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Sunday, May 31, 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: Andy Wallace



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Reflections

1 John 3:8: “ ...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

Assisting with the service today:

- John Hubbard
- Rick Heiser, Ruling Elder

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise

10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

*Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.
Chorus

I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

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

Jay & Sumter Brantley, Shepherd's Staff in Kenya

Hearing from the Savior

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Zechariah 13:1-2; Psalm 107:10-16

"On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness. "And on that day, declares the Lord of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness.

Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

Responding to the Savior

§ Songs of Preparation*

By Thy Mercy

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

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, Friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
from all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

*Chorus: By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord.
 By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

Chorus

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
when we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
may our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

Chorus

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸ For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹ And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." ¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not

to send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.?"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Jonathan Williams

"Enemy Occupied Territory"

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Chorus: *My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains.
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

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 #15 · Mark 5:1-20 · “Enemy Occupied Territory”

1. What is most striking to you in this sermon or passage?
2. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Where do you long to see evil rooted out of your own life or in this world?
3. What happens when we allow sin to gain a foothold in our lives. Why should we make no allowance for sin in our lives?
4. What are some “precious remedies against Satan’s Devices,” that have helped you in your pursuit of holiness?
5. Like this man you have a story to tell. Yet, we often shy away from opportunities to tell non-Christians what the Lord has done for us. What encouragements would you share with others in your community group to spur one another on in sharing the story of how Jesus has changed your life?
6. Like the people in this region, do we ever find idols of personal peace and comfort in our own lives? What is it about the person and work of Jesus that helps you to turn from idols and sin to treasure Him above all?

For the Children:

7. What is so wrong with a “little bit” of sin (ex: telling a small lie to mom and dad, coveting your siblings toys, stealing something that doesn’t belong to you, being mean to your classmates)?
8. Why is Jesus better than our toys, friends, or the fun things we enjoy in life?
9. Jesus changed this demon possessed man. What are some ways that Jesus is working on you?

Why Do We Do That?

The Prayer of Invocation

With the Call to Worship, a Biblical dialogue between God and His people begins and continues throughout the service of worship. The Prayer of Invocation is whereby God's people respond to His call by imploring Him to assist us as we worship. In this way we acknowledge our inability to offer acceptable worship in our own strength, and claim the promise that by His Spirit where two or three are gathered together Christ will be present also (Matthew 18:20).

While the exact contents of the Invocation have varied through the centuries, The Westminster "Directory for the Public Worship of God" (1644) still stands us in good stead as a benchmark:

"The congregation being assembled; the Minister, after solemn calling on them to the worshipping of the great name of God, is to begin with Prayer; In all reverence and Humility acknowledging the incomprehensible Greatness and Majesty of the Lord, (in whose presence they do then in a special manner appear) and their own vileness and unworthiness to approach so near him; with their utter inability of themselves, to so great a Work: And humbly beseeching him for Pardon, Assistance, and Acceptance in the whole Service then to be performed; and for a Blessing on that particular portion of his Word then to be read: and all, in the Name and Mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ."

But we should keep in mind that the pastor or elder who prays isn't someone we hire to do our praying for us! It is our responsibility to pray with him as he leads us, and to fervently add our "amen" to his prayers throughout the service.

Taken with permission from Christ Church Presbyterian, Evans, GA.

Mark your calendars:

June

- **1:** Boys Bible Study, 4pm
- **5:** VBS Workday, 9am
- **5:** Volleyball Extravaganza, 5-8pm
- **12:** VBS Workday, 9am
- **13:** Men's Fellowship, register online
- **15-19:** VBS
- **17:** Ladies' Night Out, Arizona Steakhouse, Simpsonville, 6pm
- **17:** Men's Night Out, Papa's & Beer Restaurant, Simpsonville, 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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