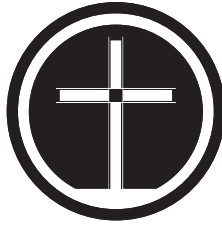


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Prelude

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 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing his wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender
The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In thee do we trust nor find thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

All hail to the King in splendor enthroned
Glad praises we bring
Thy wonders make known
Returning victorious great conqueror of sin
King Jesus all glorious our vict'ry will win

Words: Robert Grant, 1826

Music: Joseph Martin Kraus, ca. 1784; harm. William Gardiner, 1815

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

Colossians 1:15–20

Leader: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

All: We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Hymn
Psalm 27,
The Lord Is
My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus
Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of his Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know his grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise he will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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Words & Music: Keith and Krystyn Getty, Jonas Myrin, Nathan Nockels, 2016

**Call to
Confession**

Exodus 20:12

Adapted from

Westminster

Larger Catechism

Q/A 123, 125;

Westminster

Shorter Catechism

Q/A 64–65

Leader: What is the fifth commandment?

All: The fifth commandment is: Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Leader: What does the fifth commandment require?

All: The fifth commandment requires us to respect and treat others, whether above, below, or equal to us, as their position or our relationship to them demands.

Leader: What does the fifth commandment forbid?

All: The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to every person in their several places and relations.

Leader: Why are those over us referred to as father and mother?

All: The terms father and mother remind those in authority that, like fathers and mothers, they are responsible for and should act in a loving and tender way, appropriately reflecting their particular relationship, toward those under them; and those under them are also encouraged to accept their authority more willingly and cheerfully.

**Public
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sin together.

All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon you, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**

Hebrews 9:13-14

Leader: For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Tithes & Offerings

**Musical
Offering**

The Worship Choir
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
Amen

Arr. David Schwoebel

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

"The Tables Have Turned"

Esther 6

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Hymn 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

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, rev.1709

Music: Gregorian chant; arr. Lowell Mason, 1824

Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

March 2027 Trip to Israel Meeting Today

Richard Harris will lead a trip to Israel for a small group of CPC members March 6–16, 2027. To help answer questions and provide clarity for the trip, our Israeli tour guide, Shai Nahon, will lead an information/interest meeting and Q&A during the Sunday School hour today in the Chapel. If you have already committed to the trip or are interested in joining our small group, please join us in the Chapel. Contact Richard Harris to inquire about joining the trip.

Men's Steak Night November 6

Come for fellowship and great food Friday, November 6, 6:30-10 pm! Bring your favorite cut of meat, and we will supply the rest. You can grill it yourself or leave it to one of our highly trained grill masters. Please register by November 2 at cpchouston.org/steak.

Women's Hymn Sing November 12

Ladies, join us for an evening of singing hymns & joining together in fellowship. We will meet at the Moore home at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 12. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/hymn.

Thanksgiving Worship Service & Dinner

Mark your calendars for our annual, all-church Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 22, at 5:30 pm, followed by a delicious holiday meal afterwards. This will be an evening of giving thanks to God for his abundant love and faithfulness. RSVP by November 6 at cpchouston.org/thanksgiving.

Officer Nominating Committee

Elders Craig Brown and Clif Kageler and Diaconal Ministry Team members Lee Shuchart and Celeste Garbarino have been appointed to serve on the 2027 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) by the Session and Diaconate. CPC's bylaws also call for four at-large members from our congregation to serve on the ONC. If you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee, please email Steve Bellis by Monday, November 2, with your nomination.

Messiah Rehearsals

Rehearsals for Handel's Messiah are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Performances are December 10, 11 & 12. Please contact BJ McDougal if you are interested in joining the concert choir.

Worship Choir

New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir this fall! Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact BJ McDougal.

Announcements

Women's Bible Study

Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our Bible study this fall, "Hosea and The Epistles of John: *Hesed*, God's Covenant Love." We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register at cpchouston.org/BibleStudy.

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.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for each worship service Sunday mornings to extend hospitality to guests and church members so that everyone has a positive worship experience. Will you volunteer your time to serve in this important part of CPC's worship services? Learn more and sign up by visiting cpchouston.org/deacons.

Wednesday Night Dinner

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on October 21 is pizza, grilled chicken, salad, and dessert. Bring \$5 per person, max \$20 per family, or pay online at <https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday>.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	\$3,400,000
YTD GIVING AS OF 10/15/2026	\$2,335,919
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	\$1,064,081

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19 ESV

Give online at cpchouston.org/Give.

Sermon Notes

October 18, 2026 | "The Tables Have Turned"

Esther 6 | Rev. Richard Harris

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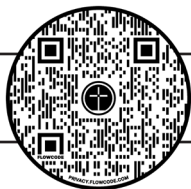
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