



# WELCOME!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**Sermon Series: Church...What is it Good For?**

**Sermon Title: The Church: Is the Bride of Christ**

**Scripture: Rev. 19:6-9, Eph. 5:21-33 & 1:12-14, John 13:26-29**

**Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger**

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## **The Church: Is the Bride of Christ**

### Big Idea

Jesus is coming – I will be ready.

Revelation 19:6-9, Ephesians 5:21-33,  
Ephesians 1:12-14, John 14:26-29

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### **The Betrothal**

This was more than an engagement like we think of today. The betrothal was actually just as binding as being married. The woman who was betrothed to her future husband was bound to her husband. -CL Haynes

### **The Friend of the Bridegroom**

The bridegroom would choose a close and loyal friend whose responsibility was to assist the bride in preparation for the wedding. He would stay by her side throughout this entire betrothal period and make sure she was ready for the bridegroom on the wedding day. -CL Haynes

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### **The Procession**

On the day of the wedding, the bridegroom would leave from his father's house and proceed to the house of the father of the bride to receive his bride. The bridegroom would not announce in advance the exact moment when he was coming, so the bride had to be prepared, ready, and waiting for the bridegroom. -CL Haynes

### **The Ceremony and Feast**

Once the bridegroom had received his bride, they would proceed to the house of the father of the bridegroom. They would then have a wedding ceremony followed by a spectacular wedding feast. These feasts could last up to a week and sometimes even longer. -CL Haynes

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**Jesus is coming – I will be ready.**

**Be ready Church.**

**Let's be the best Bride we can be.**

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## Talk It Over

1. Which part of the message was the most impactful for you and why?
2. Describe the frame of mind in the “heavenly scene” portrayed in Revelation 19:6-9.
3. What does Revelation 19:7-8 teach us about our righteous deeds?
4. Throughout the New Testament, the relationship between Christ and the church is pictured as a marriage (not because our relationship with Jesus is exactly like a marriage, but because there are many similarities). What similarities do you see in Ephesians 5:25-32 between marriage and the relationship of Christ and the church?
5. How can we ready the bride (the Church of Christ) to be beautiful for the wedding day?
6. Brides often spend a lot of time and expense on picking out just the right wedding dress. They want to look stunning for their groom. How can you prepare yourself this week for that future meeting with the groom at the marriage supper of the Lamb?