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Sunday, February 22, 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.

S - denotes congregation 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: Samuel Streit



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Reflections

William Lane: “By sovereign decision God makes this point in time the critical one in which all the moments of promise and fulfillment in the past find their significance in one awesome moment.”

1 Corinthians 1:26-29: “For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.”

Acts 3:18-19: But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out...”

2 Corinthians 5:20: “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

Proverbs 11:30: “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Randy Gordon, Ruling Elder

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Psalm 115:1, 16-18

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
The heavens are the Lord's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor do any who go down into silence.
But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Song of Praise

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ.

*Chorus: All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above,
Who is Himself our daily bread; Praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; All glory be to Christ.
Chorus

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.

Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e'er his people be; All glory be to Christ!
Chorus

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Leader: What is baptism?

All: Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ has ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into Christ, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

Hearing from the Savior

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Claire Patterson

Daughter of Cameron & Addie Patterson

Responding to the Savior

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

Alex & Eska Dwyer, training and recruitment in Southeast Asia

Hearing from the Savior

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 16:14-16

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the Lord who lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the coun-

tries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers. "Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the Lord, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

Responding to the Savior

§ Songs of Preparation*

All I Have is Christ

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

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
 Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You.

Chorus (2x)

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Pass me not, O gentle Savior - Hear my humble cry!
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

*Chorus: Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry!
 While on others Thou art calling,
 Do not pass me by.*

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief.

Chorus

Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face;

Heal my wounded broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace.

Chorus

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, More than life to me!

Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in Heav'n but Thee?

Chorus (2x)

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 1:14-20

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."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

"First Things, Follow, Fish"

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

Our God Will Go Before Us

Our God will go before us and guide us by His presence.

What confidence this promise is: we will never walk alone.

Through unknown paths, through shadows our hearts fear not tomorrow,
For every step His faithfulness is the truth that lights our way.

*Chorus: Our God will go before us.
 The Lord of Hosts is with us.
 O praise the One who leads us on
 For His grace will bring us home.
 (For His grace will bring us home.)*

Though evil forms against us all heaven will defend us.

The gates of hell shall not prevail, for the battle is the Lord's.

Chorus

Now send us with Your presence and lead us on to heaven
Where songs of sorrow strain no more, and our every breath is praise.
O, let our every breath be praise.

Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

1 Corinthians 16:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

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 #3 · Mark 1:9-20 · “First Things, Follow, Fish”

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for the children and youth:
 - a. What does following Jesus look like right now at your age?
 - b. What person can you pray for an opportunity to share about Jesus?
3. When you think about your daily life, what most clearly functions as your “king”—Jesus or something else? And why do you answer that way?
4. If the Kingdom of God truly sets your priorities, what might need to change this week?
5. How does understanding repentance as a complete reorientation of your life and direction expand or challenge how you’ve thought about it before?
6. Where are you most tempted to intellectually agree with Jesus without practically trusting Him?
7. Can you identify any thing, person, or desire that is keeping you from fully following Jesus?
8. Do those that observe you recognize you are a follower of Jesus? Why or why not?
9. True or false and why: Truly walking with Jesus will inevitably lead to telling others about Jesus.

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:

February

- **28:** Community Group Leader Training, 8:00-10:00am

March

- **8:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **19:** Men's Night Out, 6pm, Silver Bay Seafood
- **21:** Church Work Day
- **22:** New Comers' Luncheon, following the service
- **27-29:** Women's Ministry Retreat @ Bonclarken

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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