
prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

preparing our hearts

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

— Hebrews 1:1-2_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation;

All: He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

— Psalm 98:2-3_{ESV}

Leader: We are gathered here to behold the Lord our God. Awesome and mighty is he.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains. *

** Chorus:*

Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song? *

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Great you are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and your wisdom is infinite. We praise you without ceasing. You call us to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in you; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

— Augustine (adapted)

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

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. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

– John 3:19-21^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Almighty and merciful God,**
We confess that we have sinned against you
And one another in both our actions and our inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus our light has come,
Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.
Expose our sin that we might confess it, despise it, and finally deny it.
Gracious God, forgive our sins and
Remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives.
Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.
Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

– Psalm 116:8-9^{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God!**

TEACH ME, O LORD, YOUR WAY OF TRUTH



Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth,
In your com - mand - ments make me walk,
Turn now my eyes from van - i - ty,
Turn a - way my re - proach and fear;
and from it I will not de - part;
for in your law my joy shall be;
and cause me in your ways to tread;
your right - eous judg - ments I con - fess;
that I may stead - fast - ly o - bey,
give me a heart that loves your will,
O let your ser - vant prove your word
to know your pre - cepts I de - sire;
give me an un - der stan - ding heart.
from dis - con - tent and en - vy free.
and thus to god - ly fear be led.
re - vive me in your righ - teous - ness.

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Leader: Isaiah 40:25-31
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

**** passing the peace**

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

An elder will lead the passing of the peace. If you are joining us from your home, please unmute yourself so that you can greet one another. If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

January 1, 2023

Luke 2:22-40 ^{ESV} | 22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

33 The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, who because of his great love did send his only begotten Son to take on flesh in union with mankind?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who graciously represented mankind before the Father in perfect obedience and in perfect atonement, reconciling us to God?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who mercifully breathes life into those dead in sin, that they might know the Father and believe the Son unto salvation?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the deacons will retrieve them.

During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

All: (*singing Gloria Patri*)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and e - ver shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

– Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

Minister: Let us pray.

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears —
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

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The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of His kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so our gifts are freely returned, and in no way add to but are only a response to the supremely adequate work of Christ's atonement.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said – to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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**** benediction**

**** doxology**

**All: 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. Amen.**

for first-time visitors

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor card, located at the entrance by the bulletins.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP RESUMED TODAY

We are using "The Story" curriculum for the next 31 weeks! Our kids will be learning about key events and stories throughout all of Scripture and how they all point to Jesus! These Bible lessons are formatted around Scripture references, memory verses, and Biblical themes. Activities include reading Scripture together, discussion questions, movement activities, arts and crafts, and activity sheets.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES | JANUARY 15

CPC Sunday school will resume **January 15, 915a**. Everyone is encouraged to participate each week as it is important for God's people to be immersed in his Word repeatedly and often. Regular exposure to the Scripture places God's Word in our minds and hearts ready for the Holy Spirit to teach, lead, and convict us. Please see page 18 for a list of this semester's classes!

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BBQ FUNDRAISER | JANUARY 15

Please plan to attend a barbecue fundraiser benefiting the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County after the worship service **Sunday, January 15**, until **2p** at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park (445 E. Morrow St.), serving Pok-e-Jo's and all the fixings! You are invited to come & go, dine-in or take it home!

cpc kids snacks

We love having snacks available at our CPC kids table! We want to say thank you to those of you who have given donations, whether monetarily or by donating boxes of individually wrapped snacks, to help keep them available. Thank you so much for your generosity!

daily devotional podcast for 2023

Commit to spend daily time in God's word in 2023, reflecting on his truth and grace so that the eyes of our hearts will be enlightened and so that we might know the hope to which we have been called (Ephesians 1:18). Starting January 2, join Sinclair Ferguson every Monday through Friday for a new daily devotional podcast, *Things Unseen*. Following a new theme each week, we'll see how the eternal truth of God transforms our lives in a world that is passing away.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool – This semester our CPC kids will be learning from the “Show Me Jesus” Curriculum and from the unit “Jesus is God.” They will discover that Jesus’ many miracles were signs that point to Him as God the Son, our Savior. They will find out about his power, learn about his glory, and be taught about his authority.

Elementary – Following our fall study of learning about “Grace in the law” this semester our kids will be introduced to “God’s Design for Worship,” (from the “Show Me Jesus” Curriculum) a hands-on, topical study of tabernacle worship in Exodus and Leviticus and how it was fulfilled in the coming of the promised Savior.

Youth – When we start talking about the big story of the Bible, there’s no better place to start than at the beginning! The book of Genesis introduces us to several of the main characters, events, and themes of the story that God will unfold throughout the rest of the Bible. The song of God’s redemption plays its first notes in Genesis, and we’ll learn to hear its melody as we study together.

Adults – The adult program will again run 2 classes. Please join in the class/topic of your choice.

- ***Biblical Financial Concepts*** – God’s financial principles are about much more than eliminating debt and living on a budget. He knows that we will only experience true purpose and freedom when we understand that we are simply stewards of everything he’s entrusted to us. This class is designed to present managing your money from a Biblical perspective. The class will use the Bible as our primary resource supplemented with material from Larry Burkett and Randy Alcorn’s book, *Money Possessions and Eternity*. Led by Gary and Jan Britigan.
- ***Leadership and Faith in the Home and Church*** (12 weeks) & ***Christian Worldview*** (6 weeks) – God calls all of his people to exert leadership and influence within our circles of existence. This class will look at God’s call to rule and dominion, and the required basis of faith, in both the circles of the Home and the church. The discussion will focus on informal leadership influences of everyone (not just elected male leadership) and be led by Lane Joffrion. For the final six weeks of the spring, the class will cover the basic concepts of Christian worldview or how to think of the world around us as Christians and through the lens of Holy Scripture. Led by Daniel McDowell.