

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 a special examination of 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 belong to no other.*

preparing our hearts

Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
 In all that he does, he prospers.

— Psalm 1:1-3 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King;
All: I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
All: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

Leader: I will meditate on your wonderful works.
All: They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

— Based on Psalm 145:1-7 NIV

** Please stand if you are able

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

— Deuteronomy 6:4-7 ESV

Leader: What is the First Commandment and what does it require and forbid?

All: The first commandment is, “You shall have no other gods before me.”

The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God as the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

The first commandment forbids denying or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; it also forbids giving of that worship and glory, which is due to him alone, to anyone or anything else.

— *The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English* (trans. David Snoke), Q&A 45-47

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

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renewing our hearts

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

— Joel 2:12-13 ^{ESV}

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O Holy God, in your light we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed.
 We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips;
 We think too highly of ourselves and too little of others.
 We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world
 That we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above.
 Our feet follow the paths of sin;
 We wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness.
 Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life.
 Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy;
 Not because we are worthy but because you are gracious.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

KYRIE ELEISON[†]

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

All: Lord Jesus 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: “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

— Our Lord in Matthew 9:12-13 ESV

All: Thanks be to God for his mercy!

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)



All: From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lam-en-ta-tion;
 To wash a-way the crim-son stain, grace, grace a-lone a-vail-eth;
 There-fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in my own mer-it;
 Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more a-boun-deth;

Lord, turn a gra-cious ear to me and hear my sup-pli-ca-tion;
 Our works, a-las! Are all in vain; in much the best life fail-eth;
 On him my soul shall rest, his word up-holds my fain-ting spi-rit;
 His hel-ping love no li-mit knows, our up-most need it soun-deth.

If thou in-i-qui-ties dost mark, our se-cret sins and mis-deeds dark,
 No man can glo-ry in thy sight, all must a-like con-less thy might,
 His pro-mised mer-cy is my fort, my com-fort and my sweet sup-port;
 Our Shep-herd good and true is he, who will at last his Is-rael free

Men: O who shall stand be-fore thee? O who shall
 And live a-lone by mer-cy. And live a-
 I wait for it with pa-tience. I wait for
 From all their sin and sor-row. From all their

Women: O who shall stand be-fore thee?
 And live a-lone by mer-cy.
 I wait for it with pa-tience.
 From all their sin and sor-row.

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Who shall stand be-fore thee?
 Live a-lone by mer-cy.
 Wait for it with pa-tience.
 All their sin and sor-row.

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Leader: Psalm 19:7-14
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.

Series | “James – Faith Works”

Sermon | “The Commitments of Faith”

March 5, 2023

James 1:19-27 ^{ESV} | 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel affirmation**

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!

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 the carpeted areas to receive the elements. Once you have been served, please take a few moments to reflect and take your elements. When you are done, place your empty cup in the trays provided and return to your seat via the outside aisles. If you are not taking the elements, you may come forward and stand with your arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing from one of the elders, or simply remain seated. 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: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our 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.

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death.
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright;
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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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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Minister: The God of love has shared his love with you.

All: May he strengthen us in our love for others.

Minister: The Son has shared his life with you.

All: May he grant us grace, that we might share our lives.

Minister: The Holy Spirit now dwells in you.

All: May he empower us to live only and always for God's glory.

Minister: Amen.

**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, March 7, 5-7p**. If you would like to attend either in person or via zoom, **please let us know to expect you by emailing Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you have questions or concerns to be addressed but are unable to attend the meeting, please email those to Adrienne or one of the elders.

JUBILEE HELP NEEDED

Havins Jubilee in Brownwood (**March 17-19**) needs critical help on the outside teams! We need helpers to make brown bag lunches, as well as couriers who would be willing to deliver between the First Methodist Church and the Havins Unit. Placemats colored by children are critically low as well. **If you are interested in serving on any of the outside teams, contact Kevin Tanner** (kevinrtanner@gmail.com) or **Ethan Hoke** (ethanfhoke@gmail.com) for more information.

MEN'S GAME NIGHT | MARCH 25

Join your brothers from CPC for an evening of fellowship and friendly competition on **Saturday, March 25, 6p**. This is a great event to bring a friend to as well. All men are welcome! **Please respond to the evite or email James Schell** (wjamesshell@gmail.com) to be added to the evite list or to RSVP.

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP

Join us Sunday, **April 9, 915 to 1015a**, for our Easter Breakfast. We will have good food and fellowship during the Sunday school hour to celebrate our Risen Lord! There is a sign-up sheet in the main hall for items to bring. **Please contact Sherryl Hatz** (sherryl.hatz@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

good friday service | april 7

Please plan to join us **Friday, April 7, 530p** at the **Georgetown Community Center** (445 E. Morrow St. Georgetown, TX 78626) for Good Friday Service.

spring forward

Daylight savings time begins next **Sunday, March 12, 2a**. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour!

sunday school break

Please note that there will be **no Sunday school next Sunday, March 12**, due to spring break. We will reconvene on Sunday, March 19.