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Sunday, May 10, 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

Galatians 6:6-8: “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

Psalm 121:3-4: “He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.”

Psalm 127:1a: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

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

Introit

Children's Choirs

Hearing from the Savior

§ Responsive Call to Worship

John 1:1-9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise

All Hail the Power

All hail the power of Jesus' name let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall,
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Piedmont Women's Center

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.

Hearing from the Savior

Scripture Reading

Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Isaiah 55:10-11

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Responding to the Savior

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Three ways to give: the Giving Box, online through the website, or by mail to the church at
PO Box 80787, Simpsonville, SC 29680

§ Song of Thanksgiving

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

§ Songs of Preparation*

At Your Name

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

At Your name the mountains shake and crumble.

At Your name the oceans roar and tumble.

At Your name angels will bow,

The earth will rejoice, Your people cry out.

*Chorus: Lord of all the earth, we shout Your name, shout Your name;
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise.
Yahweh, Yahweh: we love to shout Your name, O Lord!*

At Your name the morning breaks in glory.
At Your name creation sings Your story.
At Your name angels will bow,
The earth will rejoice, Your people cry out.
Chorus

Bridge: There is no one like our God; We will praise You, praise You.
There's no one like our God; We will sing, we will sing!
There is no one like our God; We will praise You, praise You.
There's no one like our God, we will sing!
Chorus 2x

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): You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth)
Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 4:21-34

²¹ And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

"Unstoppable"

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;

For the promised morning, Oh, how long!

O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.
Chorus (2x)

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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 & Community Groups

Series: Good New Breaking #13 - Mark 4:21-34 - "Unstoppable"

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
 - a. Review this question and answer from the children's catechism: Question: What do we pray for in the second petition? Answer: That the gospel may be preached in all the world, and believed and obeyed by us and all men.
 - b. So how can you submit to God's Kingdom coming in your life?
3. Where are you tempted to "hide the light of Christ?"
4. Which of the following diagnostic questions from the sermon most convicted you and why?
 - Do I delight in the Word, hearing it preached or am I critical and disinterested?
 - Has Jesus become more precious or more bland to me this year?
 - Do I take an active role in growing and serving, or do I expect others to do the work of the church and take care of me?
 - Would those who know me best say I have a teachable heart or one that prefers to correct the faults in others?
 - Am I growing more OR less eager to know, worship, and obey Jesus?
 - Does God's Word linger in my mind through the week, or does the Word rarely come to mind?
5. Do you have a story of Kingdom growth that took place slowly over time?
6. Have you ever realized God's work in your life after the fact? (i.e., you didn't see it in the moment, but you do now).
7. If you truly believed the Kingdom is advancing like a tsunami, what would change in your priorities, fears, or habits?
8. What is one concrete step you will take this week to participate in the Kingdom's advance?

Why Do We Do That?

Singing The Doxology

At times we may include in our service one of the most widely known pieces of service music in the Christian world: The Doxology. It can be characterized as a “doxological element” which means, in plain English, that it is an exclamation of praise to God from His people. We desire every part of our service to point directly to our Triune God and that our adoration and praise extend only and always to Him as we worship. To read examples of doxological praise in the Scriptures, see Romans 16:27, Philippians 4:20, and Revelation 5:13.

In addition to functioning as praise, it is also a theological element that strongly affirms that the three members of the Trinity are One in essence and equality. It’s hard to overstate how critical the reinforcement of that doctrine is in our day. Many hymns and songs such as Holy, Holy, Holy conclude with a doxological stanza.

Even though the Doxology is Biblical in pattern, it is important to note that it is not a required element of Biblical worship. Instead, it is what the reformers called “circumstantial” or “prudent” (see the Westminster Confession of Faith, 1.6), meaning that it is “according to the general rules of the Word” but does not rise to the same level of importance as the reading of Scripture, or preaching. So, why include it? That question is best answered by another: Do we or can we praise God too much? Of course, we do not and cannot praise Him too much!

To Him that chose us first, before the world began; [the Father]

To Him that bore the curse, to save rebellious man; [the Son]

To Him that formed our hearts anew, [the Holy Spirit]

Is endless praise and glory due.

~Isaac Watts

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Mark your calendars:

May

- **13:** JOY Fellowship Day at the Riverbanks Zoo
- **15, 29:** VBS Workdays, 12noon
- **17:** Children’s Ministry Teacher Training, 8:30am
- **17:** SPUR Groups meet, 5pm
- **20:** Ladies’ Night Out, Chuy’s Mexican Restaurant, 6pm
- **21:** Men’s Night Out, Sheriff Burger, 6pm
- **28:** JOY Fellowship Needed & Loved Luncheon, 12pm

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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