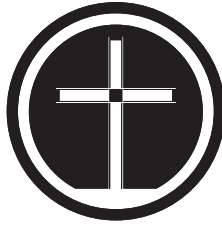


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Prelude

Prelude on Ellacombe by David Lasky

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

Psalm 104:31–34

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

I Sing The Mighty
Power Of God

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at his command
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with his Word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from thy throne
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in thy care
And everywhere that man can be
Thou God art present there

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

Hebrews 4:14–16;
10:19–25

Leader: What is true of our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ?

All: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Leader: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Hymn
Psalm 130, I Will
Wait For You

All: **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

LORD from the depths I call to you
Lord hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
When I for mercy cry

Out of the depths I cry to you
In darkest places I will call
Incline your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were you to count my sinful ways
How could I come before your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus
I will wait for you I will wait for you
On your Word I will rely
I will wait for you surely wait for you
Till my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in his power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Chorus

Now he has come to make a way
And God himself has paid the price
That all who trust in him today
Find healing in his sacrifice

Chorus

I will wait for you I will wait for you
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for you surely wait for you
For your love is my delight

I wait my soul waits for the Lord
My hope is in his Word
More than the watchman waits for dawn
My soul waits for the LORD

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:17;
Westminster Larger
Catechism Q/A
146–147;
Westminster
Shorter Catechism
Q/A 81–82;
Adapted from
Heidelberg
Catechism Q/A 115

Leader: What is the tenth commandment?

All: **The tenth commandment is: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”**

Leader: What does the tenth commandment require?

All: **The tenth commandment requires that we be so completely satisfied with our own status in life and have such a proper, loving attitude toward others that we are naturally inclined to wish the best for them and all their possessions.**

Leader: What does the tenth commandment forbid?

All: **The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.**

Leader: Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

All: **Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word, and action.**

Leader: No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly: Why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

All: **First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God’s image.**

**Public
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**
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.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer

**Tithes &
Offerings**

**Musical
Offering**
O God Beyond All
Praising

O the depth of the riches
Of the wisdom of God
O the depth of the riches
Of the knowledge of God
How unsearchable his judgments
And untraceable his ways
O the depth of the wisdom
And the knowledge of God
For of him and through him
And to him are all things
To whom be the glory for ever
Amen

O God beyond all praising
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay

For we can only wonder
At every gift you send
At blessings without number
And mercies without end
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word
We honor and adore you
Our great and mighty Lord
Then hear O gracious Savior
Accept the love we bring
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our king
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise
For of him and through him
And to him are all things
to whom be the glory for ever

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

“A Godless Man’s Legacy”

Genesis 36:1–37:1

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

Chorus
Jesus paid it all
All to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

Oh praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

Oh praise the One who paid my debt
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Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

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Praise Him With Trumpets by Richard Blake

Announcements

Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner Tonight

Mark your calendars for our annual, all-church Thanksgiving worship service tonight at 5:30 pm, followed by a delicious holiday meal afterwards with ham and turkey catered by The Honey Baked Ham Co. This will be an evening of giving thanks to God for his abundant love and faithfulness.

Angel Tree Christmas

We invite you to select Christmas gift suggestions to bless the children of prisoners and children attending Cedar Brook and Lion Lane schools. This year you can sign up online for the age and gender of the child and the type of gift you want to purchase. Visit the Angel Tree table, contact Larry Dawson or Long Tran, or visit cpchouston.org/angel-tree for details.

Family Ministry Christmas Party

Families, join us for the Family Ministry Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, 6:30-9 pm! Enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with friends at the Williams home. Childcare will be provided for children in 5th grade and younger at CPC. RSVP: cpchouston.org/family

Children's Ministry Christmas Party

Let it snow! Children 5th grade and under are invited to the Children's Ministry Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, from 12:30-2:30 pm. We will enjoy REAL snow, cookies, and hot chocolate. Lunch will be provided. Friends are welcome! RSVP: cpchouston.org/party

Handel's Messiah

Our 2025 Handel's *Messiah* performances are December 11, 12 & 13 at 8 pm. Reserve will-call tickets online at cpchouston.org/MessiahTickets.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Please join us for worship this Christmas Eve: Family Candlelight Nativity Service at 4:30 pm and Communion Candlelight Lessons & Carols at 6:00 pm. Find all Christmas events and services at cpchouston.org/Christmas.

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 at tikard@ydklaw.com by January 15.

Volunteers Needed

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

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

Mark your calendar for 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

Announcements

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.

Weekend to Remember

Revitalize your marriage at a FamilyLife Weekend to Remember. Learn more by visiting www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember and take advantage of 50% off gift cards through December 1. For more information, contact Cindy Meeh.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	\$3,300,000
YTD GIVING AS OF 11/18/25	\$2,520,038
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	\$779,962

"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." *Matthew 6:31-33 ESV*

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Sermon Notes

November 23, 2025 | "A Godless Man's Legacy"

Genesis 36:1-37:1 | Rev. Richard Harris

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