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Sunday, June 21, 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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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: Bryan Beeson



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## *Reflections*

**John 7:5:** For not even his brothers believed in him (Jesus).”

**Psalms 118:22:** “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

**Matthew 21:42:** “Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;’ this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

**Ephesians 2:20:** “(the church) ...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...”

**Ephesians 4:15-16:** “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

**Acts 13:50-51:** “But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.”

**John Calvin:** “The gospel cannot be proclaimed without the world rising up against it.”

**Martin Luther:** “The cross of Christ is not only Christ's; it is also the cross of all who follow Him.”

**Isaiah 53:3:** “He was despised and rejected<sup>[b]</sup> by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Mr. Steve Britton, Ruling Elder

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

### *Hearing from the Savior*

#### § Call to Worship

Psalm 42:9-11

I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

### *Responding to the Savior*

#### § Invocation

#### § Songs of Praise

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

*Chorus*

*Jesus I Am Resting, Resting*

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,  
for by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

*Chorus: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

O, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!  
O, how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine.  
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus. I behold Thee as Thou art.  
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.  
*Chorus (2X)*

## **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

## **Moment of Contemplation**

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

#### **New Testament Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 2:1-12

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were des-

tined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

## **Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer**

Coleman & Maisie Greene, RUF @ Wofford College

*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.*

## **§ Affirmation of Faith**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church\*\*,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Apostle's Creed

\*This refers to Jesus taking upon Himself the wrath of God for the sins of His people while upon the cross.

\*\* This refers to the "universal church" that includes all the true elect of God from every tongue, tribe and nation throughout past, present and future history.

## § Song of Preparation

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
to me He has made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
redeemed me for His own.

*Chorus: But I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that He is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto Him against that day.*

I know not how this saving faith  
to me He did impart,  
nor how believing in His Word  
wrought peace within my heart.  
*Chorus*

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing men of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word,  
creating faith in Him.  
*Chorus*

I know not what of good or ill  
may be reserved for me,  
Of weary ways or golden days  
before His face I see.  
*Chorus*

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

### **Sermon Text**

Mark 6:1-13

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them. “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

## **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Paul Sanders

*“Shake It Off!”*

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**

*Agnus Dei*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns!  
Alleluia!

*Chorus: Holy, holy, are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb  
You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen!*

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

### **§ Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*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 #17 –Mark 6:1-13 “Shake it Off!”**

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
  - a. “Have you ever felt left out or not believed, even when you were telling the truth? How do you think Jesus felt when His own hometown didn’t believe Him?”
  - b. “Jesus told His disciples to keep going even when people didn’t listen. What is one way you can keep following Jesus this week, even if it’s hard?”
3. Where do you most identify with Jesus’ experience in Nazareth — being misunderstood by religious community, family, or an unbelieving world? How does Jesus’ example reshape your expectations?
4. How can we respond to rejection or criticism in a way that reflects the character of Christ rather than bitterness or self-pity?
5. What is one area of your life where fear of rejection hinders you from obedience?
6. What practical steps can you take this week to follow Jesus faithfully even if it costs you relationally?
7. Why is it important to do ministry in the contest of community?
8. Jesus told His disciples to “shake the dust off” and keep going. What does “shaking the dust off” look like in your life right now? Where do you need to release results to God and simply endure in faithful ministry?

**Why Do We Do That? Description of Officers, their work, vows and how they are elected**

**CHURCH OFFICERS- RULING ELDER - BCO 8-1**

This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.

**BCO 8-2**

He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.

**BCO 8-3**

It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their

charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the church. They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.

#### CHURCH OFFICERS- DEACON - BCO 9-1

The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints especially in their helping one another in time of need.

#### BCO 9-2

It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation.

In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

#### THE PROCESS - BCO 24-1

Every church shall elect persons to the offices of ruling elder and deacon in the following manner: At such times as determined by the Session, communicant members of the congregation may submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. After the close of the nomination period nominees for the office of ruling elder and/or deacon shall receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office.

Each nominee shall then be examined in:

- a. His Christian experience, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9),
- b. His knowledge of Bible content,
- c. His knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America
- d. The duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- e. His willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination

*Mark your calendars:*

**June**

- **22-26:** General Assembly
- **24:** Youth Pickleball from 3:00 to 6:00 pm @ CCC
- **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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