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Sunday, February 15, 2026
10:30am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

*For God's glory, to make and deploy mature
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.

This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask a Sound Technician for a receiver.

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.

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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.

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Standing

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)

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Building Attendant for today: Andrew Woodford



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Reflections

Matthew 17:12-13: “But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

John 1:29: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Matthew 3:14-15: John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

Romans 6:3: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

2 Corinthians 5:21: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

James 1:13: Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

Hebrews 4:15-16: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

William Hendricksen: “The temptation, that is, the sense of need, the consciousness of being urged by Satan to satisfy this need, the knowledge of having to resist the tempter, and the struggle to which this gave rise, was real even for Christ.”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Song of Praise

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save!
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Hearing from the Savior

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-11 & Luke 4:16-21

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; but you shall be called the priests of the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy. For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

And he (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

Responding to the Savior

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

José & Lisa Chambilla, Wycliffe Bible Translators

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 38-39

Leader: Why was it required that the mediator should be God?

All: That He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favor, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Leader: Why was it required that the mediator should be man?

All: That He might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption as sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

§ Songs of Preparation*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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

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 hell-bound 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.

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy His will abideth.
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent,
His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking.
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there.
He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to Him I leave it all.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

"Fulfilling All Righteousness"

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

Jesus, Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;

He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Chorus: Jesus, Messiah.
Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine
broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.
Chorus

*Bridge: All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. (repeat)*
Chorus

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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:

Series: Good New Breaking #2 · The Gospel of Mark (1:9-15) · "Fulfilling All Righteousness"

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for the children and youth:
 - a. Why is it important that Jesus did not only die for ours sin, but that He obeyed perfectly for our righteousness?
 - b. Talk with a leader about what our baptisms proclaim? Has God truly accomplished those things in your life?
3. Why would Jesus—who had no sin—submit to a baptism of repentance from sin?
4. What's the difference between being "not guilty" and being declared "righteous," and why does that distinction matter in daily Christian living?
5. In what ways do you still measure yourself by performance rather than resting in Christ?
6. How does Jesus' temptation in the wilderness encourage you in your own spiritual battles?
7. Adam failed in ideal or privileged conditions, while Jesus succeeded in extreme hardship. What does this say about the power of trusting God's Word?
8. How are you tempted to rely on something other than God's Word for security or satisfaction?
9. How might knowing that Christ has already defeated Satan shape the way you face suffering, temptation, or fear?

Why Do We Do That?

Expository Preaching

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)

That preaching has always been a fundamental part of true Christian worship is not debatable. However, it may be helpful to explain the type of sermon you will hear most Sundays at Christ Community Church. The preaching in our corporate worship is expositional in nature. Expository preaching expounds upon the meaning and application of a particular passage of Scripture rather than starting with a topic and finding verses to support it. Sometimes this means preaching through an entire book of the Bible a few verses each week, but it could also be worked out in a sermon series on the Beatitudes that lasts just a few weeks and doesn't include the rest of Matthew's gospel. At times a series may be topical, but nevertheless, the preaching will be expository pulling from one or more key passages.

There are at least three things that you should expect the expositional preaching at CCC to include. First is thorough preparation. In addition to the time the Pastor has invested in his rigorous theological education, he spends a great deal of time each week studying God's Word and praying in preparation for the morning sermons. John Calvin once said in a sermon about preaching,

“If I should climb up into the pulpit without having deigned to look at a book and frivolously imagine, ‘Ah well! when I get there, God will give me enough to talk about,’ and I do not condescend to read, or to think about what I ought to declare, and I come here without carefully pondering how I must apply the Holy Scripture to the edification of the people – well, then I should be a cock-sure charlatan and God would put me to confusion in my audaciousness.”

Be assured that what you hear from the pulpit at CCC is a product of serious preparation and much prayer. Second, you can expect that the preaching will include direct application to your Christian life. Expository preaching is not an abstract exercise because “Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

You should expect to leave worship knowing how the passage preached affects you as a Christian. Beyond preparation and application, you can expect the preaching at CCC to be Spirit dependent. The Prayer for Illumination that at times precedes the Sermon each Sunday is a petition for the Holy Spirit to empower the preaching, open the hearts of the listeners, and apply God's Word to our lives. The Apostle Paul wrote, “my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

God commands preaching and promises to bless faithful exposition of the Word, and it is reckless to depend on any other method to grow the church and nurture the body of Christ. While the Pastor is always seeking to improve the preparation, delivery and application of the sermon, the essential **methodology is not up for grabs because God works through preaching**, and other methods are neither commanded nor sanctioned by Him in His word.

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior (Titus 1:1-3).

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:5).

Mark your calendars:

February

- **13-16:** Youth Ski Trip
- **18:** Ladies' Night Out, Portofino's, 6pm
- **19:** Men's Night Out, Chili's, 6pm
- **28:** Community Group Leader Training, 8:30-10:30am

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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