July 9, 2017

Praise: Praising the God who is the Creator. "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him." Colossians 1:16

Confession: Silently confessing your sins to the God who forgives.

Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done.

Intercession for one another: Share one prayer request in your group and pray together.

Today's prayer focus: Church staff and officers

*Praise for elders and deacons who are willing to devote so much of their time and energy to the work of the church. May they be encouraged in their labor.

*Pray for wisdom, conviction, and compassion for the elders as they think and act for the entire body as well as minister to individuals.

*Pray for wisdom, endurance, and generosity for the deacons as they care for those in need, attend to the church property, manage finances, and model servanthood for the congregation.

*Pray that our ordained officers, church staff members, and their families will be protected from the attacks of the Evil One.

*Pray that our shepherding structure will provide good care for our members as well as provide encouragement and support to the ordained officers.

*Pray for Bonnie Kramer as she manages countless responsibilities in the church office. May her diligence, warmth, and heartfelt desire to serve the Lord set the tone for our congregation's worship and service.

*Pray for Denise Brill, Bob and Anna Strickland, and Laura Wambold that their crucial contributions will be acknowledged and that they will be encouraged in their work.

*Pray for Helen Ro as she provides leadership to our music ministry. May she have renewed zeal and find many willing volunteers upon her return.

*Pray for John Rohrman as he shepherds our youth through this critical time in their lives. May he be encouraged by evidence of their growing faith and commitment to Christ.

*Pray for Pastors John Muhlfeld and Jim Rich that their preaching will be clear and winsome, their leadership seasoned with wisdom and grace, and their love for the flock evident to all.

July 2, 2017

Praise: Praising the God who is our Father. "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Confession: Silently confessing your sins to the God who forgives.

Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done.

Intercession for one another: Share one prayer request in your group and pray together.

Today's prayer focus: Marriages and Families

*Pray that Covenant will be a genuine family to each one of its members.

*Pray that every home will be saturated with Scripture and prayer.

*Pray that husbands and wives will love each other deeply and dedicate themselves to cultivating each other's gifts for the glory of God.

*Pray that communication within our homes and within our church will be kind, gracious, Christ-centered, and designed to be mutually encouraging.

*Pray that children will lovingly and cheerfully obey and trust their parents.

*Pray that parents will be granted wisdom, patience, and stamina and remember that they are stewards of God's marvelous handiwork.

*Pray for healing and hope for marriages in disarray and that those spouses will realize that they are not alone in their struggles.

*Pray for homes beset by addiction: deliverance from the affliction, safety for all members, wisdom to chart a good course, and support from outside parties.

*Pray for homes darkened by abuse: also deliverance, safety, wisdom, and outside support

*Pray for parents whose teenage or adult children have wandered from the faith. May the truth and comfort of Scripture penetrate the hearts of both children and parents.

*Pray for grandparents as they provide support for their grown children as well as nurture a new generation of young ones. May they receive wisdom for navigating among the generations.

*Pray for wisdom and endurance for individuals caring for aging parents.

*Pray that each of us will see both our biological and our spiritual families as a gift from God.

June 25, 2017

Praise: Praising the God who is forgiving. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

Confession: Silently confessing your sins to the God who forgives.

Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done.

Intercession for one another: Share one prayer request in your group and pray together.

Today's prayer focus: Children's and Youth Ministry

*Pray that VBS will be a week of faithfully proclaiming God's Word and demonstrating the love of Christ.

*Pray that many children and families whose lives haven't been touched by the Gospel will be drawn to the Good News of Christ at VBS.

*Pray that our own CPC children will come to understand their faith in a deeper way.

*Pray for willing and eager volunteers in all of our children's and youth ministry.

*Pray for John Rohrman as he gives leadership and direction to the youth ministry. May he sense God's grace and wisdom as he reaches out to the students and tackles the administrative challenges of coordinating so many schedules and volunteers.

*Pray that the upcoming Jamaica missions trip will be life-changing for our youth, drawing them into a deeper relationship with their Savior.

*Pray that our youth will see themselves as vital parts of our church body. May we encourage them to develop their gifts for God's glory and guide them in their transition to adulthood.

*Pray that the youth will begin to develop a regular prayer and devotional life.

*Pray for our Sonflower Girls ministry, that it will continue to foster friendships among the girls and remind them of Christ's faithful love. Pray for Carrie Rutkowski as she leads the group.

