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Prelude

Italian Hymn by Charles Callahan

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
Come Thou Almighty King

Come thou Almighty King
Help us thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious o'er all victorious
Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come thou Incarnate Word
Gird on thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and thy people bless
And give thy Word success
Spirit of holiness on us descend

Come Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r

To thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

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

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

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

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
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!**

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
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
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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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

"Meet Joseph"
Genesis 37:1–11
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song
How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word
What more can he say
Than to you he has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you help you
And cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials
Your pathway shall lie
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you I only design
Your dross to consume and your
Gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus
Has leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to his foes
That soul though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

Benediction

Postlude
Nun freut euch, lieben Christen by J.S. Bach

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Announcements

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

We encourage you to be part of our Marriage Conference scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 23, and the morning of Saturday, January 24. Guest speakers Chad and Emily Van Dixhoorn will help us think through biblical truths about marriage to help singles and couples be more thoughtful and prayerful. Cost is $50/couple or $35/individual. Contact the church office to inquire about scholarships. Childcare is available for children fifth grade and younger. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/marriage

Dr. Brad Voyles at CPC February 1

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Brad Voyles, president of Covenant College, to CPC on Sunday, February 1. Dr. Voyles will preach in both worship services. He will also teach on "Why Christian Higher Education" during the Sunday School hour for parents and middle and high school students. Dr. Voyles combines his God-given love for discipleship with decades of experience working with students, first at Southern Illinois University and Belhaven College, then at Covenant College, to bring a valuable perspective to the topic of Christian higher education. We encourage parents and students to be part of this important class in the Chapel!

Men's Retreat February 6 & 7

Men, plan to join us for our 2026 Men's Retreat February 6-7 at Camp Blessing. Our speaker will be Ligon Duncan, Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. The cost is $145. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/men.

Winter Journeys February 14

Ladies, save the date for Winter Journeys, one of our most loved women's ministry events at CPC! Join us Saturday, February 14, 10 am to 12 pm. We will begin our morning with fellowship and a brunch before hearing from our speakers, Anne Henderson and Kara Rose, about their journeys. Sign up today at cpchouston.org/journeys.

Women's Bible Study Resumes January 14

Join the women of CPC for our Bible study, "Judges & Romans: Ruined to Righteous," when we resume on January 14. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 214, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/BibleStudy.

Men's Bible Study Resumes February 10

Men, join us for the Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am in the Chapel. We will resume meeting on February 10. Breakfast tacos will be served, and ministry staff along with seminarians will be teaching through the Psalms. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/men.

Worship Choir Rehearsal Wednesday

New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir! We will rehearse Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary beginning January 14. For more information, please contact BJ McDougal in the church office.

Announcements

Every Person Prayer

If you signed up for Every Person Prayer, please pick up your prayer card on Main Street today. Even if you didn't sign up, you may still pick up a card and begin praying for members of our church family!

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.

Officer Nominations

The Officer Nominating Committee is hard at work. If you have recommendations for elder, deacon, or diaconal ministry team members, please email Chairman Tommy Ikard by January 15.

Volunteers Needed

The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.

Wednesday Night Dinner

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on January 14 is spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and dessert. Bring $5 per person, max $20 per family, or pay online at https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday.

Sermon Notes

January 11, 2026 | “Meet Joseph”
Genesis 37:1–11 | Rev. Richard Harris

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ON CALL JANUARY 11

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