
preparing our hearts

As you come to [Christ], a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

– 1 Peter 2:4-5_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

All: **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

All: **My mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

All: **God is a refuge for us.**

– Psalm 62:5-8_{ESV}

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice.
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend. To us he'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Father, you have searched us and known us. You know our coming and our going, and you know our inward thoughts. We cannot hide from you, and therefore we can only come as we are – unworthy and unacceptable because of sin, but welcomed through Christ Jesus, who offered himself for our sake. We therefore come and worship you in his name and by your Spirit according to your gracious will. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

All: I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Leader: What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

All: First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

– *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54 & 55*

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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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Merciful Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.
We confess our selfishness, pride, and fear.
We confess that we have been consumed
By the cares and pleasures of this world.
We confess that we have failed to love you
With our heart, soul, mind, and strength,
And we have failed to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.
We humbly ask for your forgiveness.
Create in us a clean heart and remove our tiredness and our apathy.
We ask you to restore to us the abundant joy of your salvation
And grant us a willing and eager spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, who could stand?

All: **But with you there is forgiveness.**

Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

– Based on Psalm 130:3-4, 1 John 1:9 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 o'er 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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Leader: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
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.

[about our guest speaker | LEE WRIGHT](#)

Lee is originally from Granbury, Texas, and is excited to work with students at UTSA! Lee and his wife Sarah graduated from Covenant Seminary in 2012 with Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Counseling degrees. Lee is in his second year with RUF at UTSA. Before moving to San Antonio, he was the RUF campus minister at UCF in Orlando, Florida, for 6 years. One of the surprising ways the Wrights have seen God at work is seeing the impact of hospitality for students. Serving a large campus, the Wrights have welcomed small groups of students in their home weekly for several years now. The Wright children always enjoy time with their college friends, and students being in the Wright's home seems to ease the ache of anonymity on campus.

Sermon | “Following Jesus”**August 15, 2021**

John 1:35-42_{ESV} | **35** The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” **37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. **38** Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” **39** He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. **40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. **41** He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). **42** He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

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: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

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.*

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^{ESV}

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: Let us pray.

All: O Lord and heavenly Father, when we celebrate and observe this memorial your Son has commended to us, we remember his suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; and we await his coming again with power and great glory. Since your Son Jesus Christ ordained the holy supper to strengthen our faith, we pray that through your Holy Spirit, this supper may increase our faith and enrich our fellowship with Christ. May you also use this proclamation of our Lord’s death and resurrection to bring others into this blessed fellowship, so that all your children may be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Hear us, Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Minister: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

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.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Please join in the song but remain seated until the offering plate passes your seat. Then, as you are able, rise and continue giving praise to the Lord. Other ways to give include giving online or mailing a check to the church office.

ALL MUST BE WELL

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
Yes, in living or in dying, all must be well

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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.

prayer meeting | august 17

Join us for this month's prayer team meeting **Tuesday, August 17, 1p** via Zoom. **Send prayer requests to Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org). All are welcome to join!

session meeting | august 17

The Session (CPC's elders) will meet on **Tuesday, August 17, 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.

MORNING WORSHIP | AUGUST 22

August 22, 1030a will be our first Sunday worshipping at **Dell Pickett Elementary** (1100 Thousand Oaks Blvd). Look for our CPC signs to guide you - we will use the entrance on the left side of the building. The nursery will be open for ages 0-2. We are very excited for this opportunity to return to morning worship and are grateful to Grace Bible Church for their generous hospitality during the last year!

COFFEE AND DONUTS | AUGUST 22

Join us for a brief time of fellowship prior to service, **August 22, 9:45a**, to celebrate our return to morning worship! We will provide coffee and donuts.

cpc kids needs volunteers

We're looking for people who love God and his children to serve in a flexible rotating schedule to teach Sunday School. If you're willing to teach / help in the younger class (3 year olds-Kindergarten) **contact organizer Jan Windsor** (jan.windsor@gmail.com). If you can help organize or teach the older class (Grades 1-5) **contact David Moore** (dinty44@yahoo.com).

journey group for men

Men, are you looking to grow into a more mature, equipped follower of Christ? Do you long for a deeper relationship with the Lord? If so, we would invite you to join the Journey discipleship program. The Journey is more than just a Bible study, it is a tight-knit, small group that comprehensively mentors and encourages in prayer, personal worship, evangelism, doctrine and family life. The program is intensive and requires a time commitment, but you will not regret the investment. We will send an invitation to an informational meeting at the end of August via Evite. Groups will start in September. **Contact David Ensley** (ensley87@gmail.com) for more information.

building what matters

Building What Matters needs you! The Building What Matters Generosity Initiative is moving into full swing in the coming weeks and needs volunteers to help with the remaining preparations and support throughout the initiative. Consider volunteering in the following ways:

- Bill Dewitt is coordinating prayer times for the Generosity Initiative. **Contact Bill** (dewitt.bill@gmail.com) to sign up for a planned prayer time during the initiative.
- Julie Bell is coordinating a church-wide kickoff breakfast and a celebration lunch. **Contact Julie** (juliejacobbell@gmail.com) if you can help plan these events.
- Emily Ferguson is coordinating communication materials. Please **contact Emily** (emilyferguson08@gmail.com) if you can help with designing and printing these materials.
- Adrienne Herron is preparing and packaging documents (letters, devotionals, calendars, Bible Studies, etc.) for distribution to our families. **Email Adrienne** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) if you can help with printing, assembling, or packaging these documents.

If you want to volunteer and don't have a clear idea of what to volunteer for, please **email Lane Joffrion** (lj@2joffs.net) and we will figure it out together. Volunteers are needed to help with the above between now and September 26. Thanks to all of our new and current volunteers!