

Announcements

Check out our website (cpcsb.org) to see our calendar and events.

Small Groups

Small groups are beginning! Flyers are on the welcome table or check our web site for details.

Newcomer BBQ–October 8th

If you are new to the church and are looking to check out or join a small group, you are invited to a BBQ next Saturday, October 8th at 6:00PM at Randy and Joyce Berg's home (3908 Via Diego, Unit A. Park on the street and walk down the driveway to the third condo on the left). Flyers are on the welcome table. Call them at 805-967-2839 for more information.

Mini-conference–October 7th & 8th

Mark your calendars! Kyle will be teaching on "John's Apocalypse–the Book of Revelation". Friday is from 7:00–9:00PM and Saturday from 8:30–11:00AM. Please bring a sweet or savory snack to share on Friday. A light breakfast will be provided on Saturday and childcare is provided both days. Please contact the church office (info@cpcsb.org) if you are bringing your children.

Friday Nights Out–October 14th, 21st, 28th, November 4th

Friday Nights Out is a program for parents and kids. Children enjoy an hour and a half of teaching and fellowship from 6:30-8:00PM while parents are encouraged to take time out to reconnect with one another over a meal or a walk around the town. Contact Debbie Corazza for more information (mscdfh@cox.net).

Believer's Edge–October 4th

Believer's Edge is a movement of men who are being activated into their calling and destiny within the marketplace community. They will meet every Tuesday morning at 6:15am here at CPC beginning September 20th. For more information, check our website, or contact Tom Doty at tomdoty@mac.com or 805-451-8228.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet after worship next Sunday, October 9th .

Service of Worship October 2, 2011 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A word about our worship: We believe that in worship we actually meet with God. Therefore, our services are interactive and dynamic, retelling the gospel through a five-act drama: Approach, Renewal, (re)Commitment, Communion, and Commissioning. In this drama, we all have a part. In each act, we are placed in dialogue with God himself: He speaks and we respond. In our liturgy (script), you will find your lines designated in **bold**.

PREPARATION AND REFLECTION

"Whenever a man makes haste, God too hastens with him."

–Aeschylus, an ancient Greek playwright

"Try first thyself, and after call in God; For to the worker God himself lends aid."

–Euripides, an ancient Greek playwright

"Help thyself, and God will help thee."

–Algernon Sidney, 17th cent. English Politician

"It depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy."

–The Apostle Paul

GATHERING SONG:*Your Great Name We Praise*

Words: Walter C. Smith; Music: John Roberts; Refrain: Bob Kauflin

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, you rule us in might;
 Your justice, like mountains, high soaring above,
 Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise!

All life comes from you Lord, to both great and small;
 In all life you live Lord, the true life of all;
 We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail,
 We wither and perish—but you never fail.

Chorus

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
 Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
 All praise we will render, O Father of grace,
 'Til one day in splendor we see face to face.

Chorus

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ACT 5: COMMISSIONING*Let God Arise*

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

Hear the holy roar of God resound,
 Watch the waters part before us now.
 Come and see what he has done for us,
 Tell the world of his great love.

Our God is a God who saves,
 Our God is a God who saves.

Chorus Let God arise,
 Let God arise.
 Our God reigns now and forever,
 He reigns now and forever.

His enemies will run for sure.
 The church will stand, she will endure.
 He holds the keys of life, our Lord,
 Death has no sting, no final word.

Our God is a God who saves,
 Our God is a God who saves.

Chorus

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BENEDICTION: *God sends us out in His power.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING**Prayer for those searching for truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may I turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

ACT 1: APPROACH**CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.***

From Psalm 95

Come, sing to the Lord; the rock of our salvation!

The Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods.

Come into his presence with songs of praise!

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Words and Music: Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you.

We turn to you.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you,

We long for you.

***Chorus 1* Hosanna, hosanna, you are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.**

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you.

We turn to you.

In your kingdom broken lives are made new,

You make all things new.

