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October 12, 2025
10:30 am

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 Sunday School hour and Community Groups throughout the week as well.

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 Room 2 in the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

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.

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)

Building Attendant for today: Will Coggins

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Reflections

Philip Ryken: “God wanted to do something more than get His people out of Egypt; He wanted to get Egypt out of His people.”

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.”

1 Corinthians 5:6-8: “Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Matthew 16:5-12: “When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’ And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, ‘We brought no bread.’ But Jesus, aware of this, said, ‘O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’ Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Galatians 5:9: “A little leaven leavens the whole lump.”

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5, 9

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Songs of Praise

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees,
Oh, Spirit come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things,
Oh Lord we cast down our idols.

Chorus: *Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts*
 Let us not lift our souls to another.
 Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
 Let us not lift our souls to another.
 And oh God, let us be a generation that seeks
 That seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob.
 And oh God, let us be a generation that seeks
 That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob.

Repeat entire song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art Holy; there is none beside Thee.
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three persons, blessed Trinity.

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q #35

Leader: What is sanctification?

All: *Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.*

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

Mark & Jane Kuo, in Taiwan

Hearing from the Savior

§ New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:13-19

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct your-

selves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Responding to the Savior

§ Songs of Preparation*

Nothing but the Blood with O the Blood of Jesus

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-5 yr. old children to Room 2 for Children's Church.

O the blood of Jesus,
O the blood of Jesus,
O the blood of Jesus,
It washes white as snow.

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus: Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

O the blood of Jesus,
O the blood of Jesus,
O the blood of Jesus,
It washes white as snow.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Exodus 12:14-28

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleav-

ened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷ And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ¹⁸ In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹ For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin, None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the Lord’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did..

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul L. Sanders

“Cleaning House”

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

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore
Unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,
Oh, that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o’er creation shines but in Thy sacred Word I read,

in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,
see my bleeding dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray.
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't You chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love.
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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:

Questions for Families and Community Groups

Living Out Our Callings-Exodus Series #23 · Exodus 12:14-28 · “Cleaning House”

Especially for the children:

Talk about how leaven works in bread. Ask, “how can a little sin in our life be like that leaven that affects bread?”

1. What was your top takeaway from this sermon?
2. How does this passage teach us about the nature, function, and purposes of the Sacraments Jesus gave us (Baptism and the Lord’s Supper)?
3. 1 Corinthians 5:7 indicates the fulfillment of the promises of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread in our union with Jesus. Read the text and discuss how so?
4. Discuss this statement: The precursor of our worship of God is His redemptive work.
5. This text indicates that the worship of God demands our preparation, consecration and full attention. How might we apply that to our personal and corporate worship experiences?
6. Church discipline shows up in our text. It is designed to bring glory to God, reclaim sinners, protect the purity of the church, and as a warning to the hearts of God’s people. What role do we as members play in God’s design for discipline in the church (Read Matthew 18:15-20)?
7. Sanctification is the main thing in the life of the redeemed. What are the subtle forms of worldly leaven that so easily infects our holiness?
8. Pray for our growth in holiness as a church body.

Why Do That in Worship?

Expository Preaching

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)

That preaching has always been a fundamental part of true Christian worship is not debatable. However, it may be helpful to explain the type of sermon you will hear most Sundays at Christ Community Church. The preaching in our corporate worship is expository in nature. Expository preaching expounds upon the meaning and application of a particular passage of Scripture rather than starting with a topic and finding verses to support it. Sometimes this means preaching through an entire book of the Bible a few verses each week, but it could also be worked out in a sermon series on the Beatitudes that lasts just a few weeks and doesn’t include the rest of Matthew’s gospel. At times a series may be topical, but nevertheless, the preaching will be expository pulling from one or more key passages.

There are at least three things that you should expect the expositional preaching at CCC to include. First is thorough preparation. In addition to the time the Pastor has invested in his rigorous theological education, he spends a great deal of time each week studying God's Word and praying in preparation for the morning sermons. John Calvin once said in a sermon about preaching,

"If I should climb up into the pulpit without having deigned to look at a book and frivolously imagine, 'Ah well! when I get there, God will give me enough to talk about,' and I do not condescend to read, or to think about what I ought to declare, and I come here without carefully pondering how I must apply the Holy Scripture to the edification of the people – well, then I should be a cock-sure charlatan and God would put me to confusion in my audaciousness."

Be assured that what you hear from the pulpit at CCC is a product of serious preparation and much prayer. Second, you can expect that the preaching will include direct application to your Christian life. Expository preaching is not an abstract exercise because "Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

You should expect to leave worship knowing how the passage preached affects you as a Christian. Beyond preparation and application, you can expect the preaching at CCC to be Spirit dependent. The Prayer for Illumination that at times proceeds the Sermon each Sunday is a petition for the Holy Spirit to empower the preaching, open the hearts of the listeners, and apply God's Word to our lives. The Apostle Paul wrote, "my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

God commands preaching and promises to bless faithful exposition of the Word, and it is reckless to depend on any other method to grow the church and nurture the body of Christ. While the Pastor is always seeking to improve the preparation, delivery and application of the sermon, the essential methodology is not up for grabs because God works through preaching, and other methods are neither commanded nor sanctioned by Him in His word.

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior (Titus 1:1-3).

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:5).

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Mark your calendars:

October

- **12:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **15:** Ladies' Night Out, Sherby's Pub & Grill, Simpsonville, 6pm
- **19:** Children's Ministry volunteer training, 9:30am
- **22:** Fall/Christmas Choir practice begins, 7:15pm
- **23:** Men's Night Out: Sheriff Burger, Simpsonville, 6pm
- **28:** JOY Fellowship Fieldtrip & Lunch, 10:45am

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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