

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"***

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

Hebrews 2:1-3

*The Lord is good to all,
 and his mercy is over all that he has made.*
 Psalm 145:9

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 'Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:31-34, 41



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CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Thursday
 8:00 - 5:00 PM

OFFICE SECRETARY HOURS

Wednesday & Thursday
 8:00 - 12:00 PM

Welcome!

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: _____

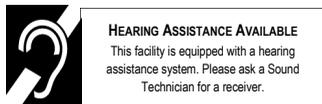
I would like to:

- 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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MAY 13, 2018

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. 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 through 5 years during the 11:00 AM service if that would serve you in preparing them further to sit in worship. You can take them to Room 1 during the song prior to the sermon.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF PREPARATION

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 73:1-3, 16-28

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked . . . But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

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	8:30 AM to 3:00 PM	Silver Hearts Trip to Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC
May 23	6:00 PM	Family Fellowship Dinner at the church
June 3	4:00 PM	Baby Shower for Sarah McCoy at the church
June 10		Ground-breaking Ceremony for CCC expansion - details to follow
June 18 thru 22		High School Beach Camp in Myrtle Beach, SC
July 9 thru 13	8:30 AM to Noon	VBS at CCC - details to follow
July 23 thru 27		Middle School Camp at Ridge Haven in Brevard, NC

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.christcommunitychurchoonline.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, 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

<u>Adult Discipleship Seminar - Spring Semester</u>		
Ephesians	Room 7	Steve Britton
The Psalms	Room 8	Dale Olsen
Defending Your Faith	Room 6	John Shaw & Tom Davies
Spiritual Disciplines	Room 9	Steve Wearden
Living Life by God's Law	Sanctuary	Randy Gordon
Foundations	Resource Center/Room 10	Rev. Paul Sanders

COMMUNITY GROUPS

FELLOWSHIP and BIBLE STUDY 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.**

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS - In depth study of God's Word.

Women's Groups (9:30 & 7): Contact Jan Bass - 864-607-2454 /Men's Group (9:30): Contact Bill Turek - 864-915-3737

YOUTH GROUPS

Community Groups for Youth are offered as well and led by Jim Perry. 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 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.

LIFE-ON-LIFE JOURNEY GROUPS - In depth small group discipleship for men and women.

Contact the pastoral staff for information.

SCATTERED MINISTRY LIFE ON LIFE DISCIPLESHIP

RECOVERY GROUPS: "Connecting in Weakness" Route1520.com

Route 1520 is a ministry that provides comprehensive solutions in a safe setting for men struggling with sexual addiction. For meeting place and time go to: Route1520.com

MENTOR GROUPS FOR WOMEN: Contact Kathy Doherty - 864-630-9074

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE - *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

LEADER: Who are effectually called by God unto salvation and what of those who are not?

CONGREGATION: All the elect, and they only, are effectually called unto salvation; although the non-elect may be, and often are, outwardly called by the ministry of the Word, and have some common operations of the Spirit, yet, for their willful neglect and contempt of the grace offered to them, are justly left in their unbelief, and do never come to Jesus Christ. (Acts 13:48; Matt 22:14; Acts 8:13, 20-21; Matt 7:22; 13:20-21; Heb 6:4-6; John 12:38-40; Acts 28:25-27; John 6:64-66; Psalm 81:11-12; Heb 10:29; 1 John 2:19)

SONG OF CONFESSION - *God Be Merciful*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

SONGS OF PREPARATION - *Cornerstone*

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS
BEGINNINGS: LIFE OF JACOB - Sermon 12
"LEGACY"
Genesis 36:1 - 37:1

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

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RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

SONG OF RESPONSE - *For All the Saints*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

BENEDICTION - **PHILIPPIANS 1:6**

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

1. What are lessons from the legacy of Esau contrasted with the legacy of Jacob?
2. How might the early two names of Esau's children compared to the many born away from the household of faith relate to our own intrigue and compromise with the world?
3. How does the mention of kings in Edom warn us today as we reflect on Israel's history including their future kings?
4. What do we learn of God's common grace upon the non-elect? How can that grace also be a measure of judgment?
5. How does the prosperity of the wicked challenge our faith?
6. How should a covenant child like Esau, growing up and persisting in unbelief inform the parenting of our covenant children today?
7. To any children and young people in the family or group: Are you pursuing faith or unbelief? Has God done what was pictured in your baptism? Have you been forgiven of your sin through faith in Jesus? Do you love Christ? Do you want to follow Him?
8. How do Jacob and Esau relate to Genesis 3:15? Consider the two lines of people throughout history.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR NOTES:

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!

WHY DO WE DO THAT IN WORSHIP?

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

With very few exceptions an offering is received whenever our congregation meets for worship. “Sure,” you might say, “the bills have to get paid somehow!” and of course that would be a true statement. The money collected in the offering each week does provide the means necessary to keep the lights on and pay the staff.

These funds certainly support the work of God (Acts 4:32-35), they provide for the laborers and the work of the Kingdom (1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6), and they help the disadvantaged (Romans 15:26; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 11:27-30). But the offering is even more than that – it is an important part of biblical worship.

When the offering is collected in worship, there are two kinds of gifts people are putting in the plate: tithes and offerings. Tithes represent one tenth of what the Lord has provided for us, and offerings are gifts beyond the tithe. Both are Scriptural.

Tithing in the Old Testament (giving one tenth of what we have) appears first in Genesis 14 where Melchisedek the priest gave Abraham (who was still named “Abram”) bread and wine, followed by a blessing from God. In response, Abram “gave him a tenth of everything” (Genesis 14:20). For those who would like to dismiss tithing as limited to the Old Testament law, it’s important to note that this seminal incident occurred about 400 years before the law was given. Abram gave a tenth apparently because he instinctively knew that he should, and he did it willingly. Tithing has nothing to do with the law or legalism, and everything to do with acknowledging God as Lord with a grateful heart. Godly men tithed before the law was given (see also Genesis 28:22). The law helped to establish the importance and relevance of tithing, but the law did not invent tithing.

So what about tithing in the New Testament? Jesus spoke directly to tithing in Matthew 23, where he says, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”

Here Christ clearly teaches that giving tithes will not earn us salvation – that’s a matter of the heart. At the same time he divinely blesses tithing when he says, “without leaving the others (tithing) undone.” The same incident is recorded in Luke 11:42. Later in Luke’s account we find Jesus taking notice and commending a poor widow who was faithfully giving to the temple treasury (Luke 21:2-4). Just as Jesus came not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it, so the tithe is not abolished but becomes a part of the law of love, because love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10).

One tenth is a starting place for all of us, but we are not under law – we have a better covenant. God’s love has been poured out in our hearts. As God speaks to your heart, you will find the amount you give to His work increasing. If you find yourself fighting against the tithe, God’s word calls you to examine your heart, “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

See also 1 Timothy 6:17-19, and Acts 20:35

Question: Do I have to give 10%?

Answer: No. You can give 20%!

LYRICS FOR TODAY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

“God Be Merciful to Me”

God be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee;
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips O Lord, and my Mouth shall praise accord.

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Chorus

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong, in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of All!*

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpets sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me. Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least. Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ, may be clear for all the world to see.

“For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
to thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Allelu!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Allelu!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way,
Alleluia! Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!