



Cypress Ridge PCA

December 25th, 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

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

“He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.”
~Augustine

Call to Worship

Luke 2:10

Leader: 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Response: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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

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

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. 942)

Romans 5:1-2, 5, 8-9

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God... ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁸ But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

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

John 1:14

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

With a humble heart, let us confess our sins to our God, who in His glory, shines His truth and grace upon us this Christmas morning.

Unison: Our Heavenly Father, your angels declared Jesus' birth so long ago, declaring praise, adoration, peace and joy. Too often we get caught up in the physical gifts and toys of Christmas and forget the beauty of the babe in the manger. We sing carols and spread cheer all around, but at times forget the real reason for our giving. Lord, we ask this Christmas morning that you would remind us of your peace, love and joy. Help us to dwell upon your presence and glory and to be emboldened to tell others of your coming. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

Leader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior

Unison: So that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Leviticus 27:30

Leader: Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD.

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

Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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

Elder Prayer

David Reyes

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

[Hymn continues on the next page]

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone Him

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary*

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 ...

- **Fellowship and Snacks** follow our worship service

THIS WEEK ...

- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7 am**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8 am**

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Year End Taxes** – In order to make sure your year-end donation is credited to 2016, please bring your donation to the church office by 4 pm Wednesday, December 28th.
- **Youth & Children** – The Boathouse and Kidz Night Out will be resuming on January 4th.
- **Sunday School** – Will resume on January 8th.
- **College and Career D-Group** – Will resume on January 8th.
- **Hansen Visit/Potluck** – Bruce & Jaye Hansen will be coming to CRPC on Monday, January 16th at 6:30 pm for a potluck dinner/mission presentation and visit.
- **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>.

- **PCA Women’s Conference** – The theme of this conference is, “Transformed”. It will be held in Sarasota, FL on March 3-4, 2017 for women ages 14 to 104! For more information about registering, visit <http://www.pcacdm.org/transformed>

FYI ...

- **Youth Intern** – The Session is excited to announce the hiring of Jeremy Reyes as a 1 year intern in CRPC’s Youth Ministry. His internship will begin in January 2017.
- **Room Needed** – Randy Barber is looking for a room to rent as of January 2017. If you know of any available room, please contact Anna at the church office.
- **Volunteers Needed** – Looking for an opportunity to serve? Do you drive a car? Our friends at Brookdale and Lake Howard Heights need friendly drivers to pick them up for church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please talk to one of our deacons: Leopold Jean-Bart, Charles Burkett, and David Holdener.
- **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 18:**
 General Fund Giving: **\$4,838**
 YTD to General Fund: **\$274,209**
 YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$236,856**

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: 25 - Vicki Jones & Jeannie Gayhart

Nursery: 25 - Kay Smith & Marilyn Smith

Children's 25 - Lynne Knisley & Faviola Genisse
 Worship

Snacks: 25 - Ginger Andersen

Counters: 25 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Mike & Sherry Sakko

Birthdays

12/29 Marilyn Smith

Anniversaries

12/27 Wayne & Renae Anderson

12/27 Franz & Violene Genisse

12/30 Clyde & Marlene Heath

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JANUARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Jim Andersen

Usher of the Month: Mike Sakko

Ushers: Don Copeland, Ken Harrison, Frantz Genisse, David Smith

Greeters: 1 - Jeanne Gayhart & Vicki Jones
8 - Joe & Vicki Johnston
15 - Steve & Ellen Thornton
22 - Paul & Sheryl Bacheldor
29 - Charles & Shirley Burkett

Nursery: 1 - Marilyn Smith & Lori/Baileigh
8 - TBD
15 - Angela Jennings & Lori/Baileigh
22 - TBD
29 - Kim Schmucker & Lori/Baileigh

Children's
Worship 1 - LeBlanc's & Johnnie Brown
8 - Anna Bacheldor & Karyne Jean-Bart
15 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson
22 - Jessica Holdener & Violene Genisse
29 - Jeremy Reyes & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Snacks: 1 - TBD
8 - Don & Roxanne Copeland
15 - TBD
22 - Anna Bacheldor
29 - TBD

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

Communion: Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Birthdays

- 1/13 Akosua Fening
- 1/18 Ginger Andersen
- 1/20 Karyne Jean-Bart
- 1/25 Millie Williams
- 1/27 Christina Reyes
- 1/31 Frantz Genisse

Anniversaries

- 1/7 Farid & Sonia Atallah
- 1/9 Jerrod & Amber May
- 1/20 Charles & Shirley Burkett

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