



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 29, 2024

**Join our 10:30 am Worship Service
at CRPC or Livestream!**

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

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.

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 3rd 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.

Prelude

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

“If you are not praying, then you are quietly confident that time, money, and talent are all you need in life. You’ll always be a little too tired, a little too busy to pray. But if, like Jesus, you realize you can’t do life on your own, then no matter how busy, no matter how tired you are, you will find the time.”

– Paul Miller

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Response: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD!

Leader: Blessed are the people, O LORD, who walk in the light of Your face.

Response: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it. Blessed be the LORD forever!

All Creatures of Our God and King

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All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

This is My Father's World

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock. Music: Arranged by Franklin Sheppard.

This is my Father's world; and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought

[Hymn continued on the next page]

This is my Father's world; O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong; God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied; and earth and Heav'n be one

All Glory be to Christ

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Should nothing of our efforts stand; no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house; in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain; tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our King; all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign will ever sing; all glory be to Christ*

His will be done, His kingdom come; on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread; praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy; the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am; the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain; is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us; and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be; all glory be to Christ

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

Luke 2:10-11

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."



Prayer for Children

[Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. - 3rd 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.

Sermon

Guest, Pastor Brown Peterson

Luke 18:1-8

Pew Bible p. 877

Large Print Bible p. 1094

The Persistent Widow

Cornerstone

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

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-4

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Prayer: *God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-12

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; 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.

Offertory Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:7

Leader: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: Lake Wales Care Center

Community Needs: Winter Haven, leaders & beyond

Health Issues: Dolca Rios; Bob Wood; Ken Harrison; Briana Campos; Pat Dearmyer

Homebound: Larry & Pat Moss

Jesus Messiah

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sixsteps music/worshiptogether.com songs/Alletrop Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood, the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

Chorus

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.

Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

Unison: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!!!

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!*

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Choral Response

Doxology

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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.
- **Mercy Fund:** Collected during the service.

CONNECT GROUPS ... *See a leader to learn more!*

- **Smith Group:** Meeting Sunday, January 5th, at 5 pm, at Wayne & Renae Anderson's home.
- **Luchenbill Group:** Meeting Sunday, January 26th, at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill's home.
- **Barton/Holdener Group:** *Resuming in January.*
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group:** *Resuming in January.*
- **Reyes Group:** *Resuming in January.*
- **Wood Group:** *Resuming in January.*

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday - Wednesday:** Office closed for the holiday.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (6-12th 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: Psalm 149

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Wednesday: Genesis 1 and Luke 1

Thursday: Genesis 2 and Luke 2

Friday: Genesis 3 and Luke 3

Saturday: Psalm 1

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Sunday School:** January 5th at 9:15 am - classes for all ages!
- **Girls' D-Group:** New day of the week: Wednesday, January 8th at 4 pm, at Anna Smith's home.
- **Praying Cohort:** January 8th at 6:30 pm.
- **Kidz Night Out:** Friday, January 10th, at 6 pm (4 yrs. - 5th grade).
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, January 11th at 9 am.
- **Children's Worship Leader Training:** Sunday, January 19th, following the worship service.

FYI ...

- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** Come join us on the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 10 am - 12 pm and make new friends and learn a new craft!
- **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 DECEMBER 2024

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Greeters: Roberto & Jennifer Sanchez

Communion Preparation: Mike & Connie Mahoney

Nursery:

12/29 – Stephanie & Kay

Children's Worship:

12/29 – Lois; Susie; Savannah

Snacks:

12/29 – Jan Anderson



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

12/31 – Tenley Johnson 12/31 – Ginny Vander Zee 01/04 – Silas Campos

SERVING IN JANUARY 2025

Deacon of the Month: David Cruz

Greeters: Mat Sanders & Art Gilkey

Communion Preparation: Bob & Karen Donaldson

Nursery:

01/05 – Stephanie & TBD

01/12 – Stephanie & Katelynn

01/19 – Stephanie & Briana

01/26 – Stephanie & TBD

Children's Worship:

01/05 – Sheryl, Melissia & Jessica S.

01/12 – Anna, Gabby & Carolyn

01/19 – The Baiers

01/26 – Ginger, Terri & Athenna

Snacks:

01/05 – Dennis & Debbie Childress

01/12 – TBD

01/19 – Kay Smith

01/26 – Shirley Burkett & Linda Engstrom

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