



**Cypress Ridge PCA**  
December 4th, 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](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.

## 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**

*(All music used by permission CCLI #3038781)*

*\*Please silence your electronic devices*

### **Announcements**

### **Reflection**

*The Son of God became man to enable men  
to become the sons of God.  
– C.S. Lewis*

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Anderson Family

### **Advent Choir**

*Nowell Carol*

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 89:1-2 (NIV)

**Leader:** I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations.

**Response:** I will declare that Your love stands firm forever, that You have established Your faithfulness in heaven itself.

## **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*

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

*Chorus*

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

*Chorus*

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*Words and Music: John Francis Wade*

O come, all ye faithful; joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye; To Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him; Born the King of angels

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

Sing choirs of angels; sing in exultation  
O sing, all ye citizens; of heav'n above  
Glory to God; all glory in the highest

*Chorus*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee; born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father; now in flesh appearing

*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. 888)

John 3:13-19

<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

**Sermon**

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

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## **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

*Words and Music, Stuart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

## **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*

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
Over Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right o'er 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.*

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### Confession of Sin

Isaiah 45:22

**Leader:** Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

With humility and reverence, let us confess our sins to God.

**Unison:** Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. In this advent season, we acknowledge to You that though You have given us the light of Christ, too often we choose to follow our own dark desires such as selfishness and pride. We confess our need for a Savior and rejoice in Your grace and forgiveness that has been poured out on us. Move our hearts to put You first in our lives and give us a desire to love our neighbors as You love us. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 86:5

**Leader:** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving

**Unison:** Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

## **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**

2 Corinthians 9:7

**Leader:** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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 **December Missionaries of the Month** – **General Assembly & SWFL Presbytery.***

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### **Congregational Prayer**

Hebrews 4:16

**Leader:** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

### **Elder Prayer**

Don Paris

### **What Child is This**

*Words: Traditional English carol; Music: 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

*Chorus*

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.*

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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**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

### **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 School** for all ages @ 9:15 am
- **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 ...

- **Monday Evening: Women's Christmas Celebration** @ 7 pm
- **Wednesday Evening: Worship Team Rehearsal** @ 5 pm
- **Wednesday Evening: KNO Family Christmas Party** @ 6 pm
- **Wednesday Evening: The Boathouse** @ 6 pm. The Boathouse is for youth from 7-12<sup>th</sup> 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 ...

- **Christmas Caroling** – Come help bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors at Brookdale on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow.
- **Boathouse/College & Career Christmas Party** – December 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Christmas Eve Service** – December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 ...

- **Supper Club Sign Up Starts Today** – Would you like to get to know your church family? Sign up for the next Supper Club rotation and enjoy friends both new and old along with tasty food! The sign up sheet is located at the Welcome Center.
- **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](http://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 27:**  
 General Fund Giving:     **\$3,325**  
 YTD to General Fund:   **\$254,315**  
 YTD Budgeted Needs:   **\$222,923**

# **THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

## **DECEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Elder of the Month: David Reyes

Usher of the Month: Leopold Jean Bart

Ushers: Tony Aviles, Johnnie Brown, Frank Kockler, Terry Schmucker

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  
Worship 4 - Mary Jones & Swan Lee  
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 - Charles Burkett & Ken Harrison  
11 - Charles Burkett & Ken Harrison  
18 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter  
25 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter

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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