

Announcements

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

Welcome Lunch for Paul Ranheim–September 25th

Everyone is invited to a welcome lunch for Paul Ranheim after worship next Sunday, September 25th. Bring a salad or side dish that goes with chili and serves 10-15 people. The church will provide drinks & dessert.

Small Groups

Small groups are beginning! Flyers are on the table in the back of the sanctuary or check our web site for details.

BBQ–October 1st

If you are new to the church and are looking to check out or join a small group, you are invited to a BBQ on Saturday, October 1st 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). 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.

Believer’s Edge–September 20th

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.

Service of Worship September 18th, 2011 Fourteenth 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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

–Hebrews 11:1

ACT 1: APPROACH

GATHERING SONG:

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord (Psalm 95:1-6)

Words: Scottish Psalter, 1615 Music: Alexander R. Reinagle Arr: Mark Jean

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
To him our voices raise;
With joyful noise let us the rock
Of our salvation praise.

Before his presence let us come
With praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing joyful psalms to him,
With grateful hearts rejoice.

The Lord our God is King of kings,
Above all gods his throne;
The depths of earth are in his hand,
The mountains are his own.

O come and, bowing down to him,
Our worship let us bring;
O let us praise the gracious Lord,
Our maker and our king.

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ACT 5: COMMISSIONING

Everlasting God

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
Wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. (2x)

Bridge Our God, you reign forever;
Our hope, our strong deliv'rer.

Chorus You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God.
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary,
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *God summons us.*

From Psalm 66

Shout for joy to God!

How awesome are his deeds!

Sing the glory of his name!

How Great is Our God

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

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.**

Chorus **How great is our God!
Sing with me
How great is our God!
All will see how great,
How great is our God!**

**Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.**

Chorus

Bridge **Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God!**

Chorus

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Words and Music: David Ruis

Chorus I will give you all my worship
 I will give you all my praise
 You alone I long to worship
 You alone are worthy of my praise

I will worship (*echo*),
 With all of my heart (*echo*)
 I will praise you (*echo*),
 With all of my strength (*all my strength*)
 I will seek you (*echo*),
 All of my days (*echo*)
 I will follow (*echo*),
 All of your ways (*all your ways*)

Chorus

I will bow down (*echo*),
 And hail you as king (*echo*)
 I will serve you (*echo*),
 I'll give you everything (*give you everything*)
 I will lift up (*echo*),
 My eyes to your throne (*echo*)
 I will trust you (*echo*),
 I will trust you alone (*trust you alone*)

Chorus

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INVOCATION: *We ask God to meet us.***RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS**

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

Satisfied

Clara Tear Williams | Karl Digerness

All my lifelong I had panted
 For a drink from some cool spring
 That I hoped would quench the burning
 Of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus Hallelujah! He has found me,
 The One my soul so long has craved!
 Jesus satisfies all my longings,
 Thro' his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me,
 Till my strength was almost gone.
 Longed my soul for something better,
 Only still to hunger on.

Chorus

Poor I was and sought for riches,
 Something that would satisfy.
 But the dust I gathered 'round me
 Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water ever springing,
 Bread of life so rich and free,
 Untold wealth that never faileth,
 My Redeemer is to me.

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 96

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- ¹² Let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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 have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us a 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

Act 3: Commitment

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music: Tim Hughes

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.**

***Chorus* Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor.**

Chorus

***Bridge* And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.**

THE PREACHED WORD: *God brings us good news.***Reading: Genesis 13:3–18**

³And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD. ⁵And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, ⁶so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, ⁷ and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

⁸Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. ¹²Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ¹³Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

¹⁴The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." ¹⁸So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**Sermon— "Abraham By Faith and Lot By Sight"***Sermon Notes****Great is Thy Faithfulness***

Words: Thomas Chisholm; Music: William Runyan

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.**

***Chorus* Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Chorus

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Chorus

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ACT 3: COMMITMENT

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *We commit our allegiance.* *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

What is the first commandment?

The first commandment is, “You shall have no other gods before me”.

What does the first commandment require?

The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

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).*

Act 3: Commitment

From the Inside Out

Words and Music: Joel Houston

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

A thousand times I've failed,
Still your mercy remains.
And should I stumble again,
Still I'm caught in your grace.
Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades;
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame.

Chorus 1 My heart and my soul, I give you control.
Consume me from the inside out Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
To love you from the inside out.

Your will above all else,
My purpose remains
The art of losing myself,
In bringing you praise.
Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades;
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame.

Chorus 1 My heart and my soul, I give you control.
Consume me from the inside out Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
To love you from the inside out.

Chorus 2 Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades;
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise
From the inside out
Lord, my soul cries out.