
 preparing our hearts

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
 for my hope is from him.
 He only is my rock and my salvation,
 my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
 On God rests my salvation and my glory;
 my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
 pour out your heart before him;
 God is a refuge for us.

– Psalm 62:5-8 ESV

 ** call to worship

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

All: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Leader: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

All: They sing praises to your name.

– Psalm 66:1-2, 4 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: Father in heaven, by your mercy grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. Your love never fails, and we are truly your beloved, because of your Son and through your Spirit. Visit us today with your grace that pulls us ever forward toward our heavenly home. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

– Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, "Continual Repentance"

THE NICENE CREED

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE (PSALM 62)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me;
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me. *

* *Chorus:*

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing: my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever. *

O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

– Psalm 32:5b-6 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **O Merciful and Loving God,**
Cause me to fear and tremble before the might of your Name,
To regard with trembling the blazing fire of your holiness,
That I may regret my sin as I ought,
For I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;
I have fallen short in my understanding, in my desires, in my plans.
Far be it from me to run from your purifying fire,
For there alone will I find salvation and hope,
For as I draw near, I see that Christ was offered up for my guilt,
And the Son of God was engulfed for my sin,
Then I will know what you have revealed from the beginning:
The Lord, who is a consuming fire, is with me, and yet I am not consumed.
In Jesus’ precious name I pray, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: 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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

– Psalm 103:11-13 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with his light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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Leader: Isaiah 55:1-9
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.

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 while being careful to practice safe social distancing.

about our guest speaker | **GREG GROOMS**

Please welcome back Rev. Greg Grooms to CPC. Greg is a PCA teaching elder and the director of the Hill House Christian Study Center, a college ministry at the University of Texas in Austin. Standing in the tradition of Francis Schaeffer and C.S. Lewis, Hill House seeks to recover a tradition of Christian living and scholarship that takes both the Bible and contemporary culture seriously. Greg is married to Mary Jane, and they have five grown children.

Series | “The Glory of Christ in the Life of the Church”

January 31, 2021

Sermon | “Forgiveness”

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 ESV | 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

– Romans 6:12-14_{ESV}

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.

Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer.

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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24 ESV

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, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: Thank you, Father, for making Christ known to us in the bread that is broken and the cup that is filled. May this meal now enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. May this witness to Christ’s death draw others into fellowship with him so that all your children will be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. 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, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.

As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#) or depositing your offering in the box with the deacon.

Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.

ALL MUST BE WELL

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
Yes, in living or in dying, all must be well

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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.

INTRO TO CPC | RSVP TODAY

If you would like to know more about what we believe and what we aim to do – this class is for you! The class is required to become a member and is being offered via Zoom over three Sundays: **February 7, 14, and 21, 930a**. To complete the class you must attend all three days. The first two classes are 60 minutes and the third is 90 minutes. **Today is the last day to RSVP, so e-mail Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) to add your name to the list.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS | DUE TODAY

Members – One of the great ways you can love CPC is by helping us identify godly men to serve our church as elders or deacons. Pick up a nomination card on the bulletin table and submit your completed form **today**. Descriptions of qualifications and responsibilities for officers of the church can be found on the same table. If you attend service via Zoom, **you may e-mail your nomination to office@cpcgeorgetown.org**.

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE | TODAY

At the end of the worship service there will be a brief financial update from the Session. We will review the church's finances for the first six months of the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) and reflect on the outlook for 2021.

baptism service | february 6

Luna, daughter of James & Ira Schell; Eleanor, daughter of Joel & Katie Narwold; Clayton, son of John & Rebecca Saye; and Micaiah, son of Brandon & Anna Flynn will be baptized during a special Saturday afternoon worship service, **February 6, 3p**, at the home of Chris & Jan Windsor. **All are invited but are asked to RSVP** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org). This will be a socially distanced, outdoor event. If there is inclement weather, the service will be held the following week.

read the bible

More than ever, we need to be immersed daily in the truth and hope that God gives us through the Bible. Thanks to the Gospel Coalition, there is a great resource that is available to help us read the Bible more consistently. You can download and print Robert Murray M'Cheyne's reading plan, which will take you through the entire Bible in a year, or you can sign up to receive a daily e-mail (TGC's Read the Bible Newsletter) that will tell you which chapters to read and will be accompanied by a daily devotion from D.A. Carson. **Visit www.thegospelcoalition.org or see the weekly newsletter** for more information.

adult sunday school

Adult Sunday school meets **Sundays at 1030a** via Zoom. This semester's study, "Salt and Light," will look at our call to understand and engage the culture with the gospel. Upcoming topics include:

February 7: Church & Religious Liberty

February 14: Overview of Gathering Storm

February 21: Cultural Apologetics

assistant pastor search

The Session is pleased to announce that a job opening for a new assistant pastor has been posted on the PCA website, and a search committee is being formed to interview candidates over the next few months. If you have input or questions, **please contact Gary Britigan** (gary_britigan@yahoo.com).