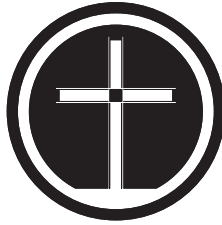


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2026



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### Prelude

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/ Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven by J. Wayne Kerr*

### 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 105:1-3

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
  
Let us worship the Lord together!

### Hymn of Praise

Give to Our God  
Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise  
Mercy and truth are all his ways  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat his mercies in your song

*Chorus*  
*Hallelujah Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah*

Give to the Lord of lords renown  
The King of kings with glory crown  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
His mercies ever shall endure  
When lords and kings are known no more

*Chorus*

He built the earth he spread the sky  
And fixed the starry lights on high  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat his mercies in your song

*Chorus*  
*Hallelujah Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah*

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719*

*Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906*

## **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 Nicene Creed,  
325 A.D.

*\*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

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*

**Call to  
Confession**

James 2:10

Leader: For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

**Public  
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sin together.

**All:** O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sister in our hearts and sin against you, our Father. O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, your people, to gather your elect from the four corners of this world so that your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**

Colossians 1:13-14

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**

(8:30)

Arise, My Soul, Arise  
The Worship Choir

*Arr. Dan Forrest*

(11:00)

He Will  
Hold Me Fast

*Introduction: Jean Sibelius, 1899*

*Words: Ada Habershon, 1906 and Matt Merker, 2013*

*Music: Matt Merker, 2013*

## 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

#### **"Jacob and Joseph Reunited"**

*Genesis 46:28-47:12*

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  
Hymn**

It Was Finished  
Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ has triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon he has offered  
Great the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed

Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed  
Yes he rose that we would be free indeed  
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory  
To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that cross  
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*Words & Music: Nigel Ian Hendroff, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, 2021*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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*Let Praise Ring Forth by Edward Broughton*

## Announcements

- Women's Prayer Meeting** Please join us for our Women's Ministry Prayer Meeting this Wednesday, May 6, 11:30 am to 12 noon, in Main Building Room 212.
- Family Ministry Crawfish Boil Today** Families, you are invited to CPC's Family Ministry Crawfish Boil this Sunday, May 3, 12:30-2 pm! Enjoy crawfish, sides, and fellowship with friends at the home of Richard and Alicia Harris. Students (6th-12th grade) are invited to join their parents at the Harris home for crawfish and swimming, weather permitting. Children (5th grade and younger) are invited to stay at CPC for a fun fellowship lunch and activities.
- Congregational Meeting May 17** A Congregational Meeting to elect our new elders and deacons will be held Sunday, May 17, immediately following the conclusion of our 8:30 worship service. A Town Hall meeting and financial presentation will follow. Adult Sunday school classes will meet after the meeting. The following candidates will be presented to the congregation for election: Matt Baker (elder), Chip Mealy (elder), Dan Olson (elder), Brian Rose (elder), Scott Brown (deacon), and Larry Dawson (deacon). Lee Shuchart will be appointed by the Session to serve on the Diaconal Ministry Team alongside our ordained deacons.
- Lunch & Learn with Freedom Church Alliance May 17** The Missions Committee invites you to a lunch and learn in the Chapel on Sunday, May 17, following the 11:00 worship service. Come learn how you can be involved in Freedom Church Alliance's efforts to combat human trafficking in Houston, especially as our city prepares to host the FIFA World Cup this summer. Please register for lunch at [cpchouston.org/lunch](http://cpchouston.org/lunch).
- Vacation Bible School June 9-12** Sign up today for VBS June 9-12, 9 am to 12 pm! We invite rising kindergarteners through fifth graders to join us for an exciting week filled with Bible lessons, games, crafts, and fellowship with old and new friends! Register campers and volunteers or sign up to bring snacks online at [cpchouston.org/VBS](http://cpchouston.org/VBS).
- 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. Register online through Sunday, June 7, at [cpchouston.org/mo-ranch](http://cpchouston.org/mo-ranch).
- Special Women's Discussion Class** On Sunday, May 24, the women of CPC are invited to hear Lucy Dalton from Gloucester, England, speak about her faith journey as a British physician and wife of a CPC-supported church planter. Lucy will speak at 10:00 am in the Women's Discussion Sunday School class in the SonRise Room 201. Lucy's remarks and the class fellowship are sure to be an encouragement.

## 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](http://cpchouston.org/city-groups).
- Give Online** To give online, please visit [cpchouston.org/give](http://cpchouston.org/give). “You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” *Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV*
- Wednesday Night Dinner** For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on May 6 is smoked pulled pork, salad, and dessert. Bring \$5 per person, max \$20 per family, or pay online at <https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday>.

## 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.



# Church Ministry Staff & Ruling Elders

## MINISTRY STAFF

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**Richard Harris, Senior Pastor**

**Steve Bellis, Executive Director**

**Gina Grieb**

Student Ministry Coordinator

**Alicia Harris**

Women's Ministry and Special Events Coordinator

**Angela Ikard**

Director of Children's Ministry

**BJ McDougal**

Director of Music and Worship

**David Newland**

Interim Director of Young Adults Ministry

**Kristin Page**

Associate Director of Children's Ministry

**Kyler Parkman**

Director of Student Ministry

**Axel Sotelo**

Assistant Pastor of Community Outreach

## ON CALL MAY 3

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**Elder on Call**

Eric Hambly

**Diaconal Member on Call**

Greg Mayer

## RULING ELDERS

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**Craig Brown, Chairman, Worship Committee**

**Travis Graham, Clerk**

**Eric Hambly, Vice-Chairman, Finance Committee**

**Tom Harrison, Chairman, Finance Committee**

**Marshall Henderson, Chairman, Children's Ministry**

**Tommy Ikard, Chairman, Student Ministry**

**Clif Kageler, Personnel Committee**

**Paul Oliphant, Chairman, Missions Committee**

**Keith Pendergrass, Vice-Chairman, Missions Committee**

**Shawn Shoop, Personnel Committee**

**Cor Van Dyk, Chairman, Personnel Committee**

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