



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 6, 2015

WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. It is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and grace. This folder will guide you as we worship together.

OUR PURPOSE

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to be a God centered, worshipping community that disciples God's people and extends God's kingdom.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America: www.pcanet.org

VISITOR/PRAYER REQUEST CARD

Visitors: We would like to get to know you. Therefore, we ask that you please fill out the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate. If you'd like additional information about CRPC, we encourage you to look at our website for further information. Website is: www.cypressridge-pca.org.

Prayer Requests: After recording your prayer requests, please place the card in the offering plate.

CHILDREN

We offer numerous options for children during worship:

- Children are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service. (Approximately one hour and 15 minutes.)
- There is a nursery and pre-school room. The nursery is for infants thru 1 year olds. The pre-school room is for 2-3 year olds.
- Children's Prayer: Children of all ages will be invited to come forward for prayer during our worship service. After the prayer, children may return to their seats or go to Children's Worship.
- Children's Worship is offered for those from age 4 thru 3rd grade. Children return to the Sanctuary before Communion.
- There is a cry room at the back of the Sanctuary where parents can take their child(ren) during the service.

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

(All music used by permission CCLI #3038781)

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection

We should ask God to increase our hope when it is small, awaken it when it is dormant, confirm it when it is wavering, strengthen it when it is weak, and raise it up when it is overthrown. – John Calvin

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Parmerter Family

Call to Worship

Psalm 134

Leader: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Response: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

Unison: May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Words and Music by James Montgomery and Henry T. Smart.

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King*

[Hymn continues on next page]

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light

*Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear

Chorus

Angels We have Heard on High

Words and music are a Traditional French carol

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song

Chorus

Come to Bethlehem, and see; Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee; Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus

See within a manger laid; Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid; with us sing our Savior's birth

Chorus

Prayer for Children

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

THE LORD REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE WORLD

God calls the nations to follow him primarily through the reading and exposition of His inspired, infallible, and inerrant word as contained in the Old and New Testaments. To help us see and understand the continuity of God's redemptive plan to save His people, each week we read from the Old and New Testaments.

Old Testament Reading (Pew Bible p. 609)

Isaiah 49:5-7

⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him-- for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- ⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

New Testament Reading (Pew Bible p. 855)

Luke 1:26-38

¹ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in

her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Notes

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words and Music by Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel

Chorus

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth

Chorus

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

Psalm 139:23-24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession of our sins.

Unison: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Through the mercy of God, our sins are forgiven.

Unison: Praise be to our God!

Greet One Another in Peace

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Authors, John W. Work II & Bill Wolaver

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born

THE LORD CALLS US TO PRAY

*God calls us to pray. Through prayer we seek His good and perfect will. Our prayer time includes praying for our **Mission of the Month:** The mission for the month of December is the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. This fund is to provide for the widows of our pastors and missionaries. It shows that the body of Christ they served faithfully have not forgotten them.*

Congregational Prayer

Psalm 4:1

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

[We now offer our individual prayers of thanksgiving and intercession]

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Text: Traditional; Music: Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

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

THE LORD PROVIDES OUR DAILY BREAD

Worship includes 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

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

What Child is This

Words are a Traditional English carol; Music by W. Sandy's Christmas Carols

What Child is this, who, laid to rest; on Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping

*This, this is Christ the King; whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud; the Babe, the Son of Mary*

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here; the silent Word is pleading

*This, this is Christ the King; whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud; the Babe, the Son of Mary*

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him

Chorus

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

The climax of our worship is sitting at the Table with the Lord. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. As the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus' sacrifice reconciled us to the Father so that we are in a right relationship with him.

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.

Unison Response:

Christ has died!
Christ has risen!
Christ will come again!!!

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School Classes** for all ages, weekly @ 9:15 am
- **Fellowship and Snacks** following our worship services
- **College and Career D-Group** at the Luchenbill's @ 7:00 pm

THIS WEEK ...

- **Women's Christmas Celebration** – Monday evening @ 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:45). All women 13 years and older are invited to an evening of laughter, music, fellowship, and festive snacks (desserts and more).
 - Assistance is needed following the worship to set up for WCC.
- **The Back Room Connect Group** – Wednesday weekly @ CRPC from 10:30-Noon. Following a time of fellowship, Don Copeland leads a time of discussion regarding Sunday's sermon.
- **Worship Team Rehearsal** – Wednesday @ 5:00 pm
- **The Boathouse** – Wednesday @ 6:00 pm youth from 7-12th grades gather for a time of fun, food, fellowship, and discipleship.
- **Kids Night Out Family Christmas Party** – Wednesday @ 6:00 (till 7:30 pm) Nursery through 6th graders are having their Annual KNO Christmas Party. All family members are invited to join in the festivities. There will be much fun. Laughter will echo down the hallways as they participate with crafts, games, & snacks!
- **Men's Sunrise Bible Study at CRPC** – Saturday @ 7:00 am
- **Men's Bible Study (at Brookdale)** – Saturday @ 8:00 am
- **Sunday School Class** – Pastor Victor Atallah, brother of Farid Atallah and General Director of Middle East Reformed Fellowship in Larnaca, Cyprus, will address our Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes next Sunday regarding what God is doing in Arab and Muslim lands.

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **The Boathouse Christmas Banquet** – Friday, December 18. Details TBA. Mark your calendars for a special evening! Great Food ... Great Fun!!!
- **Christmas Caroling at Brookdale** – Sunday, December 20 @ 9:15. Come and join the Sunday School classes as we sing carols to our neighbors at Brookdale. It will be a blessed time.
- **Christmas Eve Service** – Thursday, December 24 @ 6:30 pm

FYI ...

- **Daily Devotionals** – Tabletalk magazine and the Our Daily Bread booklets are available.
- **Church Directories** are available at the information center.
- **No Sunday School** December 20th because we will be caroling at Brookdale.
- **Snacks** – Please sign up at the Coffee Bar if you'd like to serve the CRPC family by providing snacks during our fellowship time.
- **God's provision from November 29:**
General Fund Giving: **\$2,740.31**
YTD to General Fund: **\$219,928**
YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$217,846**
YTD Targeted Budget: **\$230,769**

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

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 Bacheldor
13 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen
Infant: Betty Parmerter
20 - Preschool: Shirley Burkett
Infant: Kara Jostes
27 - Preschool: Dave Holdener
Infant: Amber Smith

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

Communion: Garry & Walita Van Baren

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

Birthdays

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