



Cypress Ridge PCA
December 3, 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: image found on Pinterest

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 on Worship

*"You and I are unavoidably and irreducibly hope-based creatures.
We are controlled not how we live now, but what we think will happen later.
Christian hope has to do with the ultimate future, not the immediate."
–Tim Keller*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Parmerter Family

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-3, 9-10

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Response: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

Response: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

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

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

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell, are to our Jesus given
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

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. 855)

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

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, Let Us Adore Him

Words and Music: Otis Skillings 1972

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

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

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 32:5

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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

1 Peter 1:3-5, 8-9 (adapted)

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Unison: Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

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 16:29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Offertory

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Anna Bacheldor & Sandy Luchenbill

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 Missions of the Month:**
Renew Polk, General Assembly, & SWFL Presbytery.*

Prayer Scripture

Psalms 3:1-4

Leader: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God." But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill.

Elder Prayer

Elder Paul Bacheldor

I Wonder as I Wander

Composer, John Jacob Niles 1933, Arr. by G. Schirmer in 1934. UBP

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 heaven 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 15:13

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 @ 9:15 am**
- **Fellowship and Snacks** following our worship service

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon: Jhi4Jesus D-Group @ 3:30 pm**
- **Monday Evening: Women's Christmas Celebration @ 7 pm**
- **Wednesday Afternoon: Mission Team Meeting @ 3:30 pm**
- **Wednesday Evening: Family Christmas Party @ 6 pm**
A Christmas Party for our children 6th grade and under (and their parents!). Get ready for a fun time with snacks and games for all.
- **Wednesday Evening: Boathouse and College & Career @ 6 pm**
- **Thursday Evening: Session Meeting @ 4:30 pm**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7 am**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8 am**

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Next Sunday, December 10th**, David Jones will be talking about his mission work in London, England during the Sunday School hour. Please join us at 9:15 am!
- **Boathouse and College & Career Christmas Banquet Party** will be held at CRPC on Friday, December 15th at 6 pm.
- **Christmas Caroling at Brookdale** on Christmas Eve morning.
- **Christmas Eve Service** – December 24th at 6:30 pm
- **Mercy Fund Collection** will be collected on our next 5th Sunday, December 31st. Green envelopes will be provided!

FYI ...

- **Jo Nell Jackson**, Melissia Pletcher's mother, went to be with the Lord on November 25th. Her *Celebration of Life Service* was held at Inman Park Baptist Church yesterday. Please keep Melissia and Paul and their family in your prayers, especially through this holiday season.
- **God's provision from November 26:**
General Fund Giving: **\$5,572**
YTD to General Fund: **\$257,100**
YTD Budgeted Needs: **\$265,186**

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

DECEMBER 2017 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: David Reyes

Deacon/Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Ushers: Tony Aviles, Johnnie Brown, Tom Knisley, Ken Harrison

Greeters: 3 - Bill & Edna Kelder
10 - Bob & Gloria Wood
17 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
24 - Bob Baker & Pam Cherkis
31 - Vicki Jones & Jeanne Gayhart

Sunday 3 - Ginger Andersen & Lori/Baileigh
Nursery: 10 - Jessica Anderson & Lori/Baileigh
17 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh
24 - Marilyn Smith & Lori/Baileigh
31 - Kay Smith & Lori/Baileigh

Children's 3 - Mary Jones & Swan Lee
Worship: 10 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabby Jean-Bart
17 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson
24 - Lynne Knisley & Johnnie Brown
31 - Jeremy Reyes & Faviola Genisse

Snacks: 3 - Kim Schmucker
10 - Allen & Monica Franklin
17 - Linda & Don Paris
24 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
31 - Sheryl & Anna Bacheldor

Counters: 3 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
10 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
17 - Mike Sakko & Tim Holdener
24 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher
31 - Ken Harrison & Paul Pletcher

Communion: Sharon Rice & Linda Paris

Birthdays

12/3	Faviola Genisse	12/17	Donna Luchenbill
12/4	Bob Baker	12/20	Barb Luchenbill
12/7	Sharon Rice	12/22	Skylar Anderson
12/9	Sandy Luchenbill	12/23	Clay Frodge
12/12	Amy Smith	12/28	Lori Brousseau
12/13	Amber May	12/29	Jessica Anderson
12/14	Ruby Smith	12/29	Marilyn Smith
12/14	Marta Sullivan	12/31	Ginny Vander Zee
12/15	Bobbie (Mimi) Razor		

Anniversaries

12/8 Tom & Sandy Luchenbill
12/20 Don & Linda Paris
12/22 James & Nancy Breiner
12/24 David & Carolyn Holdener
12/27 Wayne & Renae Anderson
12/27 Frantz & Violene Genisse
12/30 Clyde & Marlene Heath

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