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Prelude

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come–
This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship
Selected verses from Psalm 8

Leader: LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us worship the Lord's majestic name together!

Hymn of Praise
All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith
The Nicene Creed
**The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Leader: Christians, what do we believe?

All: **We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn
All My Boast Is In Jesus

What wonder of wonders what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness his merit his righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride be crucified
The work is finished

Chorus
All my boast is in Jesus
All my hope is his love
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy

Chorus

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know that all may see
His pow'r within me

Chorus

Now I stand in this freedom
Ransomed clean in his sight
Oh and I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ
My boast is Jesus Christ
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

Call to Confession
Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 3, 4, 5

Leader: How do you come to know your misery?

All: The Law of God tells me.

Leader: What does God's law require of us?

All: Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Leader: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

All: No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

Public Confession
Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*, 1946

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. None of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent, we come to Christ, who has promised that in Him we shall find rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from Jesus. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Romans 10:10–11, 13

Leader: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"David's Courage – Part 2"
1 Samuel 17:31–54
Rev. Richard Harris

The Service of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood

See from his head his hands his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Benediction

Postlude
Fughetta by John Zundel

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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Because CPC is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

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 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.

Announcements

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

We encourage you to be part of our Marriage Conference scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 23, and the morning of Saturday, January 24. Guest speakers Chad and Emily Van Dixhoorn will help us think through biblical truths about marriage to help singles and couples be more thoughtful and prayerful. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/marriage

Every Person Prayer

If you signed up for Every Person Prayer, please pick up your prayer cards on Main Street today.

Dr. Brad Voyles at CPC February 1

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Brad Voyles, president of Covenant College, to CPC on Sunday, February 1. Dr. Voyles will preach in both worship services. He will also teach on "Why Christian Higher Education" during the Sunday School hour for parents and middle and high school students. Dr. Voyles combines his God-given love for discipleship with decades of experience working with students, first at Southern Illinois University and Belhaven College, then at Covenant College, to bring a valuable perspective to the topic of Christian higher education. We encourage parents and students to be part of this important class in the Chapel!

Men's Retreat February 6 & 7

Men, plan to join us for our 2026 Men's Retreat February 6-7 at Camp Blessing. Our speaker will be Ligon Duncan, Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. The cost is $145. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/men.

Winter Journeys February 14

Ladies, save the date for Winter Journeys, one of our most loved women's ministry events at CPC! Join us Saturday, February 14, 10 am to 12 pm. We will begin our morning with fellowship and a brunch before hearing from our speakers about their journeys.

Women's Bible Study Resumes January 14

Join the women of CPC for our Bible study, "Judges & Romans: Ruined to Righteous," when we resume on January 14. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/BibleStudy

Men's Bible Study Resumes February 10

Join us for the Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am in the Chapel. We will resume meeting on February 10. Breakfast tacos will be served, and ministry staff along with seminarians will be teaching through the Psalms. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/men.

Worship Choir

New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir! We will rehearse Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary beginning January 14. For more information, please contact BJ McDougal in the church office.

Announcements

Join a City Group

City Groups at Christ Presbyterian Church provide a great way for people to enjoy fellowship, build strong friendships, and encourage one another through prayer and Bible study. Learn more and join a City Group at cpchouston.org/city-groups.

Officer Nominations

The Officer Nominating Committee is hard at work. If you have recommendations for elder, deacon, or diaconal ministry team members, please email Chairman Tommy Ikard by January 15.

Volunteers Needed

The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.

Sermon Notes

January 4, 2026 | “David’s Courage – Part 2”
1 Samuel 17:31–54 | Rev. Richard Harris

Church Ministry Staff & Ruling Elders

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