



A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Faithful to the Scriptures
True to the Reformed Faith
Obedient to the Great Commission



Sunday, June 28, 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: Will Coggins



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Reflections

Deitrich Bonhoeffer: “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

Matthew 16:25: “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

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

Psalm 96:1-9

“Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!”

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise

For All The Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
to thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Allelu!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Allelu!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;

The King of glory passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearing from the Savior

New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:1-12

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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

Presbyterian Church in America

§ Affirmation of Faith

Leader: What is the Word of God?

All: *The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.*

Leader: How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

All: *The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness to and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.*

Leader: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

All: *The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.*

§ Songs of Preparation

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Chorus: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Highest praises, honor and glory,
Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.*

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Chorus 2x

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness.
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place
though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace.
My feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.

He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when he calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Jonathan Williams

"Costly Discipleship"

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe

His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He.
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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 #18 –Mark 6:14-29 “Costly Discipleship”

1. Why does the message of the gospel repel some and attract others?
2. What warnings do we see from the lives of Herod and Herodias about the progression and destruction of sin?
3. Have you, like John the Baptist, had doubts about God or His Son in the face of life challenges or persecution? What has helped you when you have had doubts about Jesus?
4. What hallmarks of John the Baptist’s preaching should give shape to the preaching ministry of the Church today?
5. What encouragement would you give to a Christian who is suffering persecution for their faith at work, in the classroom, or in their family?
6. Have you been strengthened by God’s word to be faithful to Jesus in the face of suffering *or* possible suffering for Jesus’ sake?
7. Jesus told His disciples to “shake the dust off” and keep going. What does “shaking the dust off” look like in your life right now? Where do you need to release results to God and simply endure in faithful ministry?
8. In what other ways were you challenged or encouraged by this sermon?
9. Especially for our youth and children:
 - a. Is it hard to live for Jesus sometimes? When has it been hard?
 - b. What reward does the Bible promise to Christians?
 - c. Read Matthew 11:1-6. How did Jesus’ help John the Baptist when John doubted? How does God help us when its hard to obey him?
 - d. When Christians die, will things be better for them? How do we know?

Why Do We Do That? Description of Officers, their work, vows and how they are elected

CHURCH OFFICERS- RULING ELDER - BCO 8-1

This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.

BCO 8-2

He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the

faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.

BCO 8-3

It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the church. They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.

CHURCH OFFICERS- DEACON - BCO 9-1

The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints especially in their helping one another in time of need.

BCO 9-2

It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation.

In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

THE PROCESS - BCO 24-1

Every church shall elect persons to the offices of ruling elder and deacon in the following manner: At such times as determined by the Session, communicant members of the congregation may submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. After the close of the nomination period nominees for the office of ruling elder and/or deacon shall receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office.

Each nominee shall then be examined in:

- a. His Christian experience, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9),
- b. His knowledge of Bible content,
- c. His knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America
- d. The duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- e. His willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination

Mark your calendars:

June

- 28: Promotion Sunday

July

- Mondays @ 4 pm: Boys' Bible Study
- 2: Youth Pool Party, 5:30pm
- 6-10: HS Camp
- 15: Ladies' Night Out, Sakura Japanese Steak House, 6pm
- 16: Men's Night Out @ The Slice Pizza & Pasta in Simpsonville, 6pm
- 20-24: MS Camp
- 27-30: Created for a Purpose

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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