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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



CHRIST

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

...[T]hanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

– 2 Corinthians 2:14^{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

All: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

Leader: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

– Psalm 84:1-2, 4^{ESV}

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways,
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt, and darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: God of wonders, who set the stars and moon in their place, who established the sun and tells it when to rise and fall: Is it not your voice that establishes our days and quiets our spirit? Only your words can fill our souls and quench our thirst. Therefore, come, Father of mercies! Come, Son of God and Word of Life! Come, Holy Spirit, Comforter of our souls! Inhabit the praises of your people, O Great God, and fill us with awe at your power, for there is no other god than Our God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**** 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.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

– 2 Corinthians 5:10_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father in heaven, by your Word,
Which is sharper than any two-edged sword,
Would you discern the thoughts and intentions of my heart?
Pierce my soul with conviction of sin and alert me to any error in me.
For though I know and confess that I am a sinner,
I am yet confounded by my desires and enticed by my flesh.
Thank you that Jesus sympathizes with my weakness,
And that he knows what is required to resist temptation,
Because he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Let me diligently labor as one who will receive the rest Christ has won,
Even as I rest in his good work carried out on my behalf.
Thank you for your abundant mercy and your throne of grace,
And because of Jesus' Name, I offer this prayer to you in faith,
Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21_{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it; mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

On that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed by thee in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away.
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

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scripture reading

Leader: Revelation 21:1-5
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

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 | “Hope in Affliction”

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2 Corinthians 5:1-21 ^{ESV} | 1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened – not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

- 1. The Comfort of the Resurrection**
- 2. The Challenge of the Resurrection**

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.

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure; come disaster, scorn and pain.
In thy service pain is pleasure; with thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father; I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation. Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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**** benediction**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

****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.