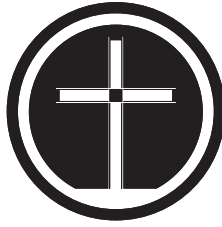


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2026



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**September 6, 2026**

**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 57:9–11

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!  
  
Let us worship the Lord together!

**Hymn of Praise**

I Will Sing of  
My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And his wondrous love to me  
On the cruel cross he suffered  
From the curse to set me free

*Chorus*

*Sing O sing of my Redeemer  
With his blood he purchased me  
On the cross he sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt and made me free*

I will tell the wondrous story  
How my lost estate to save  
In his boundless love and mercy  
He the ransom freely gave

*Chorus*

I will praise my dear Redeemer  
His triumphant power I'll tell  
How the victory he giveth  
Over sin and death and hell

*Chorus*  
*Sing O sing of my Redeemer*  
*With his blood he purchased me*  
*On the cross he sealed my pardon*  
*Paid the debt and made me free*

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And his heavenly love for me  
He from death to life hath bro't me  
Son of God with him to be

*Chorus*  
*Words: Philip P. Bliss, 1876*  
*Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855*

## **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**

Heidelberg  
Catechism Q/A #26

**Leader:** What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**All:** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

**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

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1747*

*Music: Kevin Twit, 2015*

**Call to  
Confession**  
1 John 1:8-10

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**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**  
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.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**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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*Words & Music: Michael Bleecker, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, 2012*

## **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**

**“The King’s Feast”**

*Esther 1*

Rev. Richard Harris

**The Service of  
Communion**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest.”

**Words of  
Institution**

**The Sacrament  
of the Lord’s  
Supper**

**Communion  
Hymn**

The Power  
Of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

*Chorus*

*This the pow’r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev’ry bitter thought ev’ry evil deed  
Crowning your bloodstained brow

*Chorus*

Now the daylight flees  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry

*Chorus*

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross

*Words & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, 2005*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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*Nun last uns Gott dem Herren [Dank sagen] by Johann Pachelbel*

## Announcements

### **Meet CPC (New Members Class)**

If you want to learn more about our church to help determine if it is a good fit for you, we invite you to register for Meet CPC Weekend! We will meet in the Chapel on Saturday, October 3, 8 am to 3 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Childcare is available. Please register at [cpchouston.org/meet-cpc](https://cpchouston.org/meet-cpc).

### **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 in the church office.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our Bible study this fall, "Hosea and The Epistles of John: *Hesed*, God's Covenant Love." We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary beginning September 16, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register at [cpchouston.org/BibleStudy](https://cpchouston.org/BibleStudy).

### **Youth & Children's Lunches**

Youth and children are invited to stay after the second worship service on September 20, 12:30–2:30 pm, for pizza, fellowship, and fun! Please sign up online at [cpchouston.org/lunches](https://cpchouston.org/lunches).

### **March 2027 CPC Trip to Israel**

Richard Harris will lead a trip to Israel for a small group of CPC members March 6–16, 2027. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Richard Harris.

### **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](https://cpchouston.org/city-groups).

### **Ushers Needed**

Ushers are needed for each worship service Sunday mornings to extend hospitality to guests and church members. Will you volunteer your time to serve in this important part of CPC's worship services? Learn more and sign up by visiting [cpchouston.org/deacons](https://cpchouston.org/deacons).

### **Lessons & Laughter**

Lessons & Laughter will not meet September 9. We will resume meeting on September 16 at 12:00 pm in the SonRise Cafe.

### **Wednesday Night Dinner**

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on September 9 is spaghetti & meatballs, salad, and dessert. Bring \$5 per person, max \$20 per family, or pay online at <https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday>.

**Sermon Notes**  
September 6, 2026 | "The King's Feast"  
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## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

*Because CPC is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

### **Operating Fund Contributions**

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| <b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>               | <b>\$3,400,000</b> |
| <b>YTD GIVING AS OF 09/01/2026</b> | <b>\$2,022,587</b> |
| <b>REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET</b>   | <b>\$1,377,413</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 SEPTEMBER 6

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**Diaconal Member on Call**

Seth Owens

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The church office will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

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