

**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 11<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 infants to 3 years old.
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

**About the Cover:** This painting was painted by a popular artist, Gustave Dore (1832-1883). He was a child prodigy from Strasbourg, France. His first illustrated story was published at the age of 15. Within a year, Dore was the highest paid illustrator in France. Dore's painting of Jesus Preaching on the Mount is a beautiful depiction of the event recorded in Matthew 5-7.

# 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

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

## Preparation and Silent Meditation

### †Call to Worship

*Psalms 146.1-2*

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

**I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

### †Hymn

Hallelujah to My King

**O how strong the power of Jesus' name  
It is stronger than any other name  
How sweet the vict'ry that bore my shame  
Took the burden of my sin away**

**Hallelujah, what a Savior  
I owe everything to Him  
Hallelujah, what a Savior  
Hallelujah to my King**

[Hymn continues on next page]

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†Congregation stands

**O how great the kindness our God has shown  
We were strangers, now we're called His own  
His grace has welcomed the sinner home  
Tender mercies lead us to the throne**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah to my King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah to my King!**

**O what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings  
Through the trials, He will carry me  
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet  
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing**

**Hallelujah, what a Savior  
I owe everything to Him  
Hallelujah, what a Savior  
Hallelujah to my King**

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†Opening Prayer

Seth Pendergast

†Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling, starry host  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast**

**Beautiful savior! Lord of the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.**

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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 656)

*Jeremiah 29.11-14*

For thus says the LORD: ... I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Reading (Bible Page 812)

*Matthew 7.1-12*

“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup> “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup> "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Praise be to Christ!**

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

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Notes

**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**

**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**

(Refrain)

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

(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

*Psalm 79.9*

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;  
And deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have wrongfully judged others. We have not treated others as we want to be treated. Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sins.**

[Silent time of confession]

† Assurance of Pardon

*Romans 8.1-2*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Your sins are forgiven through faith in him.

**Thanks be to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

*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 our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign**

**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

*Psalms 124.8*

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Let us offer our praises and petitions unto the Lord.

(Individual prayers may be offered at this time)

Almighty God, you alone are all powerful and all knowing. Move us from pride to humility. Lead us to love you and love one another. Lord Jesus, thank you for teaching us to pray like this:

**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

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 heav’n 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 to 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 with 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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## 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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** CRPC's Annual meeting will be Sunday, January 25. This meeting is to present vision, plans, and budget for 2015.

- 5:00 – Potluck Dinner. Note: Ham, water, lemonade and decaf coffee will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.
- 6:00 – Congregational Meeting

**CONNECT GROUP:** Tea, Coffee, and Prayer (TCP) Connect Group will begin meeting at the Kloth home on Sunday, February 8 from 6:00-7:00 pm. This connect group's purpose is to pray for the mission, vision, and needs of CRPC.

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

## 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 Back Porch Small Group .....	10:30 am
	The Boathouse .....	6:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study .....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Session .....	7:00 pm
Friday		
Saturday		

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday, January 25

**KIDZ NIGHT OUT:** Wednesday, February 4

**FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK:** Sunday, March 29

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund thru 1/4/15	Last Week	Y-T-D
Budget	5,138	5,138
Tithes and Offerings	8,079	8,079

## PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer –

- Prayer for José Del Valle and his family. His mother unexpectedly passed away Thursday, January 8.
- Continued prayers for Wilma Stanchfield and family.
- Brenda Donnell's recovery from back injury after a fall.

Praise –

- For a fun Family Movie Night!

## 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 & Karen Othoson  
Infant: Kim Schmucker  
18 - Preschool: Kim Schmucker & David Holdener  
Infant: Ginger Andersen  
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

- 1/13 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.	3	Gen. 17.1-22	Rom. 4.1-13
Tues.	5	Gen. 18.1-15	Rom. 4.14-25
Wed.	7	Gen. 18.16-33	Rom. 5.1-11
Thurs.	9	Gen. 19.1-29	Rom. 5.12-21
Fri.	10	Gen. 21.1-21	Rom. 6.1-14
Sat.	16	Gen. 21.22-34	Rom. 6.15-23

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Corporate Worship 10:30 am

**Senior Pastor: Cory Kloth**

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