
prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

preparing our hearts

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

– Psalm 28:7-8_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: We will bless the LORD at all times;
All: His praise shall continually be in our mouths.

Leader: Our soul makes its boast in the LORD;
All: Let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD,
All: And let us exalt his name together!

– Adapted from Psalm 34:1-3_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam –
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along – O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness. O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in their place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Father, we thank you for Jesus your Son, whom you have crowned with glory and honor, the founder of our great salvation, and because of him you have lifted us all. According to your love, through his name, and by your Spirit, visit us today with grace and favor. Amen.

—Adapted from Psalm 8:1, 3-4^{ESV}

** affirmation of faith

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 60

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands; my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

– Galatians 4:8-9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Lord of everlasting covenant, have mercy on us.
We have broken our covenant with you
And have turned our hearts from true worship and loving obedience.
Instead, we have allied ourselves with false gods
And have lived for their false promises.
We live like we belong to this world, rather than to your kingdom.
Forgive us the sins that issue from our wayward hearts –
Sins against you and against our neighbor;
For both by our actions and our attitudes,
And by what we have done and left undone.
But, we thank you, Gracious God, that you grant our pardon
Because of Christ, who kept the covenant perfectly and for our sake.
Grant that we would live in the service and peace of our True King,
Living as citizens of heaven from now until our feet are set there forever.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

– Ezekiel 36:25 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God.**

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE



Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
 Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
 I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
 I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;



Not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 Thy blood a - lone, O lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
 Thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
 And with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
 He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.



Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
 His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;



Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 No strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 Each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

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scripture reading

Leader: Luke 12:13-21, Mark 12:41-44
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.**

building what matters reflection

MOLLY & LARRY BROWN

** 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.

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1 Timothy 6:6-19 ^{ESV} | **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. **8** But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. **9** But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **13** I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, **14** to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** which he will display at the proper time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **16** who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, **19** thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** song of response**

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

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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.*

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.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. *

** Chorus:*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *

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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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

All: (*singing Gloria Patri*)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-

gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING



Lord, dis-miss us— with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound;



Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.



O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, trav - el - ing through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful, to your truth may we be found.

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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.

ATTENTION PARENTS

We are so happy to be back to morning worship! However, there are a few things we need to make note of for this new space:

- Please do not let your child climb on the rock wall in the gym.
- All sports equipment / balls need to be returned to the storage closet.
- Please make sure your child knows not to open the garage overhead door in the gym.
- Keep children away from the stage, storage rooms, and away from the ramp leading to the stage. We have equipment that can hurt them and get damaged. Thank you for your help watching out for our young believers!

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are looking forward to our fall women's Bible study starting the week of September 20. We will have a study on Mondays, 930a, meeting at Pickett Elementary and a study on Thursday evenings. We are excited to study the book *A Place to Belong: Learning to Love the Local Church* by Megan Hill. Please order your books as soon as possible so you will be able to dive into the first chapter for our first meeting. Let us know if you plan to join us for either study and if you will need childcare for the Monday morning study. Questions? **Contact Shelie Moore** (sheliemoore@gmail.com), **Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) **or Ginny Thomas** (ginnythomas10@gmail.com).

the journey group

We can still accept 2-3 more guys for the fall Journey Group. What is The Journey? The Journey is a Gospel centered resource for discipleship that is designed to help a disciple maker develop mature and equipped followers of Christ, who will be able to do the same with others. This group is for men of all ages at any point in their walk with Christ. **Talk to David Ensley** (ensley87@gmail.com) **or James Schell** (wjamesshell@gmail.com) to learn more.

men's retreat at m&m ranch | october 2

Calling ALL men. We will be gathering at David Moore's property in Lometa, **Saturday, October 2** for a day of fellowship. We'll share a meal together, make sure our guns still work, and just hang out. Agenda: free for all. No age restriction on this gathering, the boys are welcome too! We will be enlisting the help of a few guys that think they can cook some meat - we will put your skills to the test. An invitation will be going out in the coming weeks, but for now be sure to SAVE THE DATE.

sunday school

CPC Sunday School for fall 2021 is in full swing at Pickett Elementary, **Sundays, 915a**. Please join us for the following classes:

- **3 years - Kindergarten:** "God, Our Faithful Creator"
- **Grades 1-5:** "Worshiping God: The Joys and Duty of Worship"
- **Grades 6-12:** "Sanctification: Becoming Who We Were Made to Be"
- **Adults:** "John" - Revisit many familiar events in Jesus' life as told by the disciple that Jesus loved. John himself writes of his gospel: "these things were written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."