



Cypress Ridge PCA

November 27, 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, 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 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 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: The first Sunday in Advent is symbolized with the candle of hope.

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.

Prelude

(All music used by permission CCLI #3038781)

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. - Corrie Ten Boom

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jostes Family

Special Music

I Cannot Tell

Call to Worship

John 4:23-24

Leader: Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth

Response: For they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks

Leader: God is spirit

Response: And His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Words and music by Charles Wesley

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 every 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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Author unknown. Music: Venni 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, 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

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 Text (Pew Bible p. 617)

Zephaniah 3:9-17

⁹ “For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord. ¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering.

¹¹ “On that day you shall not be put to shame because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against me; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain.

¹² But I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, ¹³ those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Rejoice the Lord is King

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: John Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up, to their eternal home
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Words and Music: English Carol and English Melody, 18th century

God rest you merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior; was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power; when we were gone astray

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

From God our heavenly Father; a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds; brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born; the Son of God by name

Chorus

Now to the Lord sing praises; all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood; each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas; all anger should efface

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 25:6-7

Leader: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

With sincerity, let us confess our sins to God who is eager to restore us to Him.

Unison: Heavenly Father, we confess that though You call us to trust in You, too often we go our own way. We pray that You would forgive us our sins and give us the strength to rejoice in Your mercy and grace.

When our hearts fill with fear and our hope dwindles, would You remind us, that in Christ, our judgments have been wiped away. We pray this in the loving name of Jesus, who quiets us with His singing. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 80:18b-19

Leader: Give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

Unison: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

Offertory Scripture

Psalm 54:6

Leader: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

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 **November Missionaries of the Month – Ian & Heather Jones**, serving as teachers and trainers in West Africa.*

Congregational Prayer

Psalm 18:6

Leader: In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears.

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

Elder Prayer

Elder Jim Andersen

I Wonder as I Wander

Text & Music: Appalachian Carol; John Jacob Niles; arranged by Donald P. Hustad

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 heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause He was the King.

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

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison Response:

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

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Fellowship and Snacks** follow our worship service
- **Christmas Choir Rehearsal** from 5:30-6:30 pm
- **College and Career D-Group** at the Luchenbill's @ 7 pm

THIS WEEK ...

- **Wednesday Evening: The Boathouse @ 6 pm.** The Boathouse is for youth from 7-12th grades. Food! Fun! Discipleship!
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7 am**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8 am**

ON THE HORIZON ...



- **ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**
Come join us for an evening of laughter, fellowship, festive foods, music, entertainment and more. We encourage you to bring guests for this joyous and meaningful evening.

Monday evening, December 5 at 7 pm

(All women 13 years and older are welcome!)

- **Boathouse/College & Career Christmas Party** – Join us December 19th for a fun dinner show at Medieval Times. Please RSVP with Anna by December 1st. Don't forget to dress up in your Christmas best!

- **Christmas Caroling** – Come help bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors at Brookdale on Sunday, December 18th. More info to follow.
- **Christmas Eve Service** – December 24th at 6:30 pm
- **Ligonier Winter Conference** – The Ligonier conference will be held in Sanford, FL on January 16, 2017. The theme is, “Scripture in the Early Church”. To learn more about registering, visit <http://www.ligonier.org/events>.

FYI ...

- **Visitor/Prayer Request Card** – If you are a visitor, please fill out the card under the seat in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests may also be put on this card.
- **Amazon Smile** – Do your holiday shopping through smile.amazon.com, register with Cypress Ridge Presbyterian Church, and Amazon will donate to CRPC.
- **Daily Devotionals** – Tabletalk magazine and Our Daily Bread booklets are available.
- **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 November 20:**
 General Fund Giving: **\$3,646**
 YTD to General Fund: **\$250,990**
 YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$218,279**

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Don Paris

Usher of the Month: David Holdener

Ushers: Don Copeland, Bob Baker, Philip Baier

Greeters: 27 - Mike & Sherry Sakko

Nursery: 27 - Kay Smith & Lori/Baileigh

Children's 27 - Jessica Holdener & Angela Jennings
Worship

Snacks: 27 - Donna Luchenbill

Counters: 27 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Vicki Jones & Jeanne Gayhart

Birthdays

11/29 Savannah Reyes

11/30 Michael Sakko

11/30 Fred Fening

DECEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: David Reyes

Usher of the Month: Leopold Jean Bart

Ushers: Tony Aviles, Johnnie Brown, Frank Kockler, Alan Jostes

Greeters: 4 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

11 - Buck & Mary Jones

18 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones

25 - Vicki Jones & Jeannie Gayhart

Nursery: 4 - Ellen & Lori/Baileigh

11 - Kim Schmucker & Lori/Baileigh

18 - Ginger Andersen & Lori/Baileigh

25 - Kay Smith & Lori/Baileigh

Children's 4 - Mary Jones & Swan Lee
Worship 11 - Anna Bacheldor & Karyne Jean-Bart
18 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson
25 - Lynne Knisley & Faviola Genisse

Snacks: 4 - Tim & Jessica Holdener
11 - Shirley Burkett
18 - Kathy Jardim
25 - Ginger Andersen

Counters: 4 - Mike S. & Ken H.
11 - Mike S. & Ken H.
18 - Charles B. & Jon P.
25 - Charles B. & Jon P.

Communion: Sharon Rice & Millie Williams

Birthdays

12/1 Jessica Holdener	12/14 Ruby Smith
12/2 Charles Burkett	12/15 Mimi Razor
12/3 Faviola Genisse	12/17 Donna Luchenbill
12/4 Bob Baker	12/20 Barb Luchenbill
12/7 Sharon Rice	12/22 Jordan Jennings
12/9 Sandy Luchenbill	12/29 Marilyn Smith
12/13 Amber Smith	

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
12/27 Franz & Violene Genisse
12/30 Clyde & Marlene Heath

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