



Cypress Ridge PCA

April 2nd, 2017

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.

About the cover: *St. Paul in Prison, by Rembrandt, 1627*

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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Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable,
because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.
– C.S. Lewis*

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1, 24

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

Response: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made

Response: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words by Joachim Neander. Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him; for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord; O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath; come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words by Charles Wesley and music by Kevin Twitt © 1996 Kevin Twitt Music

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surety stands
My name is written on His hands

(Men) Arise, (Women) arise

(Men) Arise, (Women) arise, (Men) Arise

(Unison) Arise, my soul, arise. (2x)

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Chorus

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry

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. 978)

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

It Is Well with My Soul

Horatio G. Spafford. Music: Philip P. Bliss

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

*It is well, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

Chorus

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

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

Romans 6:23

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Trusting in God's gift of grace, let us confess our sins to God.

Unison: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 12:2a; Titus 3:5-6

Leader: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Unison: 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.

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

Proverbs 3:9

Leader: Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

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 **April Missionaries of the Month: Bruce & Jaye Hansen**. The Hansen's work with Literacy & Evangelism International coordinating ESL classes and teacher training in the Caribbean. They live in California where they are establishing ESL classes for Hispanic adults in the community.*

Congregational Prayer

1 John 5:14

Leader: And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

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

Elder Prayer

Elder Don Paris

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

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all...*both now and forevermore.*

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
- **Easter Choir** practice @ 5:30 pm
- **College & Career** at the Luchenbill's @ 7 pm

THIS WEEK ...

- **Wednesday Evening: Worship Team Rehearsal @ 5 pm**
- **Wednesday Evening: Kidz Night Out** from 6-7:30 pm
- **Wednesday Evening: The Boathouse @ 6 pm.** The Boathouse is for youth from 7-12th grades. Fun! Food! Fellowship!
- **Wednesday Evening: Major Worldviews @ 6:45 pm**
- **Friday & Saturday: Empowered to Connect Conference @ 10 am - 6 pm**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7 am**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8 am**
- **Saturday: Membership/Inquirers Class @ 9:30 am** at the Luchenbill's. Lunch will be provided.

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Good Friday Service** – April 14th @ 6:30 pm
- **Easter Eggstravaganza** – April 15th from 9:30 - 11 am
- **Piano Concert** – By returning guest and musician, Jonathan Reed. April 30th @ 4pm
- **Vacation Bible School** – June 12-16th from 9 am - 12 pm

FYI ...

- **Easter Breakfast Sign-Up** – One of the best ways to celebrate anything is through food and is there anything better than celebrating our risen Lord? Will you help us eat and rejoice well by providing either a breakfast casserole, breakfast sweets or even some fruit for our Easter breakfast? A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary.
- **Easter Candy Needed** – We have 500 Easter eggs to fill for our Eggstravaganza. Would you help us? If you need help choosing a candy, think small (has to fit in an egg), wrapped, and preferably non-chocolate (we have had melted candy in the past). Thank you!
- **Volunteers Needed** – Do you drive a car? Some of our seniors 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/or David Holdener.
- **Live Streaming** – If you can't join us in person on Sunday mornings, you can still worship with us via live streaming! If you have any questions, see Anna in the church office.
- **Nomination of Officers** – will start during the month of April. Please see pgs. 17-18 in the bulletin for more details.
- **Stay Connected** – If you would like to be added to the church email blast or phone tree, please contact Anna at the church office.

- **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. Our Daily Bread is now provided in regular and large print edition.
- **Hospitality Ministry** – A great way to serve at CRPC is by providing snacks on Sunday morning. You may sign-up as a family, with a friend, individually or with someone you'd like to get to know better. The sign-up sheet is at the coffee bar.
- **God's provision from March 26:**

General Fund Giving:	\$3,599
YTD to General Fund:	\$71,020
YTD Budgeted Needs:	\$71,821

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

APRIL 2017 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: David Reyes

Deacon/Usher of the Month: Leopold Jean-Bart

Ushers: Don Copeland, Johnnie Brown, Destin LeBlanc, Tim Holdener

Greeters: 2 - Don & Linda Paris
9 - Joe & Vicki Johnston
16 - Frantz & Violene Genisse
23 - Philip & Jeanie Baier
30 - Mike & Sherry Sakko

Nursery: 2 - Marilyn Smith & Lori/Baileigh
9 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh
16 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh
23 - Kim Schmucker & Lori/Baileigh
30 - Kay Smith & Lori/Baileigh

Children's 2 - Mary Jones & Swan Lee
Worship 9 - Anna Bacheldor & Karyne Jean-Bart
16 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson
23 - Lynne Knisley & Faviola Genisse
30 - Jeremy Reyes & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Snacks: 2 - Judy McGuire
9 - Bruce & Linda Engstrom
16 - Marilyn & Kay Smith
23 - Gabrielle Jean-Bart
30 - Kim Schmucker

Counters: 2 - Mike Sakko & Ken Harrison
9 - Mike Sakko & Ken Harrison
16 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
23 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
30 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Don & Roxanne Copeland

Birthdays

4/2	Albert Luchenbill	4/15	David Luchenbill
4/4	Bob McKee	4/15	Esther Mendez
4/6	Angela Jennings	4/22	Dale Shafer
4/9	Jim Fuday	4/23	Paul Pletcher
4/11	Ellen Thornton	4/26	Cindy Luchenbill
4/11	Frank Kockler	4/26	David Smith
4/13	Swan Lee	4/30	José Del Valle

Anniversaries

4/1	Terry & Kim Schmucker
4/16	Wayne & Jackie Wheeler
4/30	Matthew & Angela Jennings

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

We believe the New Testament establishes two offices for the church: Elders (also called overseers or bishops) and deacons. The church is lead through the officers it elects as they seek to follow the Lord in all things. Therefore, nominating and electing those who are qualified and “called” to these offices is a very important duty of the congregation.

Below is the method for nominating/electing officers at CRPC:

First, the Session opens nominations. Our Session is asking CRPC’s *members* to begin prayerfully reading scriptures pertaining to the offices of Elder and Deacon. The following scriptures are helpful: 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Acts 6:1-7.

Second, during the month of April, CRPC’s *members* are to approach those whom they believe meet the biblical qualifications to serve in one of the offices and seek their approval to nominate them. If the man (men) agrees, submit the Nominee Form to the Pastor, a Session Member, or a Diaconate member *with* the candidates’ signature.

Third, the names are presented to the Session. They will interview each candidate to determine readiness of the candidate to begin the training process. The training process includes teaching and training approved candidates in areas such as theology, evangelism, and congregational care.

Fourth, after the teaching and training is completed, the elders will examine candidates for readiness to serve according the PCA’s BOCO. Those ready to serve will be presented to the congregation. In November, the congregation votes on a motion to elect new officers.

1 Timothy 3:1-13:

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer (elder), he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Titus 1:5-9

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you – if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Nomination(s) for Elder and/or Deacon

Please submit to the current Pastor, or a serving Elder or Deacon

Your Name _____

1. Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to serve as Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

2. Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to serve as Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

3. Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to serve as Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

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