

STAY IN TOUCH - WHERE TO TURN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR MINISTRIES . . .

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**"FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES,
 TRUE TO THE REFORMED FAITH, AND
 OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION"**

*On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen;
 all the day and all the night they shall never be silent.
 You who put the Lord in remembrance,
 take no rest, and give him no rest
 until he establishes Jerusalem
 and makes it a praise in the earth.*

Isaiah 62:6-7

*By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.
 And he went out, not knowing where he was going . . . For he was looking forward to the city
 that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*

Hebrews 11:8, 10

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
 and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven
 from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
 "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,
 and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
 and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,
 for the former things have passed away."*

Revelation 21:7-10

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Thursday
 8:00 - 5:00 PM

OFFICE SECRETARY HOURS

Wednesday & Thursday
 8:00 - 12:00 PM



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Contact Form:

If we can serve you in any of the following ways, please complete or update the contact information, select the applicable boxes and return this slip in the offering plate. It is a joy to worship with you!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cellphone: _____

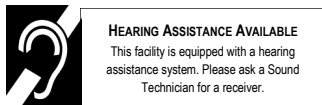
I would like to:

- learn more about Christ Community
- talk with someone about membership
- be added to the weekly email updates on the life of the church
- understand more about knowing Jesus
- talk with someone about:
- request prayer for:

WELCOME TO *CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH*

Presbyterian Church in America

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME! 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. If you would like more information on Christ Community Church, please return the contact form on the back of this bulletin in the offering plate. 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)

REGARDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP - 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. We do offer a children's church for ages 3 - 5 years during both services if that would serve you in preparing them further to sit in worship. You can take them to Room 2 during the song prior to the sermon.

Please silence your cell phones.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 122

LEADER: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

CONGREGATION: Jerusalem - built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

LEADER: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"

CONGREGATION: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

LEADER: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

At a Glance . . . FEBRUARY- and beyond -

While this page contains a few specific notes regarding the life of the church, our Weekly Updates and prayer emails are the most comprehensive avenues of communication. If you would like to receive those, please give us your email using the tear-off section on the back page. For those with no internet or email access, you can find a hard copy in the atrium.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the **FIRST** Sunday of each month. (Our bread is gluten free.)

Food offerings of non-perishable items are welcome on the **FIRST** Sunday of each month and will be distributed to local food agencies who serve those in need.

Care for the elderly at Patewood Rehab & Healthcare Center (2 Griffith Road, Greenville) on the **THIRD** Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS:

February 12	7:30 PM	Women's Monthly Journey Group at the church
February 20	6:00 PM	Family Fellowship Dinner at the church
March 7	6:45 PM	Piedmont Women's Center Fundraising Banquet at Greenville Convention Center - see Dot Harrison, or Kathy Doherty for info.
March 12	7:30 PM	Women's Monthly Journey Group at the church
April 9	7:30 PM	Women's Monthly Journey Group at the church
May 14	7:30 PM	Women's Monthly Journey Group at the church

MERCY MINISTRY GIVING

Our One Fund budgets for mercy ministry. You do not need to 'ear mark' mercy funding gifts any longer. Any who typically gave above and beyond to the fund are asked to simply add that amount to their regular giving. We will make appeals for designated giving only when specific needs arise that are beyond our budget.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING AT CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a convenient way to automate your weekly giving. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual's and provides much-needed consistency for our church's budget. Go to www.christcommunitychurchonline.org to set up an automatic donation plan, to change your donation plan, or to make a one-time special gift. You can also view your online giving history.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Please note that the **DECEMBER, 2018** report of CCC finances is available for members on the Resource Shelves.

THE MINISTRIES OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

In addition to our Corporate Worship gathering, we offer the following ministries to cultivate mission and community.
We hope you will be a part.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES & SEMINARS (Sunday's at 10:00 AM)

<u>Children's and Youth Sunday School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery Coordinator, Rhonda Carpenter
Toddler (2-3 year olds)	Room 1	Rachel Beeson & Lauren Lunsford
K4 - K5	Room 2	Suzanne Sanders
1 st - 3 rd Grades	Room 3	Susan MacCrossan
4 th - 5 th Grades	Room 4	Jeanne Sowder
6 th - 12 th Grades	Youth Room	Jim Perry

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE - *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: What do the Scriptures teach about the fellowship of believers

CONGREGATION: Saints by profession are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. (*Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42-46; Isaiah 2:3; 1 Cor 11:20; 1 Jn 3:17; 2 Cor 8-9; Acts 11:29-30*).

WEEKDAY DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MENS BIBLE STUDY GROUPS - In depth study of God's Word
Tuesday (6:30 AM) Contact Cal Gilvin (864-901-4744) / Thursday (9:30 AM) Contact Bill Turek - 864-915-3737

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP (9:30 AM) - In depth study of God's Word.
Contact Jan Bass - 864-607-2454

THURSDAY MENTOR GROUPS FOR WOMEN: Life on Life Discipleship and Mentoring
Mentor Moms - (9:30 AM) / Redeemed Women (7:00 PM) Contact Kathy Doherty - 864-630-9074

LIFE-ON-LIFE JOURNEY GROUPS - Small group life discipleship for men and women
Contact the pastoral staff for information

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

8:30 AM Service - Jeff and Michelle Petric

11:00 AM Service - Barbara Bermel, Brett and Stacie Brackett, B Cosper

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

NEW TESTAMENT READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

COMMUNITY GROUPS

FELLOWSHIP and SHEPHERDING GROUPS

These groups aim to foster deeper interpersonal relationships within the church through the application of biblical truth, prayer, and shared mission. Because the groups meet at various locations and times during the week, you are encouraged to contact individual group leaders for details about their group. Contact information for leaders and meeting place locations can be found on the display board in the church lobby.

