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December 28, 2025
10:30 am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

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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: Bill Gobeli

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Reflections

John 5:24: Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Assisting with the service today:

- Dr. Rick Heiser, Ruling Elder
- Mr. John Hubbard

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Songs of Praise

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all!
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all!

*Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name,
You are my all in all!
When I fall down, you pick me up. When I am dry, you fill my cup,
You are my all in all!
Chorus 2x

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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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§ Silent Confession of Sin

Hearing from the Savior

§ Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:15-17

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Responding to the Savior

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

Tom and Chané Hart, Reformed University Fellowship at Furman University

Hearing from the Savior

New Testament Scripture Reading

Revelation 19:11-16

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is

clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Responding to the Savior

§ Song of Preparation*

Jesus Shall Reign

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

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run.
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns. The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.

*Chorus: To our King be highest praise
 rising through eternal days.
 Just and faithful, He shall reign,
 Jesus shall reign.*

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Chorus

Let every creature rise and bring blessing and honor to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Jonathan Williams

"Joy To the World! The Lord Is Come, AGAIN!"

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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

“God in the Flesh: The Wonder of the Incarnation” # 5
1 Corinthians 15:20-28 · Joy to the World, the Lord is Come, AGAIN!

1. For Children:
 - a. Why did Christ have to be born as a man?
 - b. How did Jesus destroy death?
 - c. How do we get ready for when Jesus comes back?
2. “In Adam all die and in Christ all will be made alive (Vs 22, John 5:24).” How do believers, generally, and how are you, specifically, experiencing the current blessing of eternal life, now?
3. Are you ever tempted to believe that living for Jesus does not matter all that much? How so? How does this passage help you to understand that living for Jesus is worth it?
4. As you consider your life and the fallen condition of our world, in what ways does it challenge and/or encourage you to know that “God has put all things in subjection under his feet?” (Vs 25-27)
5. How else does the future hope of these verses shape how you think and live here and now?
6. What other “takeaways” did you receive from this sermon?

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 worshiping 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.

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Thank you to all who provided funds for the poinsettias that have been used to decorate our church for the Advent Season.

Poinsettias placed in memory of:

- ◆ Tom Davies (the Davies Family)
- ◆ Ralph & Marion Hendricks (John & Victoria Hubbard)
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. William Iannone (Joanne Iannone Terrell)
- ◆ Bob & Nona Liddell (Roy & Felicia Liddell)
- ◆ Our 2 babies with Jesus (Martha Jo Moore)
- ◆ Larry & Paige McCarty (Martha Jo Moore)
- ◆ Robert Sams (Judy Sams)
- ◆ JoAnn Shaw (Linda & Larry Taylor)
- ◆ Rosa Lee Taylor (Linda & Larry Taylor)
- ◆ Col. Judson M. Terrell, Jr, Pat Terrell & Jud Terrell, III (David Terrell)
- ◆ John & Helen Thornton & brothers, John & Joe (Roy & Felicia Liddell)

Poinsettias placed in honor of:

- ◆ Our priceless CCC Staff (Martha Jo Moore)

Mark your calendars:

January

- **4:** Joint ADS - Installation of Officers. 9:30am, in sanctuary
- **7:** Financial Peace University begins, 6:pm
- **8:** Thursday Morning Harmony resumes, 9:30am
- **8:** Men's Bible Study resumes, 9:30am
- **11:** Winter ADS classes begin, 9:30am
- **11:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **24:** CPR & AED Training, 8:30am
- **31:** CPR & AED Training, 8:30am

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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