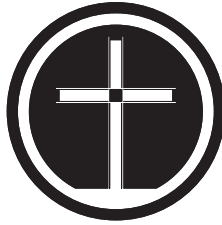


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2026



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As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we will be singing hymns that were very prominent in the American colonies around the time of the American Revolution, as well as hymns that were important in American church music over the last 250 years.

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### Prelude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Words: William Whiting, 1860 | Music: John B. Dykes, 1861*

America the Beautiful

*Words: Katharine Lee Bates, 1893 | Music: Samuel A. Ward, 1882*

### 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 29:1-2

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Let us worship the Lord together!

### Hymn of Praise

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers whose almighty hand

Leads forth in beauty all the starry band

Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies

Our grateful songs before thy throne arise

Thy love divine hath led us in the past

In this free land by thee our lot is cast

Be thou our ruler guardian guide and stay

Thy word our law thy paths our chosen way

From war's alarms from deadly pestilence

Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense

Thy true religion in our hearts increase

Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way

Lead us from night to never ending day

Fill all our lives with love and grace divine

And glory laud and praise be ever thine

*Words: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876. Written to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.*

*Music: George W. Warren, 1892. This tune replaced the original tune and is called "National Hymn."*

## 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

*Words: Traditional 2nd Century*

*Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851*

### Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg  
Catechism,  
Q/A #27 & 28

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

**All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.**

Leader: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

## Hymn

O God Our  
Help in Ages Past  
*Based on Psalm 90*

O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home

Under the shadow of thy throne  
Still may we dwell secure  
Sufficient is thine arm alone  
And our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame  
From everlasting thou art God  
To endless years the same

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun

Time like an ever rolling stream  
Bears all its sons away  
They fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day

O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Be thou our Guide while life shall last  
And our eternal home

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719*  
*Music: William Croft, 1708*

## Call to Confession

Titus 2:11-14

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Public  
Confession**

Prayer of  
Confession from  
the 31st General  
Assembly of the  
PCA

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numberless and aggravated offenses? We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserved your grace and thus have mocked your gospel. We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency. We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood. Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us. We have failed to be your priests and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed. Lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to believe the gospel for your glory!

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**

1 John 1:5, 9

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**

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

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1715*

*Music: From Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Württemberg, 1784*

## **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

*Words: Thomas Ken, 1709*

*Music: Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Sermon**

**"Good Elders"**

*Titus 1:5-9*

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

### Communion Hymns

Alas, and Did  
My Savior Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed  
And did my Sov'reign die  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree  
Amazing pity grace unknown  
And love beyond degree

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When Christ the mighty Maker died  
For man the creature's sin

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe  
Here Lord I give myself away  
'Tis all that I can do

*Isaac Watts, 1707*

There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains  
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Lose all their guilty stains  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day  
And there may I though vile as he  
Wash all my sins away  
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Wash all my sins away  
And there may I though vile as he  
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its pow'r  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved to sin no more  
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Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die  
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And shall be till I die

*William Cowper, 1772*

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun  
*John Newton, 1773*

## Benediction

### Postlude

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Battle Hymn of the Republic  
*Words: Julia Ward Howe, 1861 | Music: Traditional American Melody*

## 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

### Children's Summer Activities

Children rising 5th grade and younger are invited for summer fun at CPC! Come enjoy Wacky Wednesday on the evening of August 5. Learn more & register at [cpchouston.org/children](http://cpchouston.org/children).

### Mo-Ranch All- Church Retreat July 23-26

We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 23-26! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. We are nearing capacity for the retreat, but we will make every effort to find space for everyone who wants to come. Please email BJ McDougal in the church office to find out about options.

### March 2027 CPC Trip to Israel

Richard Harris will lead a trip to Israel for a small group of CPC members March 6-16, 2027. The trip will include visits to Joppa, Caesarea Philippi, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple Mount, the City of David, Bethlehem, and more. There is also an optional Jordan extension that can be added to see Petra and spend a night in Wadi Rum. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Richard Harris.

### 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](http://cpchouston.org/city-groups).

### Operating Fund Contributions

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3,400,000</b>
<b>YTD GIVING AS OF 07/01/2026</b>	<b>\$1,571,054</b>
<b>REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,828,946</b>

"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life." *1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV*

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