



**Cypress Ridge PCA**

January 5, 2025

**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 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](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

*Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.  
Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.  
He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

*– Psalm 111:2-4*

### Prayer of Invocation

### Call to Worship

based on Matthew 2:1-12

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**Leader:** The Christ child is born! All you who would find him, prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi.

**Response:** All you who would praise him, come with the faith to follow but a star.

**Leader:** All you who would worship him, come with humility to the child who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.

## **We Three Kings**

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We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we travel afar  
Field and fountain moor and mountain; following yonder star

*O star of wonder star of night; star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding; guide us to Thy perfect light*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain; gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never; over us all to reign

*Chorus*

Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia; sounds through the earth and sky

*Chorus*

## **Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

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What is our hope in life and death; Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence; that our souls, to him belong  
Who holds our days within his hand; what comes apart from his command  
And what will keep us to the end; the love of Christ, in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul; God is good, God is good  
Where is his grace and goodness known; in our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise; who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh; unto the shore, the rock of Christ

*Chorus*

Unto the grave, what will we sing; "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring; everlasting life with him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord; then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy; when Christ is ours forever more

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

### **Words of Instruction**

**God's Covenant Promises** Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

### **Questions to the Parents, David & Briana Campos:**

Do you acknowledge Silas' need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Silas to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example; that you will pray with him; that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion; and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring Silas up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### **Question to the CRPC Family:**

As members of God's people at Cypress Ridge Presbyterian Church, do you commit to the responsibility of assisting David & Briana in the Christian nurture of Silas by praying for him, by teaching him, and by being an example of Christ-likeness before him?

**(We do!)**

### **Baptism of Silas Andrez Campos**

#### **Monthly Memory Verse**

Hosea 6:6

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**Prayer for Children** [*Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. - 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

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible p. 807

Large Print Bible p. 1008

*Encountering the God Who Invites Us to Worship*

Intro

1. God invites the nations to worship Him.
2. We worship false gods.
3. Christ transforms us, allowing us to worship the true God.
4. God's transforming work gives us the opportunity to worship Him.

## O Worship the King

*By Robert Grant, 1815. Adapted by Chris Tomlin, 2004. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

O worship the King, all glorious above  
O gratefully sing, His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light, and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

*You alone are the matchless King  
To You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite  
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light*

O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight, to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

*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

John 3:19

**Leader:** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

**Prayer:** *God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen.*

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[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

John 1:9, 12-13

**Leader:** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ... But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



## 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.

### Congregational Prayer

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

**Community Needs:** Winter Haven, leaders & beyond

**Health Issues:** Dolca R.; Bob W.; Ken H.; Briana C.; Pat D.

**Homebound:** Larry & Pat Moss

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### Jesus, I am Resting

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Community Worship Music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Jesus, I am resting, resting; in the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness; of Thy loving heart  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee; and Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power; Thou hast made me whole

O, how great Thy loving kindness; vaster, broader than the sea  
O, how marvelous Thy goodness; lavished all on me  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved; know what wealth of grace is Thine  
Know Thy certainty of promise; and have made it mine

*Jesus, I am resting, resting; in the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness; of Thy loving heart*

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; I behold Thee as Thou art  
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless; satisfies my heart  
Satisfies its deepest longings; meets, supplies its every need  
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed

### *Chorus*

Ever lift Thy face upon me; as I work and wait for Thee  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus; earth's dark shadows flee  
Brightness of my Father's glory; sunshine of my Father's face  
Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace

## 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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### 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!*

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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.

### **Choral Response**

*Doxology*

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#### **Doxology**

*Text by Thomas Ken. Music by Genevan Psalter, 1551, att. to Louis Bourgeois.  
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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 ...

- **Sunday School:** At 9:15 am - classes for all ages!
  - **Adults:** *Psalms at the Seams*, Room 110
  - **Children:** *The Biggest Story*, Room 103
  - **Nursery:** Ages 3 and under
- **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 ... *See a leader to learn more!*

- **Reyes Group:** Meeting Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12 pm, at the church.
- **Smith Group:** Meeting Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm, at Wayne & Renae Anderson's home.
- **Barton/Holdener Group:** Meeting Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm, at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home.
- **Wood Group:** Meeting Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, following the service, at the church.
- **Luchenbill Group:** Meeting Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill's home.
- **Pletcher/Bachelder Group:** *TBD*.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Wednesday Afternoon:** Girls' D-Group at 4 pm, at Anna Smith's home.
- **Wednesday Evening:** A Praying Life Cohort at 6:30 pm.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Morning:** Kidz Night Out (4 yrs. - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6 pm.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Breakfast at 9 am.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

*After you read through the chapters, pray through them with A.C.T.S.  
(Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)*

**Monday:** Genesis 4 and Luke 4  
**Tuesday:** Genesis 5 and Luke 5  
**Wednesday:** Genesis 6 and Luke 6  
**Thursday:** Genesis 7 and Luke 7  
**Friday:** Genesis 8 and Luke 8  
**Saturday:** Psalm 2

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **The Heavenly Dancers:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am.
- **Children's Worship Leader Training:** Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service.

FYI ...

- **Condolences:** Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the McKee family on the recent loss of Debbie's mother, Kay. They take comfort knowing she is with her Lord, yet grieve in this time of loss. Please continue to lift up their family in prayer during this time, especially Debbie's father, Richard.
- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 JANUARY 2025**

*Deacon of the Month:* David Cruz

*Greeters:* Mat Sanders & Art Gilkey

*Communion Preparation:* Bob & Karen Donaldson

#### *Nursery:*

01/05 – Stephanie & Renae Anderson

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 & Athena

#### *Snacks:*

01/05 – Dennis & Debbie Childress

01/12 – Dean & Tami Kendall

01/19 – Kay Smith

01/26 – Shirley Burkett & Linda Engstrom



### **THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARY:**

01/09 – Jerrod & Amber May

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