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Sunday, May 24, 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)

Download the CCC Simpsonville app today!

Building Attendant for today: Robbie McCoy



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## ***Reflections***

**Jesus, John 16:33:** “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**Proverbs 9:10a:** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...”

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 107:1-3, 23-29

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south...

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

### *Responding to the Savior*

#### § 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*

## **Introduction of New Members**

**Reagan & Shayla Keith  
Jeff Grande  
Philip Whetstine**

## **Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

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 & The Lord's Prayer**

Tom & Lucy Wright, MTW

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.*

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

### **Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Psalm 104:5-7, Job 26:7-12a

He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight...

He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing. He binds up the waters in his thick clouds, and the cloud is not split open under them. He covers the face of the full moon and spreads over it his cloud. He has inscribed a circle on the face of the waters at the boundary between light and darkness. The pillars of heaven tremble and are astounded at his rebuke. By his power he stilled the sea;

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

### **§ Song of Preparation\***

*How Great Thou Art*

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Chorus:                Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
                              How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
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                              How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God how great Thou art.  
*Chorus*

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

### **Sermon Text**

Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Paul Sanders

*"Mega Storm, Mega Calm, Mega Fear"*

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**

*How Deep the Father's Love*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

## **§ Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*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 News Breaking #14 –Mark 4:35-41 “Mega Storm, Mega Calm, Mega Fear”*

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
  - a. What part of the storm would have scared you the most (waves, wind, boat filling with water)?
  - b. How did Jesus stop the storm?
  - c. When you are afraid, how can you remember Jesus is with you?
3. Can you identify any “misguided expectations” of Jesus you have held through the years?
4. How should the following realities impact your trials and suffering:
  - 1) Jesus endured what we endure. 2) Jesus is with us (in the boat).
5. In what ways do you struggle to believe that the Word of Christ is sufficient for your needs?
6. Why might we not have an awe and healthy “fear of Jesus?”
7. How does reverent awe deepen, not diminish our love for Christ?

## ***Why Do We Do That?***

## ***Church Membership***

Question: Where do you find church membership in the Bible?

Answer: While the words “church membership” is not in the Bible, the practice of “church membership” is blatantly clear.

Hebrews 13:17 says, “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

Two questions arise from Hebrews 13:17. If there is no biblical requirement to belong a local church, then to which leaders should an individual Christian obey and submit? The Scriptures clearly command Christians to submit to and honor an elder body (Heb. 13:17, 1 Tim. 5:17). If there is no understanding of local church membership, then to whom are we to submit and obey? Is it anyone with the title “elder” from any church? Of course not! There must be a clearly DEFINED leadership to whom we are accountable!

The second question is this: For whom are the leaders of the church (i.e. Elders) responsible to give an account? The Scriptures clearly command an elder body to care for specific people (See 1 Pet. 5:1-5; also, Acts 20:29-30). Are the Elders at CCC to be held accountable for all the Christians in Simpsonville, SC? Of course not! There must be a clearly DEFINED membership that we are responsible to shepherd and lead. Church shepherding and discipline will not work if local church membership doesn't exist.

Other evidences for membership include the following:

- Acts 2:37-47 - numerical record of those who have professed Christ and been filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 41) and an acknowledgement that the church was tracking the growth (v. 47)
- Acts 6:1-6 - we see elections take place in order to address a specific problem and accusation.
- Romans 16:1-16 – Example of an awareness of who is a church member.
- Timothy 5:3-16 - In this text we see criteria for who would or would not qualify for Ephesus' widow care program. The local church in Ephesus is organized, and they are working out a plan.

There is a clear distinction of what widows belong to the church.

Obedience to commands in 1 Cor. 12 and Romans 12 imply membership being necessary!

“When church is just a place you attend without ever joining, like an ecclesiological buffet, you just might consider whether you're always leaving whenever your heart begins to be exposed by the

Spirit, and the real work is beginning to happen. When you begin to look at these texts it becomes clear that God's plan for his church is that we would belong to a local covenant community of faith. This is for our own protection and maturation, and for the good of others."

~Matt Chandler

Local church membership is a question of Biblical obedience, not personal preference.

Is it time you considered church membership? If you have an interest in pursuing membership at CCC, please see one of our elders to discuss this further.

*Mark your calendars:*

## **May**

- **28:** JOY Fellowship Needed & Loved Luncheon, 12pm
- **29:** VBS Workday, 1pm

## **June**

- **5:** VBS Workday, 9am
- **12:** VBS Workday, 9am
- **13:** Men's Fellowship, register online
- **15-19:** VBS
- **17:** Men's Night Out, Azteca Restaurant, 6pm
- **22-26:** General Assembly
- **28:** Promotion Sunday

*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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