



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 20, 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, worshiping 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/PRAAYER 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

Everlasting God, your Son is the light of the world.

Your Son is the way, the truth, and the life. Lead us by your light and truth.

Looking for Jesus, let us find him. Looked for by Jesus, we are found first. Amen.

From: Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reyes Family

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Response: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

Response: His greatness is unsearchable.

Joy to the World

Words and music by Isaac Watts, 1719

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ
While fields and floods; rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make, His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Old Testament Reading (Pew Bible p. 779)

Micah 5:2-4

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words by Phillips Brooks & Music by Lewis H. Redner

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together, proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem; descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us; our Lord Emmanuel.

New Testament Reading (Pew Bible p. 857)

Luke 2:1-20

¹⁸ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled

with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

The First Noel

Words: Unknown. Music Traditional English Carol

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.

Chorus

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Chorus

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

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

Isaiah 30:18

Leader: Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

In faith, let us confess our sins to the LORD.

Unison: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that too often we stray from your ways and follow our ways. At times, we are misled by pride, thinking too much of ourselves and too little of you. Your love for us never fails, yet our tendency is to cling to things of this world. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. May the Holy Spirit guide our hearts to follow in the paths of your righteousness. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

In Christ we are forgiven!

Response: Thanks be 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**: December's mission of the month is the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. This fund provides for the widows of our pastors and missionaries. It shows that the body of Christ they served has not forgotten them.*

Congregational Prayer

James 5:13-14

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

[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

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

Anna Bacheldor
A Communion Hymn for Christmas

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

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

CRPC Sextet

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **CRPC Sunday School Classes** caroled at Brookdale.
- **Congregational Meeting** today following the worship service
The purpose is to vote to elect Paul Bacheldor to the office of Elder and to serve on the Session and to elect Deacon David Holdener to serve on the Diaconate.
- **Fellowship and Snacks** following our worship services

THIS WEEK ...

- **Christmas Eve Service** – Thursday, December 24 @ 6:30 pm
- **Men's Sunrise Bible Study at CRPC** – Saturday @ 7:00 am
- **Men's Bible Study at Brookdale** – Saturday @ 8:00 am

ON THE HORIZON ...

The following groups will resume normal activity in 2016:

- **The Back Room Connect Group** resumes January 6
- **The Boathouse** resumes January 6
- **Men's Wednesday Night Group** resumes January 6
- **Sunday School** resumes January 10
- **College & Career** resumes January 10
- **Women's Monday evening Bible Study**
- **Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study**

FYI ...

- **Life Choice Pregnancy Center** – There is a tree in the Welcome Center. Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item and bring it unwrapped to Lifechoice Pregnancy Center at 235 East Central Ave. during the hours of 10-5 on Tues., Wed. or Thurs. The Center will give it to a young mother who needs it. *They will be closed from Dec. 18-Jan. 5 so if you purchase something during these dates, please put them in Anna Bacheldor's office for delivery.*
- **Flowers this morning** were donated by Paul & Melissia Pletcher in honor of Melissia's parents, Ed & Jo Jackson's 60th anniversary.
- **Missionary Updates** are available on the Missionary bulletin board in the hallway. Recent newsletters are from Bruce & Jaye Hansen, Tony & Amber Elswick, David & Marcia Jones, Roger & Shirley Brown and Esaie & Natacha Etienne. You will find copies in their folders in the hallway.
- **Daily Devotionals** – Tabletalk magazine and Our Daily Bread booklets are available.
- **Church Directories** are available at the information center.
- **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 12-13-15:**
General Fund Giving: **\$6,541**
YTD to General Fund: **\$229,747**
YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$226,923**
YTD Targeted Budget: **\$240,385**

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: 20 - Wayne & Renae Anderson
27 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones

Nursery: 20 - Preschool: Shirley Burkett
Infant: Kara Jostes
27 - Preschool: Dave Holdener
Infant: Amber Smith

Snacks: 20 - Terry & Frank Kockler
27 - TBD

Communion: Garry & Walita Van Baren

Counters: 20 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
27 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Birthdays

12/20 Barb Luchenbill

Anniversaries

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

JANUARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Jim Andersen

Usher of the Month: Charles Burkett

Ushers: Don Copeland
Ken Harrison
Garry Van Baren

Greeters: 3 - Jeanne Gayhart & Vicki Jones
10 - Paul & Sheryl Bachelder
17 - Steve & Ellen Thornton
24 - Franz & Violene Genisse
30 - Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Snacks: 3 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones (sign-up on coffee bar)
10 - TBD
17 - TBD
24 - TBD
30 - TBD

Communion: Bill & Edna Kelder

Counters: 3 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
10 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
17 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
24 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
30 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Birthdays

1/13 Akosua Fening
1/18 Ginger Andersen
1/20 Karyne Jean-Bart
1/25 Millie Williams
1/27 Christina Reyes

Anniversaries

1/20 Charles & Shirley Burkett

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