

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24, 2024



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### Prelude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing, | Arr. Robert D. Vandall*

### 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 95:2

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

### Hymn of Praise

Come Christians

Join To Sing

Come Christians join to sing  
Alleluia amen  
Loud praise to Christ our King  
Alleluia amen  
Let all with heart and voice  
Before his throne rejoice  
Praise is his gracious choice  
Alleluia amen

Come lift your hearts on high  
Alleluia amen  
Let praises fill the sky  
Alleluia amen  
He is our Guide and Friend  
To us he'll condescend  
His love shall never end  
Alleluia amen

Praise yet our Christ again  
Alleluia amen  
Life shall not end the strain  
Alleluia amen  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore  
Singing forevermore  
Alleluia amen

## 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 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

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember  
No wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus*

*Praise the Lord his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more*

What patience would wait  
As we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus*  
*Praise the Lord his mercy is more*  
*Stronger than darkness new every morn*  
*Our sins they are many his mercy is more*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus 2x*

Our sins they are many his mercy is more

**Call to  
Confession**  
Matthew 7:3-5

Leader: Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**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.**

**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**  
Romans 8:1

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**(8:30)  
Reception of  
New Members  
and Baptism**

**(11:00)  
Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**  
(8:30) Speak O Lord  
(11:00) He Will Hold  
Me Fast

**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**

**"God's Covenant with Abram"**  
*Genesis 15*  
Rev. Richard Harris

## **Closing Song**

Grace Greater Than  
Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the  
Lamb was spilt

*Chorus*

*Grace grace God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace grace God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss  
Grace that is greater yes grace untold  
Points to the refuge the mighty cross

*Chorus*

Marvelous infinite matchless grace  
Freely bestowed on all who believe  
You that are longing to see his face  
Will you this moment his grace receive

*Chorus*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Fugue in G Major | J. S. Bach*

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## Announcements

- Thanksgiving Worship** Join us today at 5:30 pm for our Thanksgiving worship service. During this special service we will ordain and install Jack Smith as our Assistant Pastor of Family Ministries. Following the worship service we will share a delicious holiday meal. Please register and volunteer for dinner at [cpchouston.org/Thanksgiving](http://cpchouston.org/Thanksgiving).
- Angel Tree Christmas** Stop by the Angel Tree table to pick up one or more gift ideas for the children of prisoners and children from Cedar Brook Elementary and Lion Lane Schools. Contact Larry or Susan Dawson for more information.
- Family Ministry Christmas Party** Save the date for Friday, December 6, 6:30-9:00 pm at the Harris home. Childcare will be provided at CPC. RSVP: [cpchouston.org/Family](http://cpchouston.org/Family)
- Children's Christmas Party** Join us Sunday, December 8, 12:30-2:00 pm for snow, sledding, and hot chocolate! Sign-up online at [cpchouston.org/Party](http://cpchouston.org/Party).
- Handel's Messiah** Our 2024 Handel's Messiah performance dates are December 12, 13 & 14. Reserve will-call tickets online at [bit.ly/Messiah-Tickets](http://bit.ly/Messiah-Tickets).
- Men's Retreat** Our 2025 Men's Retreat is February 7-8. Learn more and register online: [cpchouston.org/mens-retreat](http://cpchouston.org/mens-retreat).
- Women's Retreat** Save the date for our Womens' Retreat March 28-30, 2025 at Camp Allen!
- Worship Choir** Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.
- Volunteers Needed** The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at [cpchouston.org/deacons](http://cpchouston.org/deacons).
- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: [cpchouston.org/Sunday-School](http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School)
- City Groups** Sign up online at [cpchouston.org/city-groups](http://cpchouston.org/city-groups) or contact Jack Smith.
- Mo-Ranch** Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch July 24-27, 2025.
- Year-End Stock Donations** Tax advantages may be realized by donating appreciated stock you have owned for more than one year. CPC will sell and use the proceeds for its programs. Please contact Claudio Cordeiro for information or to notify us of your stock transfer. For contribution credit this calendar year, we must receive the gift on or before December 31. If mailing a check, it must be postmarked on or before December 31.

### Year-to-Date Giving

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| <b>GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024</b>     | <b>\$3,138,300</b> |
| <b>GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE</b> | <b>\$2,331,487</b> |
| <b>DIFFERENCE AS OF 11/22/24</b>    | <b>(\$806,813)</b> |

“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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## ON CALL NOVEMBER 24

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**Elder on Call**

Tommy Ikard

**Diaconal Member on Call**

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