



# Cypress Ridge PCA

October 9, 2016



# 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](http://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](http://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 through 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 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Saint Paul delivering the *Areopagus Sermon* in Athens, by Raphael, 1515.

## 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 led by the Spirit. As we worship, we bring our praise and our concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our troubles.*

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### **Prelude**

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### **Announcements**

### **Reflection on Worship**

Exodus 15:2

*The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation  
this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

### **Call to Worship**

based on Isaiah 40:9-11

**Leader:** Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem

**Response:** Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him

**Leader:** He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms

**Response:** He will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young

### **Come People of the Risen King**

*Authors, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend*

Come people of the Risen King; who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing; to the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth; we will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach; to gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come, those who tell of battles won; and those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change; and His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days; with the certain hope of peace

*Chorus*

Come, young and old from every land; men and women of the faith  
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world, His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age; "Our God is all in all"!

*Chorus*

### **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

*Authors, Anthony J. Showalter, Elisha A. Hoffman*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

*Chorus*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

*Chorus*

## Prayer for Children

[Children ages 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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**Sermon Text** (Pew Bible p. 926)

Acts 17:16-34

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

<sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" – because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually

not far from each one of us,<sup>28</sup> for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this."<sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst.<sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

**Sermon**

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

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## **How Firm A Foundation**

*Arr. © Community Worship Music*

How firm a foundation; ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake

## 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.*

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### Confession of Sin

Psalm 34:13-14

**Leader:** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

With confidence in the Lord's forgiveness, let us acknowledge our sins.

### Unison:

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 38:17

**Leader:** Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

The Lord has delivered us from all our sins through faith in Christ Jesus.

### Unison:

Isaiah 38:20

The Lord will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of 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.*

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### Offertory Scripture

Malachi 3:10

**Leader:** Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

The ushers will now come forward to receive our tithes and offerings.

### Offering

## 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 **October Missionaries of the Month – Tony and Amber Elswick**, serving as Church Planters in Nicaragua. Their work consists of leveraging technology as a means to deliver a complete theological education for pastors.*

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### Congregational Prayer

James 5:13

**Leader:** Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

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

### Elder Prayer

Elder Dr. Jim Andersen

## How Great Thou Art

*Words and Music, Stuart K. Hine*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

[Hymn continues on the next page]

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Chorus*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

*Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art

*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.*

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### **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!*

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### **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.

### **Unison Response:**

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

### **Choral Response**

*Tri-fold Amen*

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## CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

### TODAY ...

- **Sunday morning** before and after worship, sign-up for pictures.
- **Sunday School** for all ages @ 9:15
- **Fellowship and Snacks** follow our worship service
- **Today, October 9:** Budget planning is coming. The Session has called for an informational Congregational Meeting to present plans for the balance of 2016 and for 2017. This will follow a Potluck Dinner to be held after our Fellowship and Snacks time.
- **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 Evening: Friends and Fellowship: Dinner @ 6:00**  
and age appropriate fun and learning @ 6:30.
- **Wednesday Evening: The Boathouse @ 6:00.** The Boathouse is for youth from 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Fun! Food! Discipleship!
- **Wednesday Evening: Men's Bible Study** covering I & II Peter at 6:45 pm.
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7:00**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8:00**

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **November 5, Fall Festival:** Details coming.
- **November 11 & 12:** Pictures for a Photo Directory will be taken. During the week we encourage you to sign-up online, however, the online sign-up for pictures will be down on Sundays only, between now and Nov. 5. This allows for others to sign-up before and after the worship service at CRPC.
- **Inquirers' Class:** If you are interested in learning about Cypress Ridge and the PCA denomination, please sign up at the Welcome Center. At the conclusion of the class, there will be an opportunity to become a member of CRPC.

## FYI ...

- **Directories** – There is a directory at the Welcome Center. Please check your information to be sure everything is correct and make any necessary changes – including birthdays and anniversaries.
- **Offering Envelopes** – Offering envelopes for 2017 are being ordered. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to receive them, please call the church office or e-mail us as soon as possible. Also, if you are no longer using the envelopes, please let the office know.
- **Daily Devotionals** – Tabletalk magazine and Our Daily Bread booklets are available.
- **Updated Church and Missionary Directories** – Available at the Welcome Center.
- **Hospitality Ministry** – Would you like a great opportunity to serve the church? Providing snacks on Sunday morning is an important and valued ministry at CRPC. You may sign-up as a family, with a friend, individually or with someone you'd like to get to know better. Please sign-up at the coffee bar.
- **God's provision from October 2:**
  - General Fund Giving: **\$10,193**
  - YTD to General Fund: **\$214,559**
  - YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$185,769**

# THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

## OCTOBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Paul Bacheldor

Usher of the Month: Charles Burkett

Ushers: Bill Kelder, Alan Jostes, Paul Pletcher, Frantz Genisse

Greeters: 9 - Franz & Violene Genisse  
16 - Frank & Terry Kockler  
23 - Karen Brown & Pam Cherkis  
30 - Don & Roxanne Copeland

Nursery: 9 - Shirley Burkett & Baileigh Santos  
16 - Amber May & Baileigh Santos  
23 - Kay Smith & Baileigh Santos  
30 - Kim Schmucker & Baileigh Santos

Snacks: 9 - Sharon Rice & Muriel Baker  
16 - Bobbie Razor & Patty Smith  
23 - Linda & Bruce Engstrom  
30 - Kim Schmucker

Counters: 9 - Ken Harrison & Charles Burkett  
16 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter  
23 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter  
30 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Terry & Kim Schmucker

### Birthdays

10/11 Gary Van Baren	10/22 Linda Engstrom
10/13 Jonathan Harrison	10/23 Trent Murphy
10/16 Mason Parmerter	10/30 Kay Smith
10/17 Reed Jostes	10/31 Marlene Heath

### Anniversaries

10/16 Jon & Betty Parmerter

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