

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"**

"The word that the Lord spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet: "Declare among the nations and proclaim, set up a banner and proclaim, conceal it not, and say: 'Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed. Her images are put to shame, her idols are dismayed.'

"For out of the north a nation has come up against her, which shall make her land a desolation, and none shall dwell in it; both man and beast shall flee away.

"In those days and in that time, declares the Lord, the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come together, weeping as they come, and they shall seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with faces turned toward it, saying, 'Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten.'"

Jeremiah 50:1-5

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

1 Corinthians 3:16



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CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Thursday
 8:00 - 5:00 PM

OFFICE SECRETARY HOURS

Wednesday & Thursday
 8:00 - 12:00 PM

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: _____

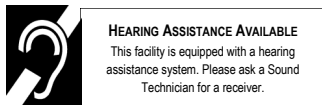
I would like to:

- 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

MARCH 17, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP - ROMANS 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE - *All Creatures of Our God and King*

At a Glance . . . MARCH - 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:

March 27	6:00 PM	Family Fellowship Dinner 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 **FEBRUARY, 2019** 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

Adult Discipleship Seminar - Winter Semester, 2019

The Gospel of John	Room 7	Steve Britton & Randy Gordon
Parenting	Room 8	Rev. Roger Sowder
Christian Worldview	Room 9	John Shaw & Tom Davies
Hebrews	Sanctuary	Rick Heiser
Foundations	Room 6	Rev. Paul Sanders

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

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.

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

SCRIPTURE READING - ACTS 2:38-39

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

COVENANT BAPTISM - 8:30 AM Service

Lydia Joy, infant daughter of Andrew and Bethany Woodford

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS - 11:00 AM Service

Clyde and Susan Strait

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

LEADER: What is the duty which God requires of man?

CONGREGATION: Obedience to His revealed will (Deut. 29:29; Mic. 6:8; 1 Jn. 5:2-3)

LEADER: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

CONGREGATION: The moral law which is summarized in the Ten Commandments (Rom. 2:14-15; Rom. 10:5; Deut 4:13; Matt. 19:17-19)

LEADER: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

CONGREGATION: To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22:37-40)

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

SONGS OF PREPARATION - Lord, Have Mercy

When All Thy Mercies

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

COVENANT BAPTISM

Thanks to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson MS for much of this.

"Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for."

B.B. Warfield

Baptism is a sign of a covenant promise of God to His people, directly instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, in which Jesus has directed that water is to be applied, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to represent to us and assure us of the glorious realities of union with Christ, forgiveness of sins by His blood, regeneration by His Holy Spirit; our adoption, and our hope of resurrection to everlasting life. By baptism, the recipients are solemnly, publicly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

Baptism is a new covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms the gracious saving promise of God to His people and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17, Matthew 28, Colossians 2 and Acts 16 among other places. The earliest evidence of church history also affirms this.

Christian baptism is (1) commanded by Christ in Matthew 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (2) It is to be applied to believers as we see in Acts 8 "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning to see from Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?' And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him." (3) It is to be administered to believers and their children, as we are convinced that Baptism is parallel to the OT sign of the Covenant of grace which was circumcision. Genesis 17 ("I will establish My covenant between Me, and you, and your descendants"). See Acts 2:39 for the NT parallel. Colossians 2 affirms this parallel between circumcision and baptism as well. (In Christ "you were also circumcised . . . having been buried with Him in baptism"). Baptism has fulfilled and replaced circumcision as a new and better sign as the sign of God's covenant and as a mark of membership in the visible church. Acts 16:11-15 is one of several examples of entire households being baptized after the conversion of one of a parent ("Lydia . . . was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And . . . she and her household [were] baptized") - which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism. See also Acts 16:25-34 and 1 Cor. 1:16 for other similar examples.

Baptism (and especially "infant baptism" or covenant baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God's love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. It is the picture of what He says He will do for His people in Ezekiel 36:25-27: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, 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

At Christ Community Church, we baptize the children of believers, as well as adult professing believers who have not been previously baptized, in accordance with Scripture. Adults, in this way, are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37, Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

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 #17
"COVENANT RENEWAL"
Nehemiah 9:38 - 10:39

Rev. Paul L. Sanders

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

SONG OF RESPONSE - *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

BENEDICTION - JUDE 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. 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!

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR NOTES:

LYRICS FOR TODAY

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening find your voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son, and praise the Spirit three in one
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“Lord, Have Mercy”

God, we come before Your throne, and in our weakness we confess:
We go astray and sin each day. We cast ourselves upon Your grace.
O Lord, have mercy on us, sinners in need of grace.
Forgive us our transgressions and lead us in Your righteous ways.
God, lead us in Your righteous ways.

The blood You shed has paid our debts; Jesus, You've washed our sins away.
We trust Your grace, believe by faith in You we have all righteousness.
O Lord, You've shown us mercy; sinners are washed as saints.
You've shown Your loving kindness, sons of disgrace are righteous made.
Son of disgrace are righteous made.

We fix our eyes on You, our prize, Jesus, the Author of our faith.
Till You return or bring us home You strengthen us to run the race.
O Lord, forever faithful, all glory to Your Name!
We have no other Savior, our great Redeemer, God and King,
Jesus, Redeemer, God and King.

O Lord, forever faithful, all glory to Your Name!
We have no other Savior, our great Redeemer, God and King, Jesus, Redeemer, God and King.

“When All Thy Mercies”

When all Your mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys.
transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Your tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

Chorus

Through all eternity to You a joyful song I'll raise;
For Oh, eternity's too short to utter all Your praise.

When worn with sickness, oft have You with health renewed my face;
And when in sins and sorrows sunk revived my soul with grace.
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

Chorus

Thru ev'ry period of my life Your goodness I'll pursue,
and after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Chorus

For oh, eternity's too short to utter all Your praise!

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Chorus

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Chorus

Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.

Chorus

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

Chorus

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

BEING BUILT UP - Series #17

“COVENANT RENEWAL”

Nehemiah 9:38 - 10:39

1. What was your top takeaway from chapter 10?
2. What were the two general covenant commitments of the people?
3. What were the three specific categories of covenant commitments made? How do they relate to Genesis 1-2?
4. Discuss today's applications of “walking in the Law of God” and “not neglecting His house.”
5. Discuss today's applications for renewing our commitments in marriage, Sabbath keeping, and worship of God.
6. Discuss our commitments made from delight rather than duty? What difference does this make?
7. How does the covenant of grace that God initiated in Genesis 3:15 and then later with Abraham and now us impact our view of His commands?

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR NOTES: