

November 29, 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 Cypress Ridge Church. If you would like more information about the CRPC 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 which has more information about our church:
www.cypressridge-pca.org

WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN

1. Children are welcome to remain in the Worship Center for the entire service. Typically, our service is no longer than one hour and 15 minutes.
2. There is a fully staffed nursery and pre-school room. The nursery is for infants thru 1 year olds. The pre-school room is for 2-3 year olds.
3. Because children are so important to the Lord and to us, children of all ages are invited to come forward for prayer near the beginning of our worship service.
4. Following the Children's Prayer, children may return to their seats or go to Children's Worship.
5. Children's Worship is offered for those from age 4 thru 3rd grade. CW includes music, Bible teaching, craft, and a light snack. Children are brought back to the Worship Center before Communion.
6. There is a cry room at the back of the Worship Center where parents can take their child(ren) during the service.

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

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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

[Please silence your mobile devices]

Reflection

*Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble
for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near,*

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

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Lighting of Advent Candle

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us!

And we are filled with joy!

Our God has turned our weeping into singing, our tears into songs of joy!

O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day.

†Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Come, thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of every longing heart**

**Born thy people to deliver
Born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne**

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†Hymn

Come Christians Join to Sing

**Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice; before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore; His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore; Alleluia! 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 the Bible as contained in 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.

Old Testament Reading (Pew Bible p. 602)

Isaiah 42:1-4

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

New Testament Reading (Pew Bible p. 855)

Luke 1:5-25

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be

afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple.²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.²³ And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying,²⁵ "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

†Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our Spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight**

(Chorus)

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go**

(Chorus)

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
Fill all the world with heaven's peace**

(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 54:7-8

For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

With assurance of his presence with us, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O promised Christ: In our sinful ways, we are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises. Our only hope of doing your will is by the Spirit leading and guiding us. Lord Jesus, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

[Silent time of confession]

† Assurance of Pardon

Based on Luke 2:14

People of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate, the Lord has redeemed us! In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.

Glory to God in the highest!

† Greet One Another in Peace

† Gathering Song

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born (3x)**

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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.

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH: Our missionaries for the month of November are Ian and Heather Jones. They are involved in a school to train pastors in West Africa which can be a dangerous area. The school now has 20 students from all over the country. Many others are coming to Christ. Ian is leading a Bible study for young men and has asked for prayer that it will be well received. Pray for peace in this country and for the present election.

Congregational Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Heavenly Father, guide us by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[Individual prayers may be offered at this time]

Elder Prayer

Elder Jim Andersen

Choral Response

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

**O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord**

Text: Traditional; Music: Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751; © 1986 Word Music; UBP CCLI#3938781

The LORD Provides Our Daily Bread

Worship includes returning to our most generous God a portion of that which he has blessed us with 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

Psalm 96:8-9

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Offertory Prayer

Elder Jim Andersen

†Hymn

I Wonder as I Wander

**I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor orn'ry people like you and like I
I wonder as I wander out under the sky**

**When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all
But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall
The promise of ages it then did recall**

**If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King**

Composer, John Jacob Niles 1933, arranged by G. Schirmer in 1934. UBP CCLI#3038781

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRPC FAMILY BRIDAL SHOWER: All women are invited to the bridal shower for Amber Smith today following the worship service, in the Adult Sunday School room. There will be a luncheon provided at 12:15 pm followed by the bridal shower.

Note: Jerrod and Amber are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

BACK PORCH GROUP: "The Back Porch Connect Group" has been re designated "The Back Room Connect Group" and will begin meeting this Wed. morning from 10:30-12:00 pm at the Church in Room 111. Our focus is the previous Sunday's sermon and Don Copeland will be our discussion leader. ALL are WELCOME to join us. Come for lively fellowship with the Lord and each other.

VISITOR CARD: If you are a visitor please fill out the cards you see on the shelf of the seat in front of you.

4th ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Come join us for an evening of laughter, music, fellowship, entertainment and festive foods....Bring Friends and enjoy our kick-off for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

Monday evening, December 7th at 7:00 pm.
(All women 13 years and older are welcome!)

KIDZ NIGHT OUT FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Inviting our Nursery-6th graders to bring their families for our annual KNO Christmas Party December 9, 6-7:30 . Get ready for crafts, games, snacks and fun!