YOUTH GROUPS

Middle School Youth meet on most Sunday's at 5:30 PM and Senior High Youth meet on most Tuesday's at 7:30 PM.
Contact Jim Perry for more details at 864-449-5609.

PRAYER GROUPS

In addition to consistent prayer at our Community Groups, there are two intercessory prayer groups open to all.

- 'In 7 @ 7' gathers each Tuesday at the church in Room 7 at 7:00 PM.
- 'Interceding for Worship' group meets each Sunday at 8:30 in the Library.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONGS OF PREPARATION - *Better is One Day in Your House
The Sands of Time Are Sinking*

WHY DO WE DO THAT IN WORSHIP?

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Question: Where do you find church membership in the Bible?

Answer: While the words “church membership” is not in the Bible, the practice of “church membership” is blatantly clear.

*“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls,
as those who will have to give an account.
Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”
Hebrews 13:17*

Two Questions from Hebrews 13:17. If there is no biblical requirement to belong a local church, then which leaders should an individual Christian obey and submit to? The Scriptures clearly command Christians to submit to and honor an elder body (Heb. 13:17, 1 Tim. 5:17). If there is no understanding of local church membership, then who are we to submit to and obey? Is it anyone with the title “elder” from any church? Of course not! There must be a clearly DEFINED leadership to whom we are accountable!

The second question is this: Who are the leaders of the church (i.e. Elders) responsible to give an account for? The Scriptures clearly command an elder body to care for specific people (See 1 Pet. 5:1-5; also, Acts 20:29-30). Are the Elders at CCC to be held accountable for all the Christians in Simpsonville, SC? Of course not! There must be a clearly DEFINED membership to whom we are responsible to shepherd and lead. Church shepherding and discipline will not work if local church membership doesn't exist.

Other evidences for membership include the following:

- Acts 2:37-47 - numerical record of those who have professed Christ and been filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 41) and an acknowledgement that the church was tracking the growth (v. 47)
- Acts 6:1-6 - we see elections take place in order to address a specific problem and accusation.
- Romans 16:1-16 – Example of an awareness of who is a church member.
- Timothy 5:3-16 - In this text we see criteria for who would or would not qualify for Ephesus' widow care program. The local church in Ephesus is organized, and they are working out a plan. There is a clear distinction of what widows belong to the church.
- Obedience to commands in 1 Cor. 12 and Romans 12 imply membership being necessary!

*“When church is just a place you attend without ever joining, like an ecclesiological buffet,
you just might consider whether you're always leaving whenever your heart
begins to be exposed by the Spirit, and the real work is beginning to happen.
When you begin to look at these texts it becomes clear that God's plan
for his church is that we would belong to a local covenant community of faith.
This is for our own protection and maturation, and for the good of others.”
Matt Chandler*

**Local church membership is a question of Biblical obedience, not personal preference.
Is it time you subjected yourself to church membership?**

If you have interest in pursuing membership at CCC, please see one of our elders to discuss this further.

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

*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.*

PREACHING OF THE WORD

**BEING BUILT UP - Series #13
“PREPARING THE CITY OF GOD”
Nehemiah 7**

Rev. Paul L. Sanders

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

SONG OF RESPONSE - *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

BENEDICTION - REVELATION 22:20-21

*He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of
the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

There is a time of prayer in Room 7 during the 8:30 AM service open to all who would like to participate. Come experience and be a part of this work of prayer. We are seeking the Lord to impact His people greatly through worship. If you participate, please stay for the 11:00 AM worship service for your good and God's glory!

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS
BEING BUILT UP - Series #13
“PREPARING THE CITY OF GOD”
Nehemiah 7

1. What was your top takeaway from chapter 7?
2. What are wise principles of leadership we can glean from vs. 1-2?
3. Discuss how watchfulness, worship, and willingness to give relate are critical to the developing of God's city?
4. Discuss Hebrews 11:8-10.
5. How can we prepare now for the ultimate City of God to come?
6. What do you most look forward to about the City of God to come?
7. Pray for one another to live with our heavenly home and city in view.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR NOTES:

LYRICS FOR TODAY

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show,
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

“Better Is One Day”

How lovely is Your dwelling place
Oh Lord Almighty, for my soul longs and even faints for You
Oh, here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts. Better is one day in Your house.
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask, and I would seek,
To see Your beauty to find You in the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek,
to see Your beauty to find You in the place Your glory dwells

Chorus

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out, for You, the Living God.
Your Spirit's water for my soul. I've tasted, and I've seen.
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You. I will draw near to You, to You.

Chorus

“The Sands of Time are Sinking”

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.

The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen,
it were a well-spent journey, though sev'n deaths lay between.
The Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand, 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 e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

“On Jordan's Stormy Banks”

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

Chorus

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land!
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land!*

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore.
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed,
where shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest.

Chorus

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