



Cypress Ridge PCA

May 1, 2016

1 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.

Titus 1:5-9

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you – if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

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.
- 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.

About the Cover: French artist Etienne Parrocel's (1696-1775) oil on canvas painting of Saint Paul.

THE LORD GATHERS THE NATIONS

We believe that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – calls the world to worship Him. As a Christian community, we gather together on the first day of each week to worship Him as we are lead by the Spirit. As we worship, we bring our praise and our concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our troubles.

Prelude

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**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

We must say to ourselves something like this:

Well, when Jesus looked down from the cross, he didn't think "I am giving myself to you because you are so attractive to me." No, he was in agony, and he looked down at us - denying him, abandoning him, and betraying him – and in the greatest act of love in history, he STAYED. – by Tim Keller

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

Response: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Words by Christian H. Bateman. Arr. Community Worship Music

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!

All Creatures of Our God and King

Text by St. Francis of Assisi; Music by Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1623

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

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

Prayer for Children

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

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.

We believe that the Scriptures teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

Sermon Passage (Pew Bible p. 984)

Colossians 2:16-23

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations-- ²¹ "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)-- according to human precepts and teachings?

²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Anc. Irish hymn; tran. by Mary Byrne. Music: Irish Folk mel.; arr. By David Allen

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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

Proverbs 28:13

Leader: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins to him.

Unison: God of mercy, your Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the embrace of his love. We confess that we have been wayward children. Too often we have disobeyed your commands, and our ears have been deaf to your call. At times, in thought, in word, and in deed, we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy forgive us as your beloved children, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 91:14-16

Leader: "Because he holds fast to me in love," says the Lord, "I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his unconditional love and mercy!

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

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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 **May Missionaries of the Month**: Jeremiah and Daniel Fox. Danielle is a daughter of Cypress Ridge. The Foxes minister in Santiago de Compostela, Spain where they have worked to establish The Pilgrim House which serves as a welcome center and gathering place for the spiritual seeking pilgrims. Please pray for God's guidance with local and visitor relationships.*

Congregational Prayer

Luke 18:21

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

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

Elder Prayer

Elder Jim Andersen

Choral Response

I Need Thee Every Hour (chorus)

Text by Annie S. Hawks; Robert Lowry, Refrain; Music by Robert Lowry

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

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Words by John Newton; Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio Lyrics for "My Chains Are Gone"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Chorus

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun

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

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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** follows our worship service
- **College and Career D-Group** at the Luchenbill's @ 7:00 pm

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Evening: Women's Bible Study @ 7:00**
- **Tuesday Morning: Women's Bible Study @ 9:30**
- **Wednesday Afternoon: Missions Team @ 4:00**
- **Wednesday Evening: Worship Team Rehearsal @ 5:00**
- **Wednesday Evening: The Boathouse – @ 6:00.** The Boathouse is for youth from 7-12th grades. Fun! Food! Discipleship!
- **Wednesday Evening: Men's Group @ 7:00**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7:00**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8:00**

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Wednesday, May 11:** Join our last KNO for the school year at our Family Olympics Night from 6:00-7:30 pm.
- **Saturday, May 21:** Join us for our Church Spring Cleaning Day. Additional details will follow. Please mark your calendars.
- **Saturday, May 21:** CRPC Outing to watch the Cypress Gardens Water Ski Team on Lake Silver from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- **Monday-Friday, June 20-24:** VBS, 6:00-8:00 pm.

FYI ...

- **Monday and Tuesday Women's Bible Studies** will be completed this week. We will begin a new study in the fall.

- **E-mail Communication** – If you would like to receive e-mails regarding prayer requests and other “news items” regarding CRPC, please inform Sherry Sakko.
- **Daily Devotionals** – Tabletalk magazine and Our Daily Bread booklets are available.
- **Updated Church and Missionary Directories** – Are available at the Welcome Center.
- **Hospitality** – A great ministry is the Hospitality ministry (previously called Snack Ministry). Find a friend or someone that you want to get to know better and as a team sign-up to do snacks one Sunday. The sheet is in the Welcome Center.
- **God’s provision from April 24:**
 - General Fund Giving: **\$2,950**
 - YTD to General Fund: **\$95,205**
 - YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$76,173**

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

MAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Jim Andersen

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Ushers: Alan Jostes
 Bill Kelder
 Tony Aviles
 Destin LeBlanc & Johnnie Brown

Greeters: 1 - Karen Brown & Pam Cherkis
 8 - Paul & Sheryl Bacheldor
 15 - Frank & Terry Kockler
 22 - Mike & Sherry Sakko
 29 - Steve & Ellen Thornton

Nursery: 1 - Rosemond Fening & Violene Genisse
8 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
15 - Shirley Burkett & Sherry Sakko
22 - Kim Schmucker & Kara Jostes
29 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Kim Schmucker

Snacks: 1 - Bobbie Razor
8 - TBD
15 - Kim Schmucker
22 - The Boathouse
29 - TBD

Counters: 1 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
8 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
15 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
22 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
29 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Charles & Shirley Burkett

Birthdays

5/2	Laverne Ford	5/13	Becky Steverson
5/7	Destin LeBlanc	5/25	Wayne Anderson
5/8	Katie Lee	5/30	Jim Andersen
5/12	David Reyes	5/30	Melissia Pletcher

Anniversaries

5/7 Paul & Melissia Pletcher
5/9 Albert & Donna Luchenbill
5/21 Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart
5/28 David & Kay Smith
5/28 Bruce & Linda Engstrom

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.

Below is the method for nominating/electing officers at CRPC:

First, the Session opens nominations. The CRPC’s Session has established the first three weeks of May as the month to nominate men to 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: (*See page 1 for Timothy and Titus verses.*) 2 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Acts 6:1-7.

Second, during the last two weeks of May, CRPC’s *members* are to approach men whom they believe meet the biblical qualifications to serve in one of the offices and seek their approval to nominate them. If the man (men) agrees, submit the Nominee Form to the Pastor, or a Session Member, or a Diaconate member *with* the candidates’ signature.

Third, the names are presented to the Session. They will interview each candidate to determine readiness of the candidate to begin the training process. The training process includes teaching and training approved candidates in areas such as theology, evangelism, and congregational care.

Fourth, after the teaching and training is completed, the elders will examine candidates for readiness to serve according the PCA’s BOCO. Those ready to serve will be presented to the congregation. In November, the congregation votes on a motion to elect new officers.

Nomination(s) for Elder and/or Deacon

Please submit to the current Pastor, or a serving Elder or Deacon

Your Name _____

1. Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to serve as Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

2. Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to serve as Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

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