

**Epiphany Sunday**  
**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



**Cypress Ridge**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

## WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today. We would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you would like more information about our church family, please fill out the information card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We encourage you to check out our website that has more information about our church:

[www.cypressridge-pca.org](http://www.cypressridge-pca.org)

### WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN

1. Children are welcome to worship with us for the whole service. Our service is typically no longer than one hour and 15 minutes and many families find this a manageable time for their young children.
2. We offer children's worship for ages up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Your child will be dismissed near the beginning of our service and brought back before Communion. During the worship time they will have music and a lesson that connects with the sermon theme.
3. A fully staffed nursery is provided every Sunday where your child(ren) can stay for the whole service or parts of the service as you desire. The nursery is for ages 0-23 months.
4. There is a cry room at the back of the sanctuary where you can go with your child for all or part of the service.

If you have any questions concerning child care options, please speak to one of our ushers at the entrance of our sanctuary

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# The LORD Gathers The Nations

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*We believe that God, in His three-fold person of Father, Son, and Spirit, out of His grace and love for humanity calls the world to worship Him. Each week we come not in perfection, but with our troubles and questions. As a Christian community, we meet with God in a special way on the first day of the week. Community worship is vital to a healthy relationship with God.*

## Welcome and Announcements

[Please silence your mobile devices]

## Reflection

As we prepare for worship, we pray, O Lord, that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you.

Excerpt From: Faith Alive Christian Resources. "The Worship sourcebook, Second Edition."

## Preparation and Silent Meditation

### †Call to Worship

*Lamentations 3.22-24*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**

### †Hymn

Your Grace is Enough

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart**

**So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God**

[Hymn continues on next page]

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†Congregation stands

**Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

**Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along**

**So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God**

**Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

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Opening Prayer

Seth Pendergast

†Hymn

This is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought**

**This is my Father's world  
The birds their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world  
He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere**

[Hymn continues on next page]

**This is my Father's world  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the ruler yet  
This is my Father's world  
The battle is not done  
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and Heav'n be one**

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## The LORD Reveals Himself To The World

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*After God calls the nations, He reveals Himself to us. We believe that He primarily does this through the reading and exposition of the Bible. First, we read a section of what is commonly referred to as the Old Testament. Then we read a passage from what is called the New Testament. This helps us see the Bible as a whole book. It tells the story of God's redemptive plan to save His people. We respond to God's revelation with thankful hearts.*

### Prayer for Children

[Children ages 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Church]

[Parents, please notify leaders of any food allergies]

### Old Testament Reading (Bible Page 586)

*Psalms 147.7-11*

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. <sup>9</sup> He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. <sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, <sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

### Gospel Reading (Bible Page 811)

*Matthew 6.25-34*

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than

clothing?<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?<sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

<sup>28</sup> “And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,<sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.<sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?<sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'<sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup> Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Praise be to Christ!**

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

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Notes

†Hymn

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know "Thus saith the Lord"**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
‘Neath the healing, cleansing flood**

(Refrain)

**Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace**

(Refrain)

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## The LORD Forgives Our Sins

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*We respond to God's revelation by acknowledging that we are not perfect. Therefore, we need a savior. That savior is Jesus Christ. He invites us to bring Him all our faults and brokenness. Because of His gracious love, He forgives all our sins.*

†Confession of Sin

*John 3.19*

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Let us prayer our prayer of confession in unison:

**O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to the Christ-child, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and self-centered. Often we lose our way and fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our rebelliousness. Lead us to Jesus so that we may follow the way, the truth and the light. Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

[Silent time of confession]

† Assurance of Pardon

*John 1.9,12*

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ... But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

The blood of Jesus has cleansed you from all your sin.

**Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus.**

*At this point in the service we recognize that not only are we called to be in right fellowship with God, but in right fellowship with one another. Take a few moments to warmly welcome one another. Use this opportunity to ask for forgiveness from our brothers and sisters if any wrong has been committed.*

† Greet One Another in Peace

† Hymn

By Faith

**By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight**

**We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

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## The LORD Calls Us To Trust In Him

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*Once our fellowship has been restored to God and one another, God calls us to live a life of faith. Faith requires prayer. Through prayer we seek His will, trusting that He will do what is best for us. In praying responsively and individually, we show our unity as a community and our need for personal supplication.*

### Congregational Prayer

*1 Timothy 2.1-3*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.

Let us offer our prayers to God.

