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Sunday, 10:30am

# Welcome to Christ Community Church

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and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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Whether you are a visitor or a member, it is a joy to worship our Lord Jesus Christ with you this morning. Please consider participating in our Discipleship Hour and Community Groups throughout the week as well.

We believe it is right and good for children of all ages to be with the adult community in worship. Please do not hesitate to keep your child with you. However, we do offer Children's Church for 3-5 yr. olds. Those children participating can be dismissed to the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

Because we live in a fallen, broken, sinful world, we can come to Sunday morning worship at times with hearts weighed down with burdens, struggles and concerns. It is not God's will that we shoulder these burdens and concerns alone. Each Sunday immediately following the worship service, there are people at the right front of the church who stand ready to listen to your concerns and to pray with you. So, whatever your concern, no matter how big or small, feel free to come, to share and to be prayed for.

Prepare yourself now for the highest calling of the people of God which is the worship of God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

Building Attendant for today: Greg Coggins

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## ***Reflections***

**Unknown:** “Being a servant is more about being than it is about doing. There is no genuine life in Christ that is not at the same time, by the power of the Holy Spirit, being transformed into the likeness of Christ. Any religion that puts self above others is not and cannot be true Christianity. If Christ, being God, humbled Himself to become a servant for others, then how can we as His followers, who are not God, in any way exalt ourselves? If He died for others, how can we fail to live for others? We tend to look for that one BIG experience where we can demonstrate our faithfulness to God, demonstrate our servanthood by giving of ourselves in some heroic fashion. But in reality that is not usually how it happens. In reality, it happens in the small, everyday, somewhat uneventful occurrences of our lives.”

**Jesus (John 13:12-15):** “When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, ‘Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.’”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Rev. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

### *Hearing from the Savior*

#### § Call to Worship

Acts 17:24-28a

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being’...

### *Responding to the Savior*

#### § Prayer of Invocation

#### § Song of Praise

*Christ is Mine Forevermore*

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall His love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing: I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow; darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted: Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name.  
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war.  
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.  
For there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

Bridge (2x): Come rejoice now, O my soul; for His love is my reward.  
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.  
For there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.  
Christ is mine forevermore. Christ is mine forevermore

### **Introduction of New Communing Members**

Brandon & Kara Martin, and Elise & Ellie  
Manuel & Ari Garcia, and Sarah (Alex), Natalie, Isaak, Abby & Rebekah

### ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **Covenant Baptisms**

Ellie Martin, daughter of Brandon and Kara Martin  
Sarah (Alex), Natalie, Isaak, Abby, and Rebekah, children of Manuel and Ari Garcia

### ***Responding to the Savior***

### **Song of Praise**

*The Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

### **Tithes & Generous Giving**

Three ways to give: the Giving Box, online through the website, or mail to the church at PO Box 80787, Simpsonville, SC 29680

### **Prayers of the Church**

Joel & Latifahia Brown, RUF @ SC State

### ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **Gospel Lesson**

Mark 10:42-45

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## ***Responding to the Savior***

### **§ Song of Preparation\***

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

\*Parents who desire may bring their 3-5 yr. olds to the children's wing for Children's Church.

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self-abasing, this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him .

## ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **Sermon Text**

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Paul Sanders

*"Serve Like Jesus"*

Week after week we proclaim the Bible because we are convinced it is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. That means that it comes to us from God, so it is true in everything that it claims. Therefore, you can trust it with all of your heart and it will not let you down.

## ***Responding to the Savior***

### **§ Song of Response**

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,  
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as You choose,  
ev'ry power as You choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne,  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
ever, only, all for Thee.

## ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **§ Benediction**

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

*If you have a need or would like to find out more about the Gospel, the Post Worship Team stands ready to meet with you and pray. Simply make your way to the front right-hand side of the sanctuary after the Benediction, and a team member will be there to meet with you.*

*Space for Notes:*





## Discussion Questions for Community Groups & Families:

### Philippians 2:1-11 “*Serve Like Jesus*”

1. Especially for the children and youth:
  - a. How has someone at church served you?
  - b. How can you serve others at church each week?
2. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
3. How many selfless acts of Jesus can you recall from the gospels and Philippians 2?
4. “Being a servant is more about being than about doing.” Agree or disagree and why?
5. Consider our 3<sup>rd</sup> vow of membership: *Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?* Is it possible to live as becomes a follower of Jesus and NOT seek to serve your church family? Why or why not?
6. Consider our fourth vow of membership: *Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?* Discuss all the opportunities we have to apply this promise.
7. If you are a communing member at CCC, what Sunday team are you serving on?
8. Why is it important for us to be willing to serve in areas where we do not particularly enjoy? How does this relate to Jesus’ service on this earth?
9. Pray together that our members would seek to serve Christ and His church well and that our effort to mobilize more volunteers for our Sunday gatherings would be fruitful.

## Why Do We Do That?

## Covenant Baptism

*“Every time we baptize an infant, we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.” (B.B. Warfield)*

Our view of Baptism emphasizes and pictures who God is and what God alone can do for His elect. It points us to what God proclaims and promises. Baptism is a sign and seal of God’s covenant promise to His people, directly instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, in which Jesus has directed that water is to be applied, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It signifies the glorious realities of union with Christ, forgiveness of sins by His blood, regeneration by His Holy Spirit; our adoption, our hope of resurrection to everlasting life, our engagement to be wholly and only the Lord’s, and the admission of a person into the visible church. It is a seal from the King that assures us of the authenticity of the gospel and the benefits we receive in Christ. Baptism fulfilled and replaced the OT sign of God’s covenant of grace, which was circumcision, ending the shedding of blood in gospel signs and picturing the circumcision of the heart to which circumcision pointed.

The waters of baptism do not save anyone. Yet it is a picture of what God says He will do for His people in Ezekiel 36:25-27: “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” It is a new and better sign of God’s covenant of grace to be administered to believers and their children as was circumcision (see the Genesis 17 and Acts 2:39 parallels along with Colossians 2:11-12). Biblical accounts as well as the earliest evidence of church history also affirm the inclusion of households in baptism (Acts 16:11-15, 25-34, 2 Cor 1:16). Covenant Baptism (and especially “infant” baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God’s love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. We pray that God will do for our children what is pictured in their baptisms and we call them early and often to faith and repentance.

Thus, at Christ Community Church, we baptize the children of believers, as well as adult professing believers who have not been previously baptized, in accordance with Scripture. Adults, in this way, are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and profession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37, Romans 10:9). It is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community. And yet, even in their baptisms, the emphasis remains on who God is and what He has done.

*Mark your calendars:*

***January***

- **31:** Youth Pizza and Movie Night, 6:00pm

***February***

- **1:** SPUR Groups for Youth
- **8:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm, bring a dish to share with 8-10 people
- **13:** JOY Fellowship Lunch, 12:30pm, Youth Room

*Men and Women: consider joining a Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. The men meet in the Conference Room and the Women are meeting in the atrium. See our website for more details.*

*More information can be found in the Update, on the app, and/or website.*

- \* *The first Sunday of each month we take a collection of personal care items for the Center for Community Services. Items can be placed in the wagon located next to the Information Desk in the foyer.*
- \* *Members can pick up a monthly giving report summary in the Deacons' office.*

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