

March 22, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Lent



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 French artist who painted this portrait is James Tissot (1836-1902). This artwork is of Jesus teaching the people and preaching the Good News in the temple.

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

Heavenly Father, may our praises and prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

†Call to Worship

Psalm 34.1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

†Hymn

Forever

**Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise**

[Hymn continues on next page]

†Congregation stands

**With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever, forever (2X)**

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise**

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†Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To my glorious rest above

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth, ever loveth
Changeth never, nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth
Watcheth o'er them from the throne**

[Hymn continues on next page]

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee. Amen.**

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Prayer for Children

[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 494)

Psalm 86.11-13

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

New Testament Reading (Bible Page 848)

Mark 12.13-17

¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?"

¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.” ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled at him.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Notes

†Hymn

No Sacrifice

**To you I give my life
Not just the parts I want to
To You I sacrifice
These dreams that I hold onto**

**Your thoughts are higher than mine
Your words are deeper than mine
Your love is stronger than mine
This is no sacrifice, here's my life**

**To You I give the gifts
Your love has given me
How can I hoard the treasures
That You designed for free?**

**To You I give my future
As long as it may last
To You I give my present
To You I give my past**

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†Hymn

I Surrender All

**All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust him
In His presence daily live**

**I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all**

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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

Joel 2.13

Rend your hearts and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God,

For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;

and he relents over disaster.

Let us then confess our sins unto God, our Maker:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

[Silent time of confession]

†Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 103.8, 12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Children of God, through Jesus the Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

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

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life**

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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.

Let us offer our praises, prayers, and petitions to the Lord.

(Individual prayers may be offered at this time)

Ever-faithful God, you have knit together as one body in Christ those who have been your people in all times and places. Keep us in communion with all your saints, following their example of faith and life, until that day when all your saints will dwell together in the joy of your eternal kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**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

Hebrews 13.16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

†Hymn

Speak, O Lord

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

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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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting today at 12:00 noon to vote on the motion to elect Tom Luchenbill as CRPC's next pastor.

BRIDAL SHOWER: Ladies of CRPC, you are invited to a church-wide shower for Jessica Reyes. It takes place today @ 2:00 pm at Swan Lee's home at 130 Wyndham Dr., WH 33884.

ORDINATION OF CHARLES BURKETT: During next Sunday's Worship Service, March 29, Charles Burkett will be ordained as a Deacon of CRPC.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: See p. 14-15

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.).

THE BACKPORCH GROUP: We will not meet April 1, but will have our last time together April 8. We will resume in the fall.

KIDZ NIGHT OUT: April 1 will be a special Easter themed evening. Be sure to come ... and bring a friend or two!!!

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 EGGZTRAVAGANZA: Join us at CRPC on April 4 for an eggztraordinary time! Egg hunt, Bounce House, Balloon Artist and more! For Toddlers thru 5th Grade. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors ... it'll be eggzelently fun morning!!!

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

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 School9:15 am Worship.....10:30 am Congregational Meeting..... 12:00 pm
Monday	Women’s Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Women’s Bible Study.....9:30 am
Wednesday	The Back Porch Small Group10:30 am The Boathouse 6:00 pm Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Men’s Sunrise Bible Study7:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

- BRIDAL SHOWER: SUNDAY, MARCH 22**
FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK: SUNDAY, MARCH 29
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: FRIDAY, APRIL 3
EGGZTRAVAGANZA: SATURDAY, APRIL 4
EASTER BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, APRIL 5

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund thru 3/15/15	Last Week	Y-T-D
Targeted Budget for 2015	5,135	56,481
Tithes & Offerings	3,993	56,152

PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer –

- For God to raise up men to joyfully serve in leadership.

Praise –

- That the Lord has put His love into the heart’s of the CRPC Family and the desire to serve Him and His people.

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: 22 - Don & Roxanne Copeland
29 - Swan & Katie Lee

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

Snacks: 22 - Gabrielle Jean-Bart
29 - 3-5th Grade Sunday School Class

Counters: 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

APRIL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Jim Andersen

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Ushers: Don Copeland, Alan Jostes, Bruce Hansen, and Mike Sakko

Communion: Mike & Sherry Sakko

Greeters: 5 - Don & Linda Paris
12 - Bruce & Jaye Hansen
19 - Bill & Edna Kelder
26 - Steve & Ellen Thornton

Nursery: 5 - Preschool: Jaye Hansen & TBD
Infant: TBD
12 - Preschool: TBD
- Infant: Kara Jostes
19 - Preschool: David Holdener & TBD
- Infant: TBD
26 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
Infant: Amber Smith

Snacks: 5 - Easter
12 -
19 - Sharon Rice
26 -

Counters: 5 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
12 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
19 - Charles Burkett & Josh Howell
26 - Charles Burkett & Josh Howell

April Birthdays

4/11 Ellen Thornton
4/11 Frank Kockler
4/19 Bud Othoson
4/22 Jessie Schmucker
4/23 Paul Pletcher
4/30 José Del Valle

April Anniversaries

4/1 Terry & Kim Schmucker
4/16 Wayne & Jackie Wheeler

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.	22:16-31	Gen. 20:1-18	Mark 11:12-19
Tues.	23	Gen. 21:1-21	Mark 11:20-33
Wed.	24	Gen. 21:22-34	Mark 12:1-12
Thurs.	25:1-10	Gen. 22:1-19	Mark 12:13-34
Fri.	25:11-22	Gen. 23:1-9	Mark 12:35-44
Sat.	26	Gen. 23:10-20	Mark 13:1-13

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

We believe the New Testament establishes two offices for the church: Elders (also called overseers or bishops) and deacons. The church is lead through the officers it elects as they seek to follow the Lord in all things. Therefore, nominating and electing men that are qualified and “called” to these offices is a very important duty of the congregation.

The PCA’s Book of Church Order has established a method for choosing new officers.

First, the Session opens nominations. The CRPC’s Session has established April as the month to nominate men for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Our Session is asking CRPC’s members to begin prayerfully reading scriptures pertaining to the offices of Elder and Deacon. The following scriptures are helpful: 2 Timothy 3:1-13 (printed below), Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Acts 6:1-7.

Second, in April, CRPC’s members are to approach men who they believe are qualified to serve in one of the offices, seeking their approval to nominate them. If the man (men) agrees, CRPC members are then to submit a signed note with the nominees name(s) to the Session.

Third, the elders will begin the training process with the nominees. The training process includes teaching and training nominees in areas such as theology, evangelism, leadership, and congregational care.

Fourth, after the teaching and training is concluded, the elders will examine the men for readiness to serve. Those ready to serve will be presented to the congregation. The congregation will then vote on a motion to elect the new officers. This will be in the early fall.

I Timothy 3:1-13:

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer (elder), he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of

money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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Sunday School @ 9:15 am

Corporate Worship @ 10:30 am

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