***Chorus 2* Hosanna, hosanna, you are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna, come have your way among us,
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.**

***Bridge* When we see you we find strength
To face the day.
In your presence all our fears
Are washed away, washed away.**

Chorus 2

Agnus Dei

Words and Music: Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, alleluia!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia!

Chorus **Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty;**
 Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
 You are holy.
 Holy are you Lord God Almighty.
 Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
 You are holy.

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INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.***FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Lamentations 3:19–24

¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!

²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

- ❖ Please hold the elements until we can all partake together. (For those with diet restrictions gluten-free bread is offered).

Befriended

Words & Music: Matt Redman

Befriended, befriended
By the King above all kings;
Surrendered, surrendered
To the Friend above all friends.

Invited, invited
Deep into this mystery;
Delighted, delighted
By the wonders I have seen.

Chorus **This will be my story,**
 This will be my song.
 You'll always be my Savior,
 Jesus, you will always have my heart.

Astounded, astounded
That your gospel beckoned me;
Surrounded, surrounded
But I've never been so free.

Chorus

Determined, determined
Now to live this life for you;
You're so worthy;
My greatest gift would be
The least you're due.

Chorus

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ACT 4: COMMUNION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: *God invites us to a meal.*

- ❖ Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin, trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us.
- ❖ If you are not sure if you should take Communion, or if you have come to believe in Jesus today, you are encouraged to meet with one of the elders who will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.
- ❖ If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the prayers on page 14 as a guide.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR APPROACHING THE TABLE

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercies. In ourselves, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But You, Lord, delight to show us mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith we might be nourished and edified by Jesus Christ, that we may dwell in him, and he in us.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Hallelujah, let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Act 1: Approach

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 4:21–31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband."

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

ACT 2: RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN: *We own our faults.*

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Father, you are compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and merciful; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Good To Me (I Cry Out)

Words and Music: Craig Musseau

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.
I am weak and I need your love to free me.
O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness,
Come rescue me, O Lord.

Chorus You are my hope,
Your promise never fails me,
And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good,
For you are good,
For you are good to me. (2x)

Act 3: Commitment

The Solid Rock

Words: Edward Mote; Music: William B. Bradbury
Arr: Mark Jean

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Chorus **On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness hides his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the vale.

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

Sermon— “Sarah's Synergistic Scheme and God's Mediating Mercy”

Sermon Notes

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: *We commit our allegiance.*
Heidelberg Catechism—Question #29

Christian, why is the Son of God called “Jesus”, that is, Savior?

Because he saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in any other.

GIVING: *We commit our resources.*

- ❖ *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). As Christians, we give because Christ gave, and because he continues to give us freely all that he is by his Spirit.*
- ❖ *If you are a visitor, please do not feel obliged to give. At this time, you may fill out the perforated form on the back of today's bulletin and place it in the offering bag. You may also use this form if you have prayer requests or praises to share with the elders, would like information about Christ Presbyterian Church or would like to update your contact information.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *We commit our concerns.*

- ❖ *I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people (1 Timothy 2:1).*

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!

Words: 11th Century; Music: Mark Jean

❖ *During the last verse of the following song, children from age three through first grade are dismissed for a time of teaching.*

**Lord, by the brightness of your light,
You in the faith do us unite
Of every land and every tongue.
This to your praise, O Lord, be sung.**

***Chorus* Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!
Let all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart,
Your love to us impart.**

**From every error keep us free,
Let none but Christ our master be.
That we in living faith abide,
In him with all our might confide.**

Chorus

**Lord, by your power prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart.
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you ascend.**

Chorus

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THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: Genesis 16:1–16**

¹ Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ² And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³ So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. ⁴ And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵ And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" ⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

⁷ The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸ And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." ⁹ The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰ The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." ¹¹ And the angel of the LORD said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant
and shall bear a son.
You shall call his name Ishmael,
because the LORD has listened to your affliction.
¹² He shall be a wild donkey of a man,
his hand against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

¹³ So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." ¹⁴ Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION