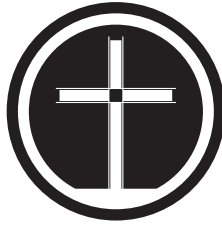


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Prelude

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

select verses from
Psalm 104

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Let us worship the Lord our provider!

Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Fount
Of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

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 #29, 31

Leader: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

People: Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

Leader: Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

People: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance, our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Hymn

Love Divine All
Loves Excelling

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heav'n to earth come down
Fill us with thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter every trembling every trembling heart

Breathe O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in thee inherit
Let us find thy promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty at liberty

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Nevermore thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing
Glory in thy perfect in thy perfect love

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee
Lost in wonder love in wonder love and praise

Call to Confession

Mark 7:14-16,
21-23

Leader: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Public Confession

Adapted from the
Book of Common
Worship, 1946

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

2 Corinthians
5:17

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

Come Behold The
Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the Light of Life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living in his suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hellbound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord he is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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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

"Submitting to God's Will"
James 4:13-17
Rev. Axel Sotelo

Closing Song Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

And when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

- All-Church Prayer
January 5** All adults, along with middle and high school students, are encouraged to come to our All-Church Prayer Gathering on January 5 at 10 am in the Chapel. This guided prayer time will allow us to pray together for the ministries, individuals, and families of CPC; the burdens that confront believers and unbelievers alike in our fallen world; and the advance of the gospel. Adult Sunday school classes will not meet. Children's Ministry will meet as usual.
- Join a City Group** City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers from a variety of ages and stages, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. Most groups meet on weeknights, either every week or several times per month. For more information, visit the table on Main Street in January or contact Jack Smith.
- City Group Lunch** Join us for a City Group lunch on January 26 at 12:30 pm. If you are a current City Group leader, are interested in becoming a City Group leader, or would like to join a City Group, this lunch is for you! Visit cpchouston.org/lunch to sign up.
- CPC 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 Travis Graham by January 15.
- Men's Retreat** Our 2025 Men's Retreat is February 7-8. Learn more and register online: cpchouston.org/mens-retreat.
- Women's Retreat** Save the date for our Womens' Retreat March 28-30, 2025 at Camp Allen!
- Volunteers
Needed** The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.
- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am!
Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School
- 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 in the church office 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

GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024	\$3,138,300
GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE	\$2,802,291
DIFFERENCE AS OF 12/26/24	(\$336,009)

“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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