



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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VOTUM (PS. 124:8)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98:6-9)

SING - 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

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PRAY

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the intentions and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing in us to merit your favor. (A time of silent confession.) O, Lord, have mercy upon us who are miserable because of our sin. Forgive us, O God, as we confess our faults. Restore us, as we are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the Glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

READ AND HEAR GOD'S ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Although you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses. I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins," says the LORD. (Isaiah 43:24-25)

SING - AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design

In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine
'Tis mercy all let earth adore
Let angel minds inquire no more
'Tis mercy all let earth adore
Let angel minds inquire no more

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine

Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own

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#2 - MAN OF SORROWS

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised

He's risen from the grave

Oh that rugged cross my salvation

Where Your love poured out over me

Now my soul cries out hallelujah

Praise and honour unto Thee

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SCRIPTURE READING - ISAIAH 55:1-11

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.” Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than

your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q & A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong- body and soul in life and in death- to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

SCRIPTURE READING - MATTHEW 2:1-23

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a

dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

SING -LABOR OF LOVE

It was not a silent night
There was blood on the ground
You could hear a woman cry
In the alleyways that night
On the streets of David's town
And the stable was not clean
And the cobblestones were cold
And little Mary full of grace
With the tears upon her face
Had no mother's hand to hold
It was a labor of pain
It was a cold sky above
But for the girl on the ground in the dark
With every beat of her beautiful heart
It was a labor of love
Noble Joseph by her side
Callused hands and weary eyes
There were no midwives to be found
On the streets of David's town
In the middle of the night
So he held her and he prayed
Shafts of moonlight on his face
But the baby in her womb
He was the maker of the moon
He was the Author of the faith

That could make the mountains move
It was a labor of pain
It was a cold sky above
But for the girl on the ground in the dark
With every beat of her beautiful heart
It was a labor of love
For little Mary full of grace
With the tears upon her face
It was a labor of love

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise father son and holy ghost
Amen



This Week At CPC

December 27, 2020

MINISTRIES

DIG (youth ministry)

3:30 PM, Wednesdays

Ladies Bible Study

9:45 AM, Tuesdays

Greenwald Community Group

7:30 PM, 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Prayer Group

7:00 PM, Wednesdays

Strong Community Group

TBA

Brown Community Group

7:00 PM, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Friday

For the safety of everyone, our ministries take place online through video call. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information to get in contact with us, please email admin@cpcoviedo.com or visit and sign up for our email news-bulletin at cpcoviedo.com/news.

Giving report for November

Monthly need	\$27,769
November giving	\$24,189
2020 total need thru November	\$305,455
2020 total giving thru November	\$281,994

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

We will offer gathered worship this Sunday, December 27 at 10:30 a.m., but will continue to welcome those who are more comfortable to worship with us virtually [via our Facebook page](#). If you can't catch us at that time, a replay will be made [available on our website](#) on Monday.

Effective July 1, Seminole County requires every person to wear a mask and follow CDC social distancing guidelines while at all businesses, places of assembly, and in public. This means that all people in attendance at CPC for worship or other activities must wear a mask.

There are a few relevant exceptions. You may remove your mask if you are:

- Outdoors and social distancing.
- Under the age of two years.
- Eating or drinking.
- Communicating with someone who is hearing-impaired and must see the mouth of someone wearing a mask in order to communicate.

We do have a limited number of adult and child-sized masks available if you do not have one or forget yours. You will be asked to wear your mask at all times while worshipping or congregating at CPC.

Further, IF YOU ARE SICK OR FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER, even if your symptoms do not indicate COVID-19, please DO NOT come to church. Stay home, rest and recover, so that you can join us again when you're feeling better. This goes for your children as well.

Please consider the needs of your neighbors and community at this time and act with grace and love by complying with this executive order and our request for healthy gathering.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

We love kids, and we are glad to have your children worshiping alongside us! Our service will include a special Bible lesson just for them.

If your children need a break, parents are welcome to take them to the nursery to play. Our nursery also has a place for changing diapers, a family restroom, and a private space for nursing mothers.

WORSHIP AT CPC

A worship service at Covenant Presbyterian Church lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes, sometimes more and sometime less. The flow of those services, the liturgy, will typically look like this:

Welcome and Announcements	Creed and Prayer
Song of Adoration	Children's Lesson
Confession of Sin	Scripture Reading and Sermon
Assurance of Pardon	Lord's Supper
Songs of Praise	Benediction
Scripture Reading	Doxology

If you don't know when to stand or sit, don't sweat it. Follow those around you. We forget sometimes, too. And if you have questions we'll be happy to attempt an answer after the service.

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CPC

The Lord's Supper is a joyful part of Christian worship which we celebrate weekly. If you are a Christian, we are happy to have you join with us even if you are not a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. If you have any uncertainties about whether you should partake or not, seek out the pastor or one of the elders before the service. If you are not a Christian, to partake of the Supper would be to express a faith that you do not embrace. That would not be fair to you, or good. So, feel free to stay in your seat. We do not mind. We are glad to have you as our guest.

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