CRPC CAROLING EVENT: Our traditional Caroling event at Brookdale is December 20 in lieu of Sunday School. Time is 9:15 am. Everyone, young and old are welcome and encouraged to participate. Help us to give the joy of Christmas to those who appreciate it most.

THE BOATHOUSE NEXT UPCOMING EVENT: Friday, December 18 will be The Boathouse Christmas Banquet.

MERCY FUND SUNDAY: Today we are collecting for the Mercy Fund. This fund is used to assist both those in the congregation with special needs and also in the community. There is a special envelope in the bulletin for this purpose.

THE MISSION: We are collecting food and personal items for The Mission in downtown Winter Haven. There is a basket in the back for these items. They need the following:

Kid-friendly foods	Boxed Cereals
Pasta	Canned meats
Chef Boyardee	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Mac & Cheese	Mashed Potatoes
Razors	Deodorant
Bibles	Adult & Children's clothing (in good condition)

MISSIONARY LETTER: We received a letter from David and Marcia Jones. Copies are on the back table if you wish to take one.

DEVOTIONAL OPTIONS: CRPC supplies two different devotional guides. Tabletalk from Ligonier Ministries and Our Daily Bread.

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 No Sunday School
 Worship..... 10:30 am

Monday Women’s Bible Study 7:00 pm

Tuesday Women’s Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Worship Team Practice..... 5:00 pm
 The Boathouse 6:00 pm
 Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm

Thursday

Friday

Saturday Men’s Sunrise Bible Study 7:00 am
 Men’s Bible Study (at Brookdale) 8:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

BACK ROOM CONNECT GROUP BEGINS: DECEMBER 2
WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: DECEMBER 7
KIDZ NIGHT OUT FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER 9
THE BOATHOUSE CHRISTMAS BANQUET: DECEMBER 18
CRPC CAROLING EVENT AT BROOKDALE: DECEMBER 20

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund	Wk. of 11/22	Y-T-D
Actual Budget for 2015	4,538	213,308
* Target Budget for 2015	4,808	225,962
Tithes & Offerings Received	3,734	217,188

* Target Budget would allow us to expand ministries at CRPC.

PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer - For those unable to be with their families during the holiday season.

Praise - For the greatest gift of all, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Don Paris

Usher of the Month: Charles Burkett

Ushers: Tom Floyd
Don Copeland
Garry Van Baren
Bob Baker

Greeters: 29 - Frank & Terry Kockler

Nursery: 29 - Preschool: Betty Parmerter
Infant: Kim Schmucker

Snacks: 29 - Betty & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Sharon Rice & Vicki Jones

Counters: 29 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Birthdays

11/29	Jaye Hansen
11/29	Savannah Reyes
11/30	Fred Fening
11/30	Michael Sakko

DECEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Jim Andersen

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Ushers: Johnny Brown
Tim Holdener
Paul Pletcher
Steve Thornton

Greeters: 6 - Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart
13 - Bill & Edna Kelder
20 - Wayne & Renae Anderson
27 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones

Nursery: 6 - Preschool: Ellen Thornton
Infant: Sheryl Bachelord
13 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen
Infant: Betty Parmerter
20 - Preschool: TBD
Infant: TBD
27 - Preschool: Dave Holdener
Infant: Amber May

Snacks: 6 - Mizza & José Del Valle
13 - TBD
20 - Terry & Frank Kockler
27 - TBD

Communion: Garry & Walita Van Baren

Counters: 6 - Jon Parmerter & Charles Burkett
13 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
20 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
27 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Birthdays

12/1	Jessica Holdener	12/13	Amber Smith
12/2	Charles Burkett	12/14	Ruby Smith
12/4	Bob Baker	12/17	Donna Luchenbill
12/7	Sharon Rice	12/20	Barb Luchenbill
12/9	Sandy Luchenbill		

Anniversaries

12/8	Tom & Sandy Luchenbill
12/20	Don & Linda Paris
12/20	Frank & Terry Kockler
12/24	David & Carolyn Holdener
12/27	Wayne & Renae Anderson
12/30	Clyde & Marlene Heath

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Corporate Worship @ 10:30 am

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