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 preparing our hearts

Who is like the LORD our God,  
 who is seated on high,  
 who looks far down  
 on the heavens and the earth?  
 He raises the poor from the dust  
 and lifts the needy from the ash heap[.]

– Psalm 113:5-7<sub>ESV</sub>

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 \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All:** **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**

*Leader:* The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

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

– Psalm 46:4-7<sub>ESV</sub>

## O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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## **\*\* prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous. You are a gracious and merciful God. Therefore, Father, remind us today of your covenant love, open our eyes to see Jesus, and by your Spirit, open your words of life to us today. In Christ's Name we pray, Amen.

— Based on Nehemiah 9:6, 8, 31 ESV

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**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

## JESUS, I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of my sickness into thy health; out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm; out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in thy love; out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* My children, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises everyone whom he receives.

– From Hebrews 12:5-6 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Father of lights,**  
**With whom there is no variation or shadow due to change,**  
**You are eternal and steadfast in your love;**  
**Every day you greet us with new mercies.**  
**Therefore, forgive the impatience of our hearts,**  
**For we grow weary of waiting for the glory to come,**  
**Instead filling ourselves with fleeting pleasures,**  
**And becoming satisfied with temporary measures.**  
**We forsake you because we have not trusted your faithfulness.**  
**But great is your faithfulness, O Lord,**  
**For you have saved us from these sins and many others.**  
**We have not waited, but you have been patient with us.**  
**Therefore, turn our hearts to love you and our eyes to trust in you,**  
**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

– 1 Peter 1:3 ESV

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME (PSALM 51)

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.  
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face.  
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice.  
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to thee.  
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love.  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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*Leader:* Psalm 90:10-17  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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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.**

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\*\* 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 | “The Glory of Christ in the Life of the Church”

Sermon | “Grow Up!”

February 7, 2021

**Ephesians 4:7-16** ESV | 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8 Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

9 (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

1. Why We Grow
2. How We Grow
3. The Goal of Growth

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**\*\* gospel charge**

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

**All:** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

– 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 ESV

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## 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. 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.*

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## 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<sup>ESV</sup>

*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, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.*

## WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

*\* Chorus:*

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together;

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up. \*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid,

For the promised morning – O how long – O God of Jacob be my strength. \*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. \*

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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.*

## LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies  
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,  
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more  
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\* 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.

**SESSION MEETING | TUESDAY**

The Session (CPC's elders) will meet on **Tuesday, February 9, 5-7p**. If you would like to attend either in person or via zoom, **please let us know to expect you by e-mailing Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you have questions or concerns to be addressed but are unable to attend the meeting, please e-mail those to Adrienne or one of the elders.

**OUTDOORS AT THE MOORES' | FEBRUARY 20**

CPC Youth (grades 6-12) - Join us at the Moores' home for dessert and games **Saturday, February 20, 630-8p!** We will be outside, so dress for the weather. **Contact Brandon Flynn** (youth@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions.

**WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Making our service happen on Sundays takes some doing, and a lot is going on behind the scenes. Can you help to make it happen? We are appreciative of our volunteers and don't want to burn them out. We need volunteers for sound and Zoom broadcasting. If you're interested in helping with the sound, **please contact Buddy Lane** (buddylane117@gmail.com). If you'd like to help with the online service, **contact Bob Turner** (robert.charles.turner@gmail.com).

**give & receive facebook group**

Do you have a pile of unwanted items you haven't gotten around to donating? Have you been looking for a specific item that just isn't in the budget? Join the Facebook group **Give and Receive CPC!** Open only to CPC members and attendees, the group gives us a safe place to re-home items we no longer want, share our talents with our church family, and find items or services we need at no cost. **Contact Emily Ferguson via Facebook or e-mail** (emilyferguson08@gmail.com) to join.

**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 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).

**condolences**

Mildred Walden (1924-2021) passed into eternity Wednesday, January 27. We mourn with Jan (Mildred's daughter) & Gary Britigan as those who have a sure hope because of Christ. Please be in prayer for the family.