

Suffering produces endurance
Endurance produces character
Character produces hope
and Hope does not put us to shame



Cypress Ridge PCA
February 4, 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

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.

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 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

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Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our affliction,
so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
-2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:31, 28-30

Leader: For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?

Response: For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.

Leader: For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

Response: This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

There is Power in the Blood

Author: Lewis Ellis Jones

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Chorus

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Chorus

What A Mighty God We Serve

Author/Composer Unknown. Arr. © 1992 Word Music

What a mighty God we serve
What a mighty God we serve
Angels bow before him
Heaven and earth adore him
What a mighty God we serve

New Doxology

Authors: Thomas Ken, Thomas Miller

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

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The power and might of His great Name
Let us exalt on bended knee
Praise God, the Holy Trinity

*Praise God, praise God, praise God; Who saved my soul
Praise God, praise God; praise God from Whom all blessings flow*

Praise to the King, His throne transcends
His crown and Kingdom never end
Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One Who died for me

Chorus

Prayer for Children

[Children ages 4 through 3rd 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.

Sermon Text (Pew Bible p. 942)

Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sermon

Brandon Lutz, Guest Preacher

“Rejoice in Sufferings”

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*

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 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.

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 53:6

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Let us turn to the Lord in repentance, seeking His grace and mercy.

Unison: Heavenly Father, you sought and pursued us while we were still sinners, running away from you. Thank you for your amazing love and grace. We confess that as we experience suffering, too often we forget about your love. There are times we have been tempted to “curse God and die” rather than seek you in our trials. Thank you for never forsaking us. Holy Spirit, cause us to build endurance, character and hope through our sufferings. May we bring you glory and honor in all we do. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:33-35, 37

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Unison: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved 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

Proverbs 11:24-25

Leader: One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

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 **February Mission of the Month: LifeChoice Pregnancy***

***Center.** LifeChoice supports girls and women by providing services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and post-abortion support. All services are without charge and are strictly confidential.*

Prayer Scripture

Jonah 2:2

Leader: I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

Elder Prayer

Elder Paul Bacheldor

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then, bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Unison Response:

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!!!

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School @ 9:15 am**
- **Fellowship and Snacks** following our worship service

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon: JHi4Jesus Girl's D-Group @ 3:30 pm**
- **Monday Evening: Sr. High Girl's D-Group @ 6:15 pm**
- **Monday Evening: Women's Bible Study @ 7 pm**
- **Tuesday Morning: Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am**
- **Wednesday Evening: Kidz Night Out**
 - Fun games, snacks, and Bible lesson for infant – 6th grade
 - Boathouse and College & Career continue till 8 pm
- **Wednesday Evening: College/Military Box Packing Night** Join us at the church at 6 pm to help assemble the boxes!
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7 am**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8 am**

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Children's Ministry Training** after the worship service on February 11th. See Anna for more details.
- **Kidz Play Date** at the Steverson home on February 24th, 2-4 pm.
- **Easter Eggztravaganza** Saturday, March 31st, 9:30-11am

FYI ...

- **Heart for Hospitality Team** – Cypress Ridge is starting a new ministry called the Heart for Hospitality Team, which will offer simple refreshments after funeral/memorial services held here. If you would like to minister to grieving families in this way, please add your name to the volunteer list located at the Welcome Center. This includes men and women.
- **Drivers Needed** – Do you drive a car? Are you looking for a way to serve? We need your help transporting our Brookdale friends to and from church on Sunday mornings. Any questions, please see Karen Brown or one of our deacons.
- **College/Military Boxes** – If you would like to personalize your encouragement notes to our college/military individuals, here are the names we are sending boxes to: Thomas Betterly, Baileigh Santos, Yaa Fening, Karyne Jean-Bart, Leah Jostes, Katie Lee, Jeremy Reyes, Absalom Jackson, Daniel Lee (Military), Landon Jostes (Military).

- **Membership/Inquirer's Class Sign Up Sheet** is located at the Welcome Center. If you are interested in learning what it means to be a member at Cypress Ridge, we encourage you to take this class! If you have already signed up – the office will be contacting you soon to talk about the details of the class.
- **God's provision from January 28:**
 General Fund Giving: **\$3,441**
 YTD to General Fund: **\$25,082**
 YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$23,648**

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

FEBRUARY 2018 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: David Reyes

Deacon/Usher of the Month: Mike Sakko

Ushers: Don Copeland, Philip Baier, Ken Harrison, Tony Aviles

Greeters: 4 - Don & Linda Paris
 11 - Fred & Rosemond Fening
 18 - Joe & Vicki Johnston
 25 - Frantz & Violene Genisse

Sunday 4 - Kay Smith & Lori/Baileigh
 Nursery: 11 - Kim Schmucker & Lori/Baileigh
 18 - Linda Paris & Lori/Baileigh
 25 - Ginny Vander Zee & Lori/Baileigh

Children's 4 - Destin LeBlanc & Esther Mendez
 Worship: 11 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart
 18 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson
 25 - Lynne Knisley & Johnnie Brown

Snacks: 4 - Judy McGuire
11 - Vicki & Joe Johnston
18 - TBD
25 - TBD

Counters: 4 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
11 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
18 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher
25 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher

Communion: Charles & Shirley Burkett

Wednesday 7 - Shirley Burkett & Lori Brousseau

Nursery: 14 - Kay & Lori
21 - Kay & Lori
28 - Kay & Lori

Birthdays

2/4	Landon Jostes	2/20	Steve Thornton
2/6	Roxanne Copeland	2/21	Renae Anderson
2/6	Leopold Jean-Bart	2/23	Steve McFarland
2/8	Kathy Jardim	2/24	Charlie Knisley
2/13	Johnnie Brown	2/25	Jon Parmerter
2/13	Betty Jones	2/26	Susie Reyes
2/13	Sherry Sakko	2/28	Muriel Baker
2/15	Jesse Abbott		

Anniversaries

2/15 Fred & Rosemond Fening

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