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August 31, 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 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: Bruce Piesch

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## ***Reflections***

**Romans 8:14:** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

# Order of Worship

## Welcome & Announcements

### *Hearing from the Savior*

#### § Call to Worship

Exodus 15:1b-2, 11-13

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode."

### *Responding to the Savior*

#### § Prayer of Invocation

#### § Songs of Praise

*10,000 Reasons*

*Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.  
*Chorus*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
*Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.  
*Chorus*

Yes, I worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name.

### *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Chorus:        This is my story, this is my song.  
                 Praising my Savior all the day long;  
                 This is my story, this is my song.  
                 Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight.  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending, bring forth above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
*Chorus*

Perfect submission all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in his love.  
*Chorus*

## **Confession of Faith**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.\*  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church\*\*,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

\*This refers to Jesus taking upon Himself the wrath of God for the sins of His people while upon the cross.

\*\* This refers to the "universal church" that includes all the true elect of God from every tongue, tribe and nation throughout past, present and future history.

## **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**

**Brian & Missy Howard, RUF-I @ Clemson University**

### ***Hearing from the Savior***

## **Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 36:24-27

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 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.

### ***Responding to the Savior***

## **§ Song of Preparation\***

*Lord, I Need You*

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

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

*Chorus 1: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free.  
Holiness is Christ in me.  
Where You are, Lord, I am free.  
Holiness is Christ in me.

*Chorus 1*

Bridge: So, teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

*And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

*Chorus 2: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need You.*

## ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **Sermon Text**

Romans 8:1-17

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him..

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

#### ***"Led by The Spirit"***

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**

*His Mercy is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

*Chorus:        Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
                 Stronger than darkness new every morn.  
                 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.  
*Chorus 2x*

## ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **§ Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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***  
***Led by The Spirit · Romans 8:1-17***

1. With reference to the sermon or from general knowledge - when thinking about discipleship, holiness, and growing in Christ, why should we, firstly, think about God and his work? Also, what is our responsibility in sanctification?
2. From your reading or from the sermon on Romans 8:1-17, what were some observations about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer?
3. What would you say from this text and places in Scripture are some encouraging aspects of the ministry of the Spirit in our lives?
4. How would you use this text to encourage yourself or someone else who was discouraged in their personal sanctification or in a difficult relational situation?
5. The Holy Spirit empowered warfare to which Paul calls us in Romans 8:13 does not happen in isolation to one another. (The evil one wants us to deal with sin in isolation).
6. What are some practical ways and means that we as a church family can encourage one another as we seek to “put to death the deeds of the body” and pursue holiness?

***Why Do That in Worship?***

***The Apostles’ Creed***

“Christian truth could not possibly be put into a shorter and clearer statement.”

~Martin Luther on the Apostles’ Creed

Creeds and Confessions of faith have fallen on hard times in evangelical churches. Accused of creating divisions and erecting walls that keep people out of the church, many congregations have adopted a “no creed but the Bible” stance in which statements like the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed are deemed outdated at best and, at worst, harmful.

It is true that creeds divide: they divide truth from error, and they divide true teachers from false teachers. It is true that creeds erect walls around a church: walls of protection and clarity within which Christians may pursue the Truth of God’s holy Word in relative safety. The creeds of the church were developed to defend God’s people against heresy and to define Christian orthodoxy.

The Apostles' Creed dates back at least to the second century A.D., and perhaps earlier. St. Ignatius, who was born about the time Christ's earthly ministry ended, wrote in familiar phrases that Christ was born "of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and died and was raised from the dead."

Even though it was not likely written by the Apostles, the creed bearing their name is in full agreement with the New Testament teachings of the Apostles and specifically attacks the heresy of Gnosticism. Gnostics believe that the physical universe is evil and that God did not make it ("I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth"). Because they believe that the physical realm is evil, they also deny that God took on a human body in Christ ("And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary"). Gnosticism holds that the most important Christian doctrines were mysteries reserved for a select few ("the holy catholic church" stresses the universality of all of Christ's teachings) and they totally reject the resurrection of the body, because the body is part of the evil physical realm ("the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body"). If you think Gnosticism is no longer a threat to the church, read "The Da Vinci Code," and then recite the Apostles' Creed at the top of your lungs!

There are two phrases in the Apostles Creed that some folks find confusing. "The Holy Catholic Church" refers NOT to the Roman church but to all of the elect from every tongue, tribe and nation past, present and future. "He descended into Hell" refers to the reality that Jesus endured the wrath of God for the sins of His people in those hours upon the cross.

The creeds we use in worship are not the very Word of God, but they are distilled from it and true to it, and we recite them because they state in compact form all of the essentials for being a Bible-believing Christian. The creeds help us to pass along those essentials from one generation to the next, and they tie generations of believers together by laying down a specific set of fundamental truths.

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*Mark your calendars:*

## ***September***

- **4:** Thursday Morning Harmony resumes, 9:30am
- **7:** Fall ADS classes begin, 9:30am
- **7:** Women's Ministry Meeting, immediately following the worship service
- **14:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **25:** Men's Night Out, Azteca Mexican Restaurant, Mauldin, 6pm

*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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