible p. 807, 857

Large Print Pew Bible p. 1007; 1069

## **Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

*Authors: Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse*

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*

## **God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**

*Words and Music: English Carol and English Melody, 18<sup>th</sup> century*

God rest you merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior; was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power; when we were gone astray

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy*

Now to the Lord sing praises; all you within this place  
And with true love and brotherhood; each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas; all anger should efface

*Chorus*

## 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

Isaiah 55:6-7

**Leader:** Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Unison** [Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, p. 644-645]:  
Heavenly Father, it is advent season, a time in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace. We confess to you the impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another. Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the year, your peace is always there for us. When we feel overwhelmed and become irritable, instill within us your peace. When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us, help us remember that we are forgiven in Christ. Instill within us your peace and help us make choices that bring us closer to you. Help us to be more peaceful so that we may spread Christ's peace and love to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 103:8-12

**Leader:** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**Unison:** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**Leader:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**Unison:** As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from 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

Hebrews 13:16

**Leader:** Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### 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 91:14-16

**Leader:** Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

### Elder Prayer

Elder David Reyes

### Prayers for the Church Family

Lee Donnell, at the hospital  
Al Luchenbill, at home  
Esther Mendez, at home  
Larry Moss, at rehab



### **Rock of Ages**

*Words by Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; Alt. By Thomas Cotterill, 1815;*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me; Let me hide myself in Thee  
Let the water and the blood; from Thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r

### **Silent Night**

*Words and music by Joseph Morh and Franz Gruber*

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child; Holy Infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth

### **Rock of Ages**

*Words by Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; Alt. By Thomas Cotterill, 1815;*

Not the labors of my hands; can fulfill Thy law's demands  
Could my zeal no respite know; could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone

## 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 ...

- **Christmas Caroling at Brookdale:** @ 9:15 am
- **Fellowship and Snacks:** Following the worship service

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Evening:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 6:30 pm.  
Nursery not provided.
- **The Office will be open Wednesday and Thursday this week**
- **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 10:1-12	Genesis 2:24-25; Deut. 24:1-4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mark 10:13-16	Proverbs 8:32-36
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mark 10:17-31	Psalm 25:8-10
<b>Thursday</b>	Mark 10:32-45	Proverbs 25:27; Isaiah 66:1-2
<b>Friday</b>	Mark 10:46-52	Psalm 103:1-5

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Kidz Night Out:** Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm
- **Bridge at the Ridge:** Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm
- **Midnight Madness:** The next Boathouse Midnight Madness will be held on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$5.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am
- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> following the service. Join us for a potluck lunch!

## FYI ...

- **PCA Ministerial Relief Fund:** Your gift provides assistance to a variety of faithful servants in the PCA. Many are widows, some are disabled pastors or missionaries. Your gift shows them in a very real way, they are not forgotten.  
Your tax deduction gift can be given in one of two ways:
  - Online (ask Anna for the direct link)
  - Mail a check addressed to the Ministerial Relief Fund and send it to: 1700 N Brown Rd Ste 106 Lawrenceville, GA 30043
- **Take Them a Meal:** If you would like to help Esther Mendez by taking her a meal while she recovers from a knee injury at home, please visit [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com). Use “mendez” as both a last name and password. If you need help signing up, see Anna in the office.
- **Sunday School:** Sunday School will resume January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 someone's 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 16:**  
 General Fund Giving: \$7,303  
 YTD to General Fund: \$284,092  
 YTD Budgeted Needs: \$296,731

## **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: 23 - Bill & Edna Kelder  
 30 - Tim & Jessica Holdener

Sunday 23 - Kay Smith & Lori Brousseau  
 Nursery: 30 - Ginger Andersen & Lori Brousseau

Children's 23 - Lynne Knisley & Sherry Sakko  
 Worship: 30 - Kim Schmucker & Faviola Genisse

Snacks: 23 - Marilyn & Kay Smith  
 30 - The Frodge Family

Counters: 23 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher  
 30 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher

Communion: Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

#### December Birthdays

12/23 Clay Frodge	12/29 Marilyn Smith
12/28 Lori Brousseau	12/31 Ginny Vander Zee

#### December Anniversaries

12/23 John & Valerie Williams	12/27 Wayne & Renae Anderson
12/24 David & Carolyn Holdener	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, Fred Fening

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 - Jeremy Reyes & Janice Harrison  
Worship:      13 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart  
                  20 - Jon Parmerter & Ellen Thornton  
                  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

### January Birthdays

1/7	Savannah Frodge	1/25	Millie Williams
1/13	Akosua Fening	1/27	Christina Reyes
1/16	Dick Abell	1/29	Blossom Warren
1/18	Ginger Andersen	1/30	Nancy Breiner
1/20	Karyne Jean-Bart	1/31	Frantz Genisse

### January Anniversaries

1/9	Jerrod & Amber May	1/20	Charles & Shirley Burkett
1/15	Allen & Monica Franklin		

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