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Sunday, September 27, 2026
8:30am
11:00am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

*For God's glory, to make and deploy mature
and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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.

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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 3-4 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)

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Reflections

Psalms 104:1-2: “Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.”

Daniel 10:5-6: “I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.”

Deuteronomy 18:15: “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.”

John 17:24: “Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

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

Hebrews 1:1-8

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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!

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Chorus: Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity.
Chorus

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turned to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.
Chorus

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is Love.
Chorus

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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 & The Lord's Prayer

Henry & Molly Holmberg, RUF @ Anderson University

§ Affirmation of Faith

from the Westminster Larger Catechism

Leader: What is God?

All: God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

§ Song of Preparation*

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-4 yr. olds to the children's wing for Children's Church.

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,
the summer morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,
and glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain, the deep sweet well of love,
the streams on earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fullness, His mercy doth expand,
and glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment but her dear bride-groom's face.
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace,
not at the crown He giveth, but on His pierced hand,
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine.
I stand upon His merit I know no other stand,
not even where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 9:1-13

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. ¹¹ And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" ¹² And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it

written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

“The Mountain Top”

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

§ Corporate Confession of Sin

Father, You have said, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him. We confess that we often listen more to the world, our fears, and our desires. Forgive us for when we ignore Your Word. Forgive us for when we doubt Your promises. Forgive us for when we resist Your commands. Forgive us for underestimating the glory of Christ. Please restore our sight, renew our hearts, and teach us to listen to Jesus, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.

Hearing from the Savior

§ Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Responding to the Savior

§ Song of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

*Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?
Chorus

Unto the grave, what will we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.
Chorus

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§ Benediction

1 Timothy 1:17

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and 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:

Discussion Questions for Community Groups & Families:

Series: Good News Breaking #28 –Mark 9:1-12 The Mountain Top

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
 - a. Have you ever had a significant spiritual “mountaintop experience?” If so, please share.
 - b. Peter connects Christ’s glory to holiness. Where is God calling you to grow in holiness right now?
3. How can our “mountaintop experiences” serve us when we return to the reality of life, suffering, and sin?
4. Where might setting your mind on the glory of Christ most help you this week (suffering, false teaching, pursuit of holiness, repentance and life change, kingdom living)?
5. With the command to listen to Jesus, what voices, influences, or distractions make it hardest for you to do that?
6. One application was that since “We are partakers in His divine nature...He intends to transform us day by day.” Where have you seen Christ transform you recently, and where do you sense He is still working to change you?
7. What helps you maintain hope and patience as you wait for Christ’s Kingdom to come in full, especially when the world feels dark or discouraging?

Why Do We Do That?

Reading of Scripture

Of all the elements of worship taught in the Bible, none is more frequently encouraged, demonstrated, or commanded than the public reading of Scripture. As early as the book of Exodus, we find Moses taking the book of the Covenant and reading it to the people (Exodus 24). The books of Deuteronomy and Joshua also record that the spiritual life of God's people revolved around the public reading of God's law. It's important to note that when the children of Israel departed from God's ways, and they did so with alarming regularity, they always departed from God's Word. When they returned to the Lord, they always returned to His Word. This is a connection that we ignore at our own peril.

One of the most poignant stories of the Old Testament is found in II Kings 22 (and again in II Chronicles 34), where the young king Josiah led the people back to the Lord by publicly reading to them the dust-covered, long misplaced book of the law. He read it aloud with a repentant heart before all the people, great and small, and wonder of wonders – a revival broke out! “And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers” (II Chronicles 34:32).

In the early church, the reading of Scripture, which included the Old Testament and the letters sent by the Apostles, was of the utmost importance. So much so that Paul's directions to his young pastor friend, Timothy, included, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching” (I Timothy 4:13). To the Thessalonians he wrote, “I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers” (I Thessalonians 5:27).

But why is it so important that God's Word be read in worship?

Hebrews 4:12 sums it up: “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Even if all the other elements of worship are missing, if there is none to preach or sing, still God's Word can be read, and the Spirit will work through the living and powerful Word.

At Christ Community Church, we give earnest attention to the reading and preaching of both the Old and New Testaments. Why both? “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17). This is the basis of the Reformed view that the Old and New Testaments form a unified and complementary whole, not two independent revelations.

In the fifth century, Augustine wrote that “the New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.” How true! And how fruitful our reading of God's Word is, both in public and in private, when we embrace this reality.

Mark your calendars:

October

- 10: CCC Youth, Fountain Inn Rodeo
- 11: Night of Praise Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- 15: Men’s Night Out, Sheriff Burger, Simpsonville, 6pm
- 21: Ladies’ Night Out, Bonefish Grill, 6pm
- 30: CCC Youth Retreat

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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