*Pray for the Trailblazer Boys ministry, that it will connect the boys to each other and to the importance of serving and loving their Savior. Pray for Jim Rich and others as they lead.

*Pray for CPC's annual Harvest Fest that it will continue to be an opportunity for outreach and that it will continue to teach our children the importance of serving and sharing Christ's love.

*Pray for Heart Hiders and the musical opportunities for our children. May they encourage personal spiritual growth as well as contributing to our worship.

June 18, 2017

Praise: Praising the God who is Compassionate. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." I John 4:9

Confession: Silently confessing your sins to the God who forgives.

Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done.

Intercession for one another: Share one prayer request in your group and pray together.

Today's prayer focus: Missions and Outreach

*Pray for the members of the Jamaica missions team that they will see their goals and responsibilities through God's eyes.

*Pray for the work that the team will be a part of in Jamaica: may they offer physical, emotional, and spiritual support to the ongoing ministry.

*Pray that by working together everyone's heart will be drawn toward Christ; may the youth in particular find the trip to be a life-transforming time.

*Pray for safe travel and good health.

*Pray for the Missions committee as it supports our missionaries and directs our congregational focus toward opportunities to serve others. May we all become more missions-minded.

*Pray for Philip and Joy, Flavien and Inyange, the Cranes, the Stoudts and other CPC-supported missionaries. May they find their hope and joy in Christ as they share His love in their communities.

*Pray for the Keystone Opportunity Center as it tackles hunger, homelessness, and unemployment in our community. May it reach many with the love of Christ.

*Pray for New Life Youth and Family Services as it works to transform lives. May we at CPC continue to find ways to support this work.

*Pray for CPC-specific outreach efforts: Harvest Fest, VBS, MOPS, clothing exchange.

*Pray that you will open our eyes to specific needs around us and challenge us to live lives of servanthood.

*Pray for the outreach that happens individually among CPC folks. May our hearts respond when you open a window to reach out to those around us.

June 11, 2017

Praise: Praising the God who is Wise. "For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6

Confession: Silently confessing your sins to the God who forgives.

Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done.

Intercession for one another: Share one prayer request in your group and pray together.

Today's prayer focus: Christian Education

*Pray for strength, wisdom, and encouragement for each Sunday School teacher.

*Pray that our children will be steeped in the truths of the faith and that they will effectively apply these truths to their lives.

*Pray that adults will actively engage with the ideas they encounter in Sunday School.

*Pray that Sunday School will deepen personal relations as well as challenge individuals intellectually.

*Pray for wisdom for the Christian Education Committee as it evaluates curriculum, supports teachers, and embarks on new endeavors.

*Pray for many willing volunteers to staff various Christian Education ministries.

*Pray that new teachers and volunteers will be identified and trained, particularly among high school and college-age students.

*Pray that people in the current membership class (and those in the future) will develop strong friendships and have a clear vision of CPC's vision.

*Pray for Pastor Rich and Laura Wambold as they give leadership and direction to many of our Christian Education programs.

*Pray that our nurseries will be safe and inviting and that volunteers will be abundant.

*Pray that our Junior Church program will offer solid teaching, build community, and encourage children to welcome visitors.

*Pray that our existing small groups will be encouraged, that new ones will be developed, and that everyone who desires small group fellowship will find it.

June 4, 2017

Praise: Praising the God who is holy. "Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Psalm 29:1-2

Confession: Silently confessing your sins to the God who forgives.

Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done.

Intercession for one another: Share one prayer request in your group and pray together.

Today's prayer focus: Worship

*Pray for the faithful preaching of God's Word

*Pray that the Gospel will be clear, and people's lives will be changed

*Pray that our repentance as we confess our sins will be genuine.

*Pray that our singing and all of the music will give glory to God and encourage our devotion to Christ

*Pray that participating in the offering will prompt us to be generous and be reminded of how to serve you in every area of our lives.

*Pray that participating in the Lord's Supper will both convict us of our sin and encourage us with your message of grace.

*Pray that worshipping together as a body will remind us of your broader Kingdom and prevent us from thinking about our worship in isolation.

*Pray that we will welcome visitors and serve them as we do established members of the body.

*Pray that our corporate worship today will carry over into the rest of the week through Scripture reading, prayer, and service to others.

*Pray for Pastor Muhlfeld as he delivers God's Word today.

*Pray for other musicians and worship leaders as they lead us and give glory to Christ.

*Pray against Satan's efforts to thwart our worship, distract us, or keep the Word from burrowing deeply in our hearts.