

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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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 97:1,12

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!  
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!  
  
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*

## 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 Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

Leader: He leads me beside still waters.

**People: He restores my soul.**

Leader: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

Leader: You anoint my head with oil;

**People: My cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**All: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

Yet Not I But  
Through Christ In  
Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love  
My deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine  
I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won  
And I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released  
I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete  
Still my lips shall repeat  
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## **Call to Confession**

Exodus 20:13  
Westminster  
Shorter Catechism  
Q/A 67;  
Heidelberg  
Catechism Q/A  
105-107

**Leader:** What is the sixth commandment?

**People:** **The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.**

**Leader:** What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

**People:** **I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or murder my neighbor – not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds – and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.**

**Leader:** Does this commandment refer only to murder?

**People:** **By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are murder.**

**Leader:** Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

**People:** **No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.**

## **Public Confession**

**Leader:** Let us confess our sins 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, we murder our brother and sister, 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.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**

(8:30) All My Boast  
(11:00) Psalm 27,  
The Lord Is My  
Salvation

**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**

**“The Journey Begins”**

*Genesis 12:4-9*

Rev. Richard Harris

**Closing Song**

My Faith Has Found  
A Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place  
From guilt my soul is free  
I trust the everliving One  
His wounds shall plead for me

*Chorus*

*I need no other argument*

*I need no other plea*

*It is enough that Jesus died*

*And that he died for me*

My great Physician heals the sick  
The lost he came to save  
For me his precious blood he shed  
For me his life he gave

*Chorus*  
*I need no other argument*  
*I need no other plea*  
*It is enough that Jesus died*  
*And that he died for me*

My heart is leaning on the Word  
The written Word of God  
Salvation by my Savior's name  
Salvation through his blood

*Chorus*

Enough for me that Jesus saves  
This ends my fear and doubt  
A sinful soul I come to him  
He'll never cast me out

*Chorus*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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## Announcements

### Meet CPC Weekend

If you'd like to learn more about our church or are considering membership, please join us Friday, October 25 (6:30–8:30 pm) and Saturday, October 26 (9 am – 1 pm). Register online at [cpchouston.org/meet-cpc](http://cpchouston.org/meet-cpc).

### Officer Nominating Committee Nominations

Elders Travis Graham and Tommy Ikard and Deacons Wes Wolffe and Dan Alexander have been appointed to serve on the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC). CPC's bylaws call for four at-large members to serve on the ONC. To nominate someone to serve on the ONC, please email Steve Bellis by Monday, October 21, with your nomination.

### Book Drive for Cancer Patients

Houston Haven, a CPC-supported mercy ministry that provides short-term housing to families who are undergoing cancer treatment, has a table on Main Street today. They are seeking donations of Christian faith books or monetary donations that will be used to directly purchase books.

### Support Our Partner Schools

Happy Fall Y'all Treats for Cedar Brook and Lion Lane Staff will be delivered to the schools on October 25. Please sign up to provide snacks at [bit.ly/fall-snacks](http://bit.ly/fall-snacks)

### Youth-Reach Anniversary Benefit

Youth-Reach Houston has been a local ministry supported by CPC for years. Youth-Reach is a voluntary, long-term program for boys ages 12-17 intended to heal past wounds and restore families. The ministry has a 40th Anniversary Celebration Benefit Concert on November 9 at 6:30 pm. Find out more details and get tickets here: [bit.ly/Youth-Reach-Anniversary](http://bit.ly/Youth-Reach-Anniversary)

### Family Ministry Social

Please join us for the Family Ministry Social on Sunday, November 3, 12:30–3:00 at Kirby Ice House. Childcare provided at church. Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/social](http://cpchouston.org/social)

### MNA Disaster Response

MNA Disaster Response provides support to PCA churches in disaster-affected communities. CPC Session has approved donating \$10,000 for recovery efforts to MNA Disaster Response for Hurricanes Helene and Milton. For more opportunities to help visit [pcamna.org/hurricane-helene](http://pcamna.org/hurricane-helene).

### CPC Cookbook

Our cookbooks benefitting Tumaini Children's Village are here! If you pre-ordered, pick up on Main Street. Visit [bit.ly/CPC-Cooks](http://bit.ly/CPC-Cooks) to purchase if you'd like to get one for yourself (or for a gift).

### Men's Steak Night

Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food November 22! Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/steak](http://cpchouston.org/steak)

### ESL Teacher Training

Teacher training November 15 & 16: No experience necessary! Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/ESL](http://cpchouston.org/ESL) or contact Axel Sotelo.



## Announcements

- Handel's Messiah**      Our 2024 Handel's Messiah performance dates are December 12, 13 & 14.
- 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)
- Worship Choir**      Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal for more information.
- Men's Bible Study**      The Men's Bible Study is led by Pastor Harris on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am, in the Chapel. Join us for teaching, small group discussion, and breakfast! Sign up at [cpchouston.org/men](http://cpchouston.org/men)
- Women's Bible Study**      Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our study of Leviticus & Hebrews. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Register at [cpchouston.org/BibleStudy](http://cpchouston.org/BibleStudy)
- 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 Steve Bellis.
- Mo-Ranch**      Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat to Mo-Ranch July 24–27, 2025.

### Year-to-Date Giving

<b>GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024</b>	<b>\$3,138,300</b>
<b>GIVING TARGETED JAN–OCT 2024</b>	<b>\$2,165,427</b>
<b>GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$2,020,549</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE AS OF 10/15/24</b>	<b>(\$144,878)</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*

Give online at [cpchouston.org/Give](http://cpchouston.org/Give)

**Sermon Notes**

October 20, 2024 | "The Journey Begins" | Genesis 12:4-9 | Rev. Richard Harris

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# Church Ministry Staff & Ruling Elders

## MINISTRY STAFF

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## RULING ELDERS

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**Matt Baker, Chairman, Personnel Committee**

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**Tommy Ikard, Chairman, Student Ministries**

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