(Individual prayers may be offered at this time)

Heavenly Father, you have called us to trust in you in all things. Lead us to seek you and your righteousness. Lord Jesus, we thank you for coming into our lives. Thank you for teaching us to pray:

**Our Father, Who art 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,  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power,  
And the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Another element of worship is returning to God and His work a portion of our material possessions as tithes and offerings. We ask Him to use the generosity of His people to continue and to advance the work of His church.*

### Offering

## The LORD Communes With His People

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*The climax of our worship with God is sitting at a Table with Him. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. God has moved us from death to life, from darkness to light, and from separation to communion. Please see page 2 for questions about participation.*

†Hymn

Remembrance

**Oh, how could it be  
That my God would welcome me  
Into this mystery?  
Say, 'eat this bread, take this wine'  
Now the simple made divine  
For any to receive**

**By Your mercy  
We come to Your table  
By Your grace  
You are making us faithful**

**Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation  
We remember You**

**See his body, His blood  
Know that He has overcome  
Every trial we will face  
None too lost to be saved  
None too broken or ashamed  
All are welcome in this place**

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Distribution of the Bread and Cup

## The LORD Sends Us Out Into The World

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*God does not save us simply from something. He saves us to something ... to be His messengers of redemption to a lost and fallen world. He sends us out redeemed, loved, and with a purpose. We are called to bear witness to what He is doing in our lives where we live, work, and play. Praise be to God!*

†Benediction

*Ephesians 3.20-21*

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Christ has died!**

**Christ has risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

†Benediction hymn

Tri-fold Amen

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SNACK & CHAT:** Please contact Sherry or sign up in the back if you are interested in serving our congregation in this way in 2015.

### **ACTIVITIES RESUME:**

- The Boathouse: January 7
- Men's Discipleship Group: January 7
- Sunday School: January 11
- College and Career Group: January 11
- The Back Porch Group: January 14
- Women's Bible Study: TBD

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Enjoy a wonderful time together as a family on Saturday, January 10 @ 6:30 pm for good movie, Polar Express (rated G). There will be popcorn and hot chocolate provided. If you have not seen this movie (no matter what age you are) you will love it. This is a great time to be with mom, dad, kids and grandparents.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	Prayer in the Pastor's Office.....	9:00 am
	Sunday School .....	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Fellowship.....	11:45 am
	College & Career .....	7:00 pm
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	The Boathouse .....	6:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study .....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Session .....	7:00 pm
Friday		
Saturday	Family Movie Night.....	6:30 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Saturday, January 10

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund thru 12/28/14	Last Week	Y-T-D
Budget	4,983	259,101
Tithes and Offerings	4,321	260,214

## PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer –

- Continued prayers for Wilma Stanchfield
- For the Family Movie Night to be a fun-filled evening where we bring lots of friends to experience our community

Praise –

- For the safe return of our CRPC family from trips/vacations

## JANUARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Bud Othoson

Usher of the Month: Leopold Jean-Bart

Ushers: Ken Harrison  
Bill Kelder  
Stephen Roe  
Garry VanBaren

Greeters: 4 - Sharon Rice & Vicki Jones  
11 - Don & Roxanne Copeland  
18 - Steve & Ellen Thornton  
25 - Joe & Brenda Howell

Nursery: 4 - Preschool: Kim Schmucker & the Kloth's  
Infant: Jaye Hansen  
11 - Preschool: Linda Paris & Ginger Andersen  
Infant: Kim Schmucker

18 - Preschool: Kim Schmucker  
    Infant: TBA  
25 - Preschool: Jaye Hansen & Ellen Thornton  
    Infant: Kim Schmucker

Snacks: 4 - David Holdener  
        11 - Cory & Heather Kloth  
        18 - Gabrielle Jean-Bart  
        25 - Wayne & Jackie Wheeler

Communion: Bill & Edna Kelder

Counters: 4 - Philip Baier & Jon Parmerter  
          11 - Philip Baier & Jon Parmerter  
          18 - Mike Sakko & Ken Harrison  
          25 - Mike Sakko & Ken Harrison

### January Birthdays

- 1/4 Johnny Walker
- 1/13 Akosua Fening
- 1/18 Ginger Andersen
- 1/20 Karyne Jean-Bart
- 1/20 Susan Walker
- 1/25 Millie Williams
- 1/27 Christina Reyes
- 1/29 Joe Howell

### Anniversaries

- 1/20 Charles & Shirley Burkett

## WEEKLY COMMUNION WORSHIP

At Cypress Ridge we believe that the Lord ministers to us in both the hearing of the Word (what we call the ‘sermon’) and the visible Word (what we call ‘communion’ or ‘The Lord’s Table’).

The **Lord’s Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of worship at Cypress Ridge. As we partake of this meal we are reminded of Jesus Christ’s presence with us, his words to do this often in remembrance of him, and as a statement of our faith and trust in him alone for our salvation.

## CHURCH SEASON: Epiphany

Our word epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance,” and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. Epiphany has been observed throughout much of the Western church as occurring on January 6, but because most churches do not mark Epiphany with a midweek service, the celebration of this special day is often associated with the nearest Sunday. In recent years many churches have worked to recover a full celebration that begins at Christmas and ends at Epiphany twelve days later.

## DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Day	Psalm	OT	NT
Mon.	66	Isaiah 63.7-14	1 John 3.1-11
Tues.	46	Isaiah 60.1-9	2 Cor. 4.1-6
Wed.	92	Isaiah 64	1 John 3.13-24
Thurs.	144	Isaiah 65	1 John 4
Fri.	85	Isaiah 66	1 John 5
Sat.	65	Isaiah 42.1-9	2 John

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Corporate Worship 10:30 am

**Senior Pastor: Cory Kloth**

**Pastor of Discipleship & Family Ministries: Tom Luchenbill**