

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

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Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 5:00 PM	Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 - 4:00 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:

*"The letter to the Romans is a book that repeatedly changes the world, by changing people...
 What is it about Romans that has proved so life-changing and history-shaping?
 It is because Romans is about the gospel."*

Tim Keller

*"The Old is by the New explained, The New is in the Old contained.
 The New is in the Old concealed, The Old is by the New revealed."*

William Hendriksen

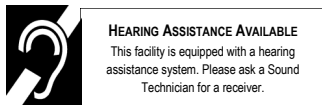
"Jesus is our supreme Lord and possessor. We belong to Him, and His authority over us is absolute, extending to the heart and conscience as well as to the outward conduct; and to Him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Charles Hodge

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

MAY 12, 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 - PSALM 47:1-4

¹Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

²For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

³He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

⁴He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah"

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Before the Throne

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

At a Glance . . . MAY - 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:

May 14	7:30 PM	Women's Monthly Journey Group at the church
May 15	6:00 PM	Men's Fellowship Dinner at Chili's (Harrison Bridge & Fairveiw Rd)
May 15	6:30 PM	Women's Fellowship Dinner at El Tejano (Rosie's) in Simpsonville
May 19	9:30 AM	Retirement Reception for Linda Smith
June 17-21	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	VBS at the church

*The May Fellowship Dinner has been cancelled due to the ongoing work in the sanctuary.

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 **MARCH, 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 - Spring Semester, 2019

The Gospel of John (Part 2)	Room 7	Steve Britton & Randy Gordon
The Parables of Jesus	Room 8	Dale Olsen
Affirming the Apostles' Creed	Sanctuary	Rick Heiser
Foundations	Room 6	Rev. Paul Sanders

WEEKDAY DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS - In depth study of God's Word
Tuesday (7:30 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 (will resume in the Fall)
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

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - MALACHI 3:8-10

⁸Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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.*

* 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.

SONGS OF PREPARATION - *Cling to the Crucified Amazing Grace*

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS
SERIES: ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF GOD: "WHO ARE YOU?"

ROMANS 1:1-7

1. What was your top takeaway for this sermon?
2. In any prior studies of Romans, what has had the greatest impact on you?
3. What is the implication of Paul's identity, "Slave (or servant) of Jesus Christ"?
4. What is our understanding of BIG A "apostle" and little a "apostle"? Why does this matter?
5. What is significant about calling it the Gospel of God opposed to the gospel about God?
6. Paul said the gospel was "promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son..." How does that impact our view of the Old Testament?
7. What does Paul affirm about the person of Jesus in vs. 3-4?
8. What is the purpose of the grace and calling of Paul and the apostles (vs. 5-6)?
9. How is peace an outworking of grace (vs. 7)?

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR NOTES:

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

Rev. Paul L. Sanders

"WHO ARE YOU?"
Romans 1:1-7

"¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

SONG OF RESPONSE - *Grace Greater Than All Our Sin*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

BENEDICTION - **ROMANS 1:7b**

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

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!

LYRICS FOR TODAY

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

The Apostles Creed

Taken with permission from Christ Church Presbyterian, Evans, GA.

“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.

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

All hail the pow'r 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!
Join in the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
Join in the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

“Before the Throne”

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the king of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

“Cling To The Crucified”

Cling to the Mighty One, cling in thy grief,
cling to the Holy One, He gives relief.
Cling to the Gracious One, cling in thy pain,
cling to the Faithful One, He will sustain.

Chorus

Cling to the crucified, Jesus the Lamb who died,
cling to the crucified, Jesus the King;
Cling to the crucified, Jesus the Lamb who died,
cling to the crucified, Jesus the King.

Cling to the Living One, cling in thy woe,
cling to the Loving One, thru all below.
Cling to the Pard'ning One, He speaketh peace,
cling to the Healing One, anguish will cease.

Chorus

Cling to the Bleeding One, cling to His side,
cling to the Rising One, in Him abide.
Cling to the Coming One, Hope shall arise,
cling to the Reigning One, joy lights thine eyes.

Chorus

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Chorus Twice

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
will be forever mine, You are forever mine

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater, yes grace untold
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Chorus

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive?

Chorus