

LENT | *The season of Lent is traditionally the season to prepare for the memorial of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. This preparation involves especially examining our devotion to Christ. As such, we lay aside through repentance both our sins and even, for a time, good things that sometimes compete for our love and trust. Instead, we intentionally pursue, even with sacrifice and effort, all things that remind our hearts that we are united to Christ and that we belong to no other.*

preparing our hearts

God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present help in trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
 though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea [...]

The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.

– Psalm 46:1-2, 7 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

All: **My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

All: **In your name I will lift up my hands.**

– Psalm 63:1-4 ESV

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
 in the beginning, is now, and ever will be.

All: **Amen.**

** Please stand if you are able

COME, YE SINNERS

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan;
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know
the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Leader: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of the heavens and the earth.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

Leader: From dust you brought forth the human race and blessed us in your image. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Leader: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Leader: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory.

All: Hallelujah! Worthy is the Lamb!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. *

** Chorus:*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

— Psalm 139:23-24_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins,
And mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh,
A heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you,
To follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

KYRIE ELEISON†



Leader: Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



All: Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



Leader: Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner,



All: Have mer-cy on me — a sin-ner. —

†*Kyrie Eleison* is transliterated from Greek for “Lord, have mercy.” Public Domain.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

— 1 John 4:10_{ESV}

All: Thanks be to God!

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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Leader: Genesis 3:1-13
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.

Series | “Journey to the Cross: How Jesus Saves”

Sermon | “Temptation”

February 21, 2021

Matthew 4:1-11 ^{ESV} | 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4 But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,”
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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: Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

– 1 Peter 1:13-16_{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.

For Sundays in Lent, please come forward via the inside aisles to receive the elements. Once you've been served, please return to your seat via the outside aisles to reflect and take the elements. If you are not taking the elements, you may come forward and stand with your arms crossed to receive a blessing or simply remain seated.

If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please notify the deacon as he comes to your row. If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. 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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

– From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to 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: 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.

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee;
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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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.

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus says the Lord." *

** Chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood. *

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. *

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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.

MESSINESS OF MOTHERHOOD | FEBRUARY 27

We're so excited to offer a time of community, connection, and encouragement to mothers. Moms, you are training, raising up, educating, and nurturing these children God gave you. We want to encourage you in that! We are honored to have as our speaker for this event a mentor to moms, Ashley White. She has a ministry to homeschoolers and is a mom of three boys. She and her family live in Colorado, but she has some interesting "ed-ventures" she loves to share about. Ashley has a heart to encourage Moms and we welcome her words of wisdom and encouragement! Join us **Saturday, February 27, 1p** via Zoom. An Evite was sent out with the Zoom link or you can find it in the weekly e-mail newsletter.

LET US HELP ONE ANOTHER

We know the past week's weather has presented trying times for a lot of us. As a church family, it is important to remember that we are here to care for each other. Should you ever find yourself in a situation in which you need help (whether physical or spiritual), our online directory provides contact information of members and regular attenders; our elders, deacons, and staff are happy to assist; and the office phone and e-mail (office@cpcgeorgetown.org; (512) 966.9644) are monitored consistently and can direct your requests to the appropriate people.

THE CARING PLACE

The CPC deacons provide monthly support to The Caring Place from the benevolence funds. Here are a few statistics of how The Caring Place assisted families in the Georgetown area in 2020:

- \$574,748 assisted 1,476 people with rent/mortgage
- \$140,294 assisted 947 people with utility bills
- \$95,087 used to purchased food for the Food pantry
- 1,344,965 pounds of food was distributed with a retail value of \$2,246,092
- A total of 7,470 unique individuals served
- A total of 3,898 families served

60% of families served in 2020 had not utilized services in 2019, indicating the very important role The Caring Place is playing during the pandemic. For information on making donations or receiving assistance **go to <https://www.caringplacetx.org/covid-19.html>**. If you have questions, **please contact Debi** (debnewcombe@gmail.com) **or Russ** (rlnewcombe50@gmail.com) **Newcombe**.

conquer group for men

We all know that sexual temptation is rampant in today's world. Sadly, statistics show that sexual dysfunction and pornography use are just as rampant among Christians. While this might be an uncomfortable topic, it's vitally important that we walk in the light and protect ourselves and our families from the effects of sexual sin. The Conquer Group is a place where real struggles, and mutual honesty, are met with fervent prayer, practical solutions, and total confidentiality. **We meet every other week starting around 7p** on GotoMeeting. **Contact James Schell** (wjameschell@gmail.com, (512) 468.1207) **or Jason Crouch** (jcrouchbroker@gmail.com, (512) 796.7653) for details.

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 28: Disenchantment / Reenchantment

March 7: Imagination

March 14: Spring Break

March 21: Reason

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).