



Cypress Ridge PCA
December 11th, 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.

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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

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**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection

Joy has its spring deep down inside. And that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross.

– S.D. Gordon

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Fening Family

Advent Choir

Love Came Gently

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-3a

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

Response: Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Text by Henry van Dyke; Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee; God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee; opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness; fill us with the light of day

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

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Text by Henry van Dyke; Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

Thou art giving and forgiving; ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living; ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother; all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine

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. 857; 982)

Luke 2:8-11; Philippians 4:4-13

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.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Jesus, I am Resting

Text by Charles Wesley; Music by Carl G. Glazer; arr. by Lowell Mason

Jesus, I am resting, resting; in the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness; of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee; and Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power; Thou hast made me whole

*Jesus, I am resting, resting; in the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness; of Thy loving heart*

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Words and Music: Latin Carol and German Melody (14th century)

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today
Ox and ass before Him bow; and He is in the manger now
Christ is born today; Christ is born today

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this
He has opened heaven's door; and man is blessed evermore
Christ is born for this; Christ was born for this

Good Christian men, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all; to gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save

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

Luke 15:7

Leader: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

With a sincere heart, let us confess our sins to God.

Unison: Dear Lord, our world desperately needs your peace to find true joy. In this advent season, we have the opportunity to tell others about the joy they can find in Christ Jesus, and yet we often walk away from such opportunities. You call us to find rest in you, but too often we allow ourselves to succumb to our own fears. We ask forgiveness for our sins and for your strength to get us through each day. In the name of Jesus, who brings us joy and peace through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 30:4-5

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name

Unison: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night

Unison: But joy comes with the morning

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

1 Chronicles 16:29a

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

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.***

Congregational Prayer

Psalm 107:28-30

Leader: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

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

Elder Prayer

Don Paris

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

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.

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 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Unison Response:

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

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School** for all ages @ 9:15 am
- **Fellowship and Snacks** follow our worship service
- **College and Career D-Group** at the Luchenbill's @ 7 pm

THIS WEEK ...

- **Wednesday Evening: Missions Team Meeting** @ 4 pm
- **Wednesday Evening: Worship Team Rehearsal** @ 5 pm
- **Wednesday Evening: The Boathouse** @ 6 pm. The Boathouse is for youth from 7-12th grades. Food! Fun! Discipleship!
- **Thursday Evening: Session Meeting** @ 6:30 pm
- **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 18th. Arrive at the church by 9:15 am or meet us in front of Brookdale by 9:20 am.
- **Boathouse/College & Career Christmas Party** – December 19th
- **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 ...

- **Sunday School** – Will resume on January 8th.
- **Supper Club Sign Up**– 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.
- **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 December 4:**
 General Fund Giving: **\$7,893**
 YTD to General Fund: **\$262,208**
 YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$227,567**

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: 11 - Buck & Mary Jones
18 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
25 - Vicki Jones & Jeannie Gayhart

Nursery: 11 - Kim Schmucker & Lori/Baileigh
18 - Ginger Andersen & Lori/Baileigh
25 - Kay Smith & Lori/Baileigh

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

Snacks: 11 - Shirley Burkett
18 - Kathy Jardim
25 - Ginger Andersen

Counters: 11 - Charles Burkett & Ken Harrison
18 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
25 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Sharon Rice & Millie Williams

Birthdays

12/13 Amber Smith
12/14 Ruby Smith
12/15 Mimi Razor
12/17 Donna Luchenbill
12/20 Barb Luchenbill
12/22 Jordan Jennings
12/29 Marilyn Smith

Anniversaries

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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