

**CYPRESS CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
(Disciples of Christ)

**Putting Love First In All Things**

**August 20, 2017 - 9:30am**

**ENTERING INTO FAITHFUL WORSHIP**

*Hello, My Name Is*

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

*Mighty To Save  
Lord, I Need You*

**ENGAGING THE FAITH**

**Announcements & Blessing of the Backpacks  
Scripture**

Psalm 48:14

**Morning Message**  
*Where Love Leads*

**Prayers for the People**

*My Lighthouse*

**Call To Communion and Offering**  
*Do This*

**Elder's Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

*When The Rain Comes*

**SENDING FORTH TO LIVE THE FAITH**

**Call To Discipleship**

*I Am Free*

**Unison Prayer**

**A Thought from our Youth Director**

**The Freedom of Choice**

School is coming! Backpacks are being packed, clothes are being bought, and young minds are preparing for the routine of school. While we, as adults, might be excited for a more normal and predictable schedule, our youth can sometimes be afraid. They are losing some of their freedom. We may have this idea that all of the youth of this next generation are entitled. However, I don't think we are really giving our kids enough credit.

Our youth have to choose their career path at fourteen years old here in the Klein School District. The standard on how much our kids need to know has grown exponentially with the introduction of the internet. Plus, our kids not only know what is 'cool' in their school, but they worry about what is 'cool' according to the world of social media. Their time is so scheduled with activities, homework, and sometimes family that there isn't much time left to let loose. I am amazed at times with the amount of pressure I see these teens going through.

Going into the new school year, as a person who truly thrives off of order, I am challenging myself to figure out how I can give the youth here at church more choice. Letting them pick games and truly listening to what they want and like. As parents there are of course always things your children will not be able to have a choice on, like doing their homework, but I believe we can all find some wiggle room. Maybe we even allow our kids to make the wrong choice to give them the chance to learn how to recover from failure in a safe space. We all want the best for our youth. We want them to grow up to be caring, contributing, faith-filled members of society. So my challenge is that we all take a minute to pause and truly think about the growing pressure our kids are under. Then we make a choice. A choice to hear our youth and give them the freedom to make more decisions and to take the time to guide them in those choices as needed.

~ Mariah

**SERMON NOTES**

Ancient people would practice their religion by  
T\_\_\_\_\_ their story, R\_\_\_\_\_ their story,  
L\_\_\_\_\_ their story, B\_\_\_\_\_ their story.

**Psalm 48** was shared during:

The F\_\_\_\_\_ of T\_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 48:9**

*We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.*

In times of crisis, God led, guided, directed the people into:

T\_\_\_\_\_  
J\_\_\_\_\_  
T\_\_\_\_\_

into spaces where they could R\_\_\_\_\_ on and  
R\_\_\_\_\_ with God's unceasing love.

**Psalm 48:14**

*"This is God, our God, forever and always! God is the one who will guide us even to the very end."*

**John's Gospel** describes the Word (*Jesus*) taking on Flesh and Dwelling among us. In the Greek, the word dwell is actually the word for T\_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrew word for Ponder/reflect = Damah

Can also mean to M\_\_\_\_\_ oneself L\_\_\_\_\_  
or to R\_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 14:13-14**

*...I'll be like the Most High!*

God G\_\_\_\_\_ us I\_\_\_\_\_ so that we can  
be G\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP – The Basics

My name is Bruce Frogge, and as lead pastor of this community, I want to welcome you to Cypress Creek Christian Church and express how wonderful it is that you have chosen to be here this morning. If you are new, we want to make you feel comfortable in the experience of worship. Feel free to visit the Guest Center in the lobby for information or questions you might have. Here are a few basics that may help your experience:

**COMMUNION** is a central part of our weekly worship. It is a time when we remember and reenact the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. Toward the end of the service, we extend an invitation for everyone who feels called to share together by taking a piece of bread, dipping it in the cup of juice and partaking of the elements. You do not need to be a member of the church to participate. Gluten Free bread is found in the tray on the right hand side of the steps.

**OFFERING** is accepted every Sunday to support the mission and ministries of the church, though if you are new to Cypress Creek, we simply celebrate your presence and consider that your gift to God this day.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH** during the 9:30 & 11:00 hours - children (3 years – 5th grade) are in the Youth Building for Christian Education. During the 9:30 hour, Youth (6th – 12th grade) sit in the front rows on the right hand side of the sanctuary. At 11:00 the Youth are in the Youth Building for Christian Education. Please stop by the Guest Center for more information or to have someone walk you over to the Youth Building.

**NURSERY** is available during all three services for children up to 3 years old. The nursery is found in the Forum building, just outside the main entrance to the Centrum.

Even though I may not know your name today, I prayed for you this morning as I pray every Sunday morning for all who will be joining us for the first time.

Bruce Frogge

## GETTING INVOLVED

TODAY Holy Grounds (7:30-11:00am)  
Blessing of the Backpacks (9:30 & 11:00am)  
Board Meeting (5:30pm in Youth Bldg)

Aug. 21-26 CAMPUS CLOSED

***Continue to pray for our members,  
family, and friends***

### Joys:

Kathleen Reynolds is the proud grandmother to Jovi Ann Mitchell born Aug. 15th.

Ruth & Jim Darling are proud great grand-parents of Annie Jameson Murphy, born Tues. Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, to parents, Jack & Kelsey Murphy.

Sherree Walther is proud grandmother of baby girl, Scarlett Avery Walther, born 8/15.

### Member Concerns:

Gail Adcock, Ange Aghamalian, Brenda Behne, Martha Bissex, Bill Blair, Sara Brooks, Mabel Bryant, Shirley Cantrell, Jewell Dawson, Karl Decker, Robert Dillard, Jan Hansen, Ed Hardwick, Tim Hill, Peggy Hutcheson, Bill Kaufman, Jo Kitzmiller, Eloise LaRoche, Lee Lowrey, Elaine Neeld, Eileen Palmore, Don Pederson, Dudley Ray, Tim Reed, Jerry Schoonover, Dan & Sandra Wagner, Lila Winter, Barb Yates.

### Friends and Family Concerns:

Jason Addleman, Jo Mary McGowen Bickham, Kristi, Jason, & Stephen Boudreaux, Michelle Diaz, Jesse Galvan, Toni Hatcher, Robert Johnson, Willow Kreitz, Tina Locke, Patience Mack, Karen Martin, Mike Massey, Sylvia Melugin, Mike Penny, Joe Perez, Kristi Tujague, Charlie Tullis, Teachers & Students.



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