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Prelude

Prelude on "Ellacombe" by David Lasky

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 104:31–34

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at his command
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with his Word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from thy throne
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in thy care
And everywhere that man can be
Thou God art present there

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715
Music: From Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Würtemberg, 1784

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
Romans
8:28–35; 37–39

Leader: Let us affirm what God's Word declares about the love of God in Christ Jesus for us.

People: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

People: **Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

All: **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Hymn
Psalm 130,
I Will Wait For You

LORD from the depths I call to you
Lord hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
When I for mercy cry

Out of the depths I cry to you
In darkest places I will call
Incline your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were you to count my sinful ways
How could I come before your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus
I will wait for you I will wait for you
On your Word I will rely
I will wait for you surely wait for you
Till my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in his power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Chorus

Now he has come to make a way
And God himself has paid the price
That all who trust in him today
Find healing in his sacrifice

Chorus

I will wait for you I will wait for you
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for you surely wait for you
For your love is my delight

I wait my soul waits for the LORD
My hope is in his Word
More than the watchman waits for dawn
My soul waits for the Lord

Psalm 130: Scottish Psalter, Free Church Of Scotland. Tune: Hugh Wilson, 1825
Words & Music: Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Stuart Townend, 2018

Call to Confession
Exodus 20:17
Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 146-147;
Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 81-82;
Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 115

Leader: What is the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment is: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Leader: What does the tenth commandment require?

People: The tenth commandment requires that we be so completely satisfied with our own status in life and have such a proper, loving attitude toward others that we are naturally inclined to wish the best for them and all their possessions.

Leader: What does the tenth commandment forbid?

People: The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.

Leader: Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

All: Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word, and action.

Leader: No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly: Why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

All: First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Romans 6:23

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

(11:00)
Sacrament of Baptism

Richard Crawford Burran

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
Worship Choir
All Things New

Light after darkness
Gain after loss
Strength after weakness
Crown after cross
Sweet after bitter
Hope after fears
Home after wand'ring
Praise after tears

Chorus
Alpha and Omega
beginning and the end
He is making all things new
Springs of living water
Shall wash away each tear
He is making all things new

Sight after myst'ry
Oh sun after rain
Joy after sorrow
Peace after pain
Near after distant
Gleam after gloom
Love after loneliness
Life after tomb

Chorus
Alpha and Omega
beginning and the end
He is making all things new
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Arr. Elaine Hagenberg

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

"Call His Name Immanuel"
Isaiah 7
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Hymn
Who Is Like the Lord

Whose wisdom stood before the ages
Whose voice sang out creation's light
And whose word remains
Though earth and heaven pass away
The Word revealed to all mankind

Who wakes the mind's imagination
Who stirs the soul to endless awe
And who shaped the heart
To hold the deepest joy of life
The nearness of the living God

Chorus
Who is like the Lord God Almighty
High and lifted up the Holy One
Blessed be his name
The King who reigns forevermore
Who is like the Lord our God

Whose hand could write the song of mercy
That moves the sinner's heart to sing
And whose arm is strong
To save us with redeeming love
In Christ to reconcile all things

Chorus

He is the Lord there is no other
To him belongs the highest praise
So as we draw near
With deepest joy and reverent fear
Our hearts we bow our voices raise

Chorus

Who is like the Lord God Almighty
High and lifted up the Holy One
Blessed be his name
The King who reigns forevermore
Who is like the Lord our God
Who is like the Lord our God

Words & Music: Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, 2026

Benediction

Postlude

Festival Postlude on "In Babilone" Traditional Dutch melody arr. By David Lasky

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Announcements

Thanksgiving Worship Service & Dinner Tonight

Please join us for our annual, all-church Thanksgiving worship service today at 5:30 pm, followed by a delicious holiday meal. This will be an evening of giving thanks to God for his abundant love and faithfulness. A limited number of meals will be available for purchase for $7.

Angel Tree Christmas

We invite you to select Christmas gift suggestions to bless the children of prisoners and children attending Cedar Brook and Lion Lane schools. Visit the Angel Tree table on Main Street, cpchouston.org/angel-tree, or contact Larry Dawson or Long Tran. There's only one day left to bring your gifts to the church; the deadline is tomorrow, Monday, November 23.

Missions Prayer Meeting Today

Please join us for a time of corporate prayer for world missions today in the Sanctuary 10–10:45 am. Elders and members of the Missions Committee will lead us in prayer for world missions and the missionaries and ministries that CPC supports. Adult Sunday School classes will meet as usual.

JOY Group Christmas Gathering & Outing

On Tuesday, December 1, there are two opportunities for the JOY Group; join us for one or both events! We will have an early Christmas gathering with lunch and festivities starting at 10:30 am. No cost for lunch! For all who are interested, we will embark on our next outing to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Houston Museum of Natural Science! We will leave CPC by noon and return around 4 pm. The cost of the outing is $28 and also includes all of the permanent exhibits. Sign up for one or both events at cpchouston.org/JOY.

Family Ministry Christmas Party

All children, youth, and parents are invited to join us at the end of Main Street for a festive Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 6, from 12:30–2:30 pm. Enjoy cookie decorating, hot chocolate, and fun Christmas activities for the whole family! Lunch will be provided, and friends are welcome to join us as we celebrate this special season together. Please sign up at cpchouston.org/family.

Handel's Messiah

The Concert Choir & Orchestra, along with special guest soloists, present Handel's *Messiah* at 8 pm December 10, 11 & 12. Free general admission tickets will be available at 7 pm each evening for that evening's performance.

Every Person Prayer

In keeping with James 5:13–17, we have set a goal for every member of CPC to be anonymously prayed for by another member every day in 2027. No meetings, programs, or reporting to anyone is required; simply sign up to pray. You can find the sign-up link using the QR code on the back of your bulletin. Cards with names will be available for pick up on January 3.

Christmas Poinsettias

Our poinsettias are supplied from The Brookwood Community. If you would like to buy one, please visit cpchouston.org/Christmas and follow the poinsettia link to complete the form and make your payment online. The cost is $10 per plant, first come first served. Please limit 5. Orders will be taken until December 14. Donors' names and messages will appear in a special bulletin insert in the Christmas Eve worship services. After the second Christmas Eve service, the poinsettias are yours to take home.

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.

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.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	**$3,400,000**
YTD GIVING AS OF 11/18/2026	**$2,623,097**
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	**$776,903**

"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life." *1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV*

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Sermon Notes

November 22, 2026 | "Call His Name Immanuel"
Isaiah 7 | Rev. Richard Harris

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