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Sunday, August 16, 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.

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.

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: Andrew Woodford

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Reflections

Luke 18:13: “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’”

Luke 2:32: “(Jesus) a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Galatians 3:29: “And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.”

Luke 18:13-14: “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Rev. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Isaiah 45:15-19

Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together. But Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity. For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is not other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Songs of Praise

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne, Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King nothing can compare, Come let us adore Him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave.
Jesus Savior risen now to reign.

Chorus

Bridge (4x): Men: You will reign forever
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth

Chorus

Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

Jesus, cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity,
make me poor and keep me low, seeking only thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside.
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled.
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul may rest.
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give.
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

Corporate Confession of Sin

O most great, most just, and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbeliever; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. There we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Remind us of your Fatherly affection and give us your Spirit to assure our possession in you. In the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Hearing from the Savior

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 35:1-6a

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

Responding to the Savior

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

Brian & Missy Howard, RUF-International at Clemson University

§ Song of Preparation*

All Must Be Well

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

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor; all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation; all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus ev'ry need supplying,
Yes, in living and in dying,
All must be well.

On our Father's love relying,
Jesus ev'ry need supplying,
Yes, in living or in dying all must be well.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose

little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

"He Does All Things Well"

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

Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
the agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

*Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied. Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table. Jesus, thank You.*

By Your perfect sacrifice, I've been brought near,
Your enemy You've made Your friend.
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.
Chorus

Bridge (3x): Lover of my soul, I want to live for You.

Chorus (2x)

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§ 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:

Discussion Questions for Community Groups & Families:

Series: Good New Breaking #23 · Mark 7:24-37 · “He Does All Things Well”

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
 - a. Are there areas where you feel you “deserve” something from God? How does this passage correct that?
 - b. Who can you persistently pray for that God would save them from their sin?
3. How does the woman’s posture (falling at Jesus’ feet) contrast with the posture of the Pharisees earlier in the chapter?
4. Why is her persistence significant? What does it reveal about her understanding of Jesus?
5. Where do you see pride or self-reliance in your life that resembles the Pharisees more than the Syrophoenician woman?
6. How does Jesus’ interaction with Gentiles encourage your own gospel sharing where you live, work, and play?
7. What areas of life do you need Jesus to say to your ears, “Be opened”?
8. What is something going on in your life that you need to be reminded that Christ does all things well?

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:

August

- **16:** SPUR Groups resume, 5pm
- **19:** Ladies' Night Out, Capri's Italian Restaurant, Simpsonville, 6pm
- **20:** Men's Night Out, Azteca Mexican Restaurant, Mauldin, 6pm
- **23:** New Comers' Luncheon, 12noon
- **30:** Volunteer Teams' Training, 9:30am

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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