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# CHRIST

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### OUR VISION

CPC exists to invite every person in Georgetown and every place we serve into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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**preparing our hearts**

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

– Isaiah 40:7-8<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

**All:** You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

*Leader:* You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;

**All:** From the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.  
You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

– Psalm 71:19-21<sub>ESV</sub>

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

## 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:* Father in heaven, you alone are all-knowing. You alone are perfectly wise. Receive this worship from vessels like us, weak and frail as we are, because it depends not upon us, but upon your worth. Perfect us, though we are slow to move, because it depends not on our will but yours. Grant us your sufficient grace, though our faith is small, because it depends not on our strength, but upon your powerful Spirit. Be our all, for all we offer you must provide. Be our all, for when we have you, we need nothing else. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever and ever. Amen.

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**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.**

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins. \*

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. \*

Jesus! I do now receive him. More than all in him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous – you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God!

– Psalm 7:9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Eternal and Everlasting Father, before all things, you were.  
You are the maker of heaven and earth,  
The author of all of history,  
And the architect of our own lives.  
Forgive us when we forget, though you have written it all around us.  
Forgive us for trusting only our own eyes, for we are near-sighted.  
Forgive the smallness of our vision, for we focus on ourselves.  
Forgive the faithless actions we take, for we are impatient.  
Forgive the foolish thoughts we entertain, for we are unwise.  
Instead, help us fix our eyes on Jesus, who obeyed you when we would not.  
Give us his eyes, for they were set on your plan;  
Give us his mind, for it was set on your people;  
And give us his heart, for it was always and only yours.  
In the great name of Christ Jesus our eternal Savior, we pray,  
Amen**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

**All:** **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace[.] Amen.**

– Ephesians 1:5-7 ESV

## DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise  
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies  
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.  
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet,  
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.  
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

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## scripture reading

*Leader:* Ezekiel 37:1-14  
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

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace.*

*During this time, everyone will be unmuted. When instructed, greet one another, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

Series | “God of All Comfort”

Sermon | “Strength in Affliction”

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**2 Corinthians 4:7-18** <sup>ESV</sup> | 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

1. Where we see strength
2. Where we get strength
3. Where we show strength

*Leader:* Though we cannot receive the sacrament of communion together while worshipping apart, we rejoice that our Lord continues to be present among us and remember Christ Jesus,

**All:** [W]ho, though he was in the form of God,  
Did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
Being born in the likeness of men.  
And being found in human form,  
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
Even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
And bestowed on him the name that is above every name,  
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.

– Philippians 2:6-11 ESV

*Please pray silently, giving thanks for Jesus, our salvation through him,  
and our union with him in life forevermore.*

*Leader:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.  
Amen.

*As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#).*

*Note: Besides placing your offering in the offering plate, all of the [other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.*

## O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast, unmeasured, boundless free.  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love.  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread his praise from shore to shore.  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own.  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; love of every love the best;  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus; 'tis a heaven of heavens to me,  
And it lifts me up to glory for it lifts me up to thee.

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**\*\* benediction**

*Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

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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.