

March 15, 2015
Fourth Sunday in Lent



Go therefore and make disciples of
all the nations, baptizing them in the
Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them
to observe everything that I have
commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20a
The Great Commission



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

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. Many families find this a manageable time for their young children.

2. 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 thru 3 years old.

3. We offer Children's Worship for ages 4 thru 3rd grade. Your child will be dismissed near the beginning of our service and brought back before Communion. Children's Worship includes music, a lesson, craft, and a light snack.

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: The cover picture captures the mission that Jesus gives all who believe in him for salvation. The CRPC Family believes that the Bible is our only rule of faith and obedience. The Bible teaches us clearly that all Christians and Christian churches are to have a vision for and be supportive of missions from "Jerusalem even to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8), i.e., a vision for reaching people with the Gospel domestically and internationally.

The LORD Gathers The Nations

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

Dear God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.

[Prepare your hearts for worship in silent prayer/meditation]

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

†Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16.23-25a

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

†Hymn

Come People of the Risen King

**Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

[Hymn continues on next page]

†Congregation stands

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age
“Our God is all in all”!**

(Chorus)

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†Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

[Hymn continues on next page]

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Let all things their creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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Prayer for Children

José Del Valle

[Children ages 4 through 3rd grade may leave for Children's Church]

[*Parents, please notify leaders of any food allergies*]

The LORD Reveals Himself To The World

God calls the nations to follow him. He does this primarily through the reading and exposition of his Word which includes the Old and New Testaments. We typically read verses from both testaments to help us see and understand the continuity of God's redemptive plan to save His people. We respond to God's revelation with thankful hearts.

Old Testament Reading (Bible Page 8)

Genesis 12.1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

New Testament Reading (Bible Page 922)

Acts 13.47-48

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Sermon Passage (Bible page 822)

Matthew 16.18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Yarbrough

Notes

**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**

**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**

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave**

(Chorus)

**By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth**

(Chorus)

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name**

(Chorus)

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The LORD Forgives Our Sins

We respond to God's revelation by acknowledging that we are not perfect. Therefore, we need the Savior, 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

Isaiah 1.18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Lord God, hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

[Silent time of confession]

†Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 32.2

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Through faith in our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All glory, honor, and praise be unto God!

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine**

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The LORD Calls Us To Pray

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH, THE MISSION: The Mission is in Winter Haven. It's supported by contributions of churches, groups and individuals. They provide food, clothing, hot meals, teach financial responsibility to families, and offer showers and laundry service for the homeless.

Congregational Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

With the joy of the Lord within our hearts, let us now offer our thanksgivings and intercessions unto the Lord.

(Individual prayers may be offered at this time)

Let us respond in song:

**I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

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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

2 Corinthians 9.7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Special Music

Fred Fening

†Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

**I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all**

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

**Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone**

(Chorus)

**And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat**

(Chorus)

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The LORD Communes With His People

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.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The LORD Sends Us Out Into The World

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

2 Corinthians 13.14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

†Benediction hymn

Tri-fold Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS CONFERENCE: Come tonight and hear about the mission works supported by the CRPC family at home and abroad. Learn how we can participate in extending God's kingdom to the ends of the earth! We will conclude with desserts from "Around the World."

BRIDAL SHOWER: Ladies of CRPC, you are invited to a church-wide shower for Jessica Reyes. Mark your calendars for March 22 @ 2:00 pm at Swan Lee's home. See Flyer.

NO STRINGS POTLUCK: We will have an old fashioned, fun-filled potluck dinner Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 pm. It will be a great time with food, fun, and fellowship. Drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass (entrée, salad, dessert, etc.). It will be fun to see what foods show up. Also, if you'd like, feel free to bring games to play after the potluck (board games, etc.).

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Our Good Friday Service will begin at 6:30 pm. Each year we look forward to gathering together as a family for this special service.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Once again, we will begin our Easter Celebration with a CRPC Family breakfast. Sign up for the food you'd like to bring on the table in the back. Schedule: 9:00 arrive with food. We'll eat at 9:15

AMAZONSMILE: CRPC is now registered at AmazonSmile. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases when you shop at *smile.amazon.com*.

SNACK & CHAT: Please sign up on the table in the Fellowship Area if you are interested in serving our congregation in this way.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Missions Night.....	6:00 pm
Monday	Women's Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study.....	9:30 am
Wednesday	The Back Porch Small Group.....	10:30 am
	The Boathouse	6:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday	Strategic Planning/Session.....	6:30 pm
Friday		
Saturday	Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MISSIONS CONFERENCE:** Sunday, March 15
- BRIDAL SHOWER:** Sunday, March 22
- FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK:** Sunday, March 29
- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Friday, April 3
- EGGZTRAVAGANZA:** Saturday, April 4
- EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST:** Sunday, April 5

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund thru 3/8/15	Last Week	Y-T-D
Targeted Budget for 2015	5,135	51,346
Tithes & Offerings	5,522	52,159

PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer –

- For complete healing for Clyde Heath.

Praise –

- Thank God for providing so many volunteers in the Children's and Early Childhood Ministries.

MARCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Don Paris

Usher of the Month: Charles Burkett

Ushers: Bob Baker
Paul Pletcher
Garry Van Baren
Steve Thornton

Communion: Don & Roxanne Copeland

Greeters: 15 - Bud & Karen Othoson
22 - Swan & Katie Lee
29 - Don & Roxanne Copeland

Nursery: 15 - Preschool: David Holdener & Karen Othoson
Infant: Renae Anderson
22 - Preschool: Kim Schmucker & Carla Howell
- Infant: Ellen Thornton
29 - Preschool: David Holdener & Ginger Andersen
- Infant: Betty Jones

Snacks: 15 - Ginger Andersen & Mary Jones
22 - Gabrielle Jean-Bart
29 - 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School Class

Counters: 15 - Charles Burkett & Ken Harrison
22 - Charles Burkett & Ken Harrison
29 - Charles Burkett & Ken Harrison

March Birthdays

3/22 Ross Keffer
3/22 Patty Smith
3/23 Kimberly Reyes
3/24 Liam Howell
3/26 Mary Jones

March Anniversaries

3/29 Bruce & Jaye Hansen

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: LENT

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection. In practice, many congregations choose to focus on themes of repentance and renewal. The colors of Lent are traditionally purple and black.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Day	Psalm	OT	NT
Mon.	18:1-20	Gen. 18:1-15	Mark 9:38-49
Tues.	18:21-36	Gen. 18:16-21	Mark 10:1-16
Wed.	19	Gen. 18:22-33	Mark 10:17-31
Thurs.	20	Gen. 19:1-11	Mark 10:32-45
Fri.	21	Gen. 19:12-22	Mark 10:46-52
Sat.	22:1-15	Gen. 19:23-38	Mark 11:1-11

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Sunday School @ 9:15 am
Corporate Worship @ 10:30 am

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