

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"**

*Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?"
 For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.
 Ecclesiastes 7:10*

*And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the Lord had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, and said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, "Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.
 Exodus 36:2-7*

*"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you.
 1 Chronicles 29:14-18*

CHURCH HOURS Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 5:00 PM	OFFICE SECRETARY HOURS Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 PM
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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: _____

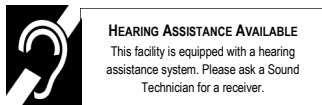
I would like to:

- 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

WORSHIP SERVICE AND GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

JUNE 10, 2018

10:30 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)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* *There is NO Children's Church today. A nursery is available up to age 3. At the end our worship service, our Nursery Team will bring your children to the back of the tent for you to retrieve them prior to the ground breaking ceremony.*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE - 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.*

At a Glance . . . JUNE - 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:

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
August 12	6:00 PM	Installation Service of Jason Cornwell as Assistant Pastor of Worship at CCC

SUMMER GIVING REMINDER: Please remember your weekly and monthly giving during this travel season.

PCA PRISON CORRESPONDENCE MINISTRY: Are you a woman interested in mentoring and discipleship women who are in prison by way of correspondence? If you signed up to be a part of that work and would like encouragement and others to talk to who are engaged in this work, see Sally Wheeler (864-230-5248).

CHILD PROTECTION BACKGROUND CHECKS AND TRAINING: It may be time to renew! Thanks to Elizabeth Drebenstedt who is administrating our Child Protection Training software. You may have received or you may soon receive an email from her because it is time to renew your background check and training. These are important parts of our process to provide safety for our covenant children and visitors. Thank you for serving Christ and His 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 **APRIL, 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

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - PSALM 136 - *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

LEADER: The Pastor will read a number of brief statements from Psalm 136

CONGREGATION: After each statement, congregation will say: **For His steadfast love endures forever.**

SONG OF PRAISE - *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory - great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin
and opened the Life-gate that we may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer, the promise of God;
The vilest offender, who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus, forgiveness receives.

Chorus

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Chorus Twice

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-7

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints - and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you - see that you excel in this act of grace also.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONG OF PRAISE - *How Firm A Foundation*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles, to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

7. **God has met our needs financially.** In 2012, we were prayerfully considering what needed to be cut in order to sustain our most prioritized financial commitments. Between 2014 and today, we retired our former mortgage, added two part-time ministry staffers, expanded ministry partnerships, and saved up seed money to begin this building project. Great faith is still required of us as we engage this next building project, but God has shown time and time again that He will provide through His people.
8. **This will help us further the mission of Jesus.** Our mission is for the glory of God, to be and make disciples. This facility expansion will expand our scope of disciple making locally and globally.
9. **For the glory of God.** It brings God glory for His people to gather to worship Him. It brings God glory for us to give sacrificially and generously for such a work. It brings God glory for believers and their children to be baptized. It brings God glory for the Lord’s Supper to be administered. It brings God glory for us to grow in Christian maturity. It brings God glory to make more disciples. There is no greater purpose in this life or the next, then to bring God glory. We are practicing for eternity. All glory be to Christ the King.

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS 2018 GROUND BREAKING DAY “PRAISE HIM IN THE PRESENT” Ezra 3:10-13

1. In this text, what are things that the people had to rejoice in?
2. Why were some weeping and grieving? In what ways would some grief be appropriate? In what ways would grieving be inappropriate?
3. How might that have impacted the future building project?
4. What are the negative and positive lessons for us from this text?
5. What are obstacles to us praising God in the present for the gracious and merciful things He is doing and how can we avoid being deterred by such things?
6. What does these early rebuilding projects show was central in the community of God’s people?
7. Pray with one another for a spirit of unity and praise through this season of growth and transition at CCC.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

EXPANDING OUR FACILITY

It is an exciting time in the history of Christ Community Church as we expand our facility with a sanctuary and extended office space. Through the last four years, we have communicated various reasons why we are convinced this is the Lord's will for His church. Here are some reminders for why we are engaging in this work of facility expansion.

1. **The Sanctuary is the most important space in this facility.** While no physical building is eternal, the sanctuary is the space devoted to the public worship of God. It will be the hub of this whole church facility. Since moving to this location back in the late 90's, there was a vision and commitment from leadership to build a sanctuary. Now is the time for that vision and commitment to be administered.
2. **The Lord has granted us health and growth.** Since 2000, our Sunday morning worship attendance has increased 160%. In the last seven years, our committed membership has increased more than 80%. Our Sunday morning worship attendance has averaged more than the capacity of our current space for the last six years. We have made room for continued growth with two services but that has hindered our growing church body from being completely familiar with one another since we do not all crossover at the same worship service.
3. **Our current space is not ideal for continued healthy growth.** While our current worship space suited us well as we grew our education spaces for adults and youth, it is no longer suitable for us to sustain healthy growth overall.
4. **A larger space for worship is needed for continued growth.** Visitors are often discouraged from attending churches where space is maxed out. We are in a location in Simpsonville where the potential of hosting visitors seeking a church home is great. We want an inviting space where visitors are not deterred by limited seating and space. This sanctuary will remove such an obstacle (at least for a season).
5. **The elders want to avoid going to three services and to two Sunday Schools in order to keep growing.** That would further undermine a sense of community and family in the congregation. One service will enhance our cultivation of community and family and even if we must one day return to two services, one Sunday school will give us a venue where community is preserved to the best of our ability.
6. **We are at a location that is strategic as a base to impact Simpsonville for Christ.** Soon, there will be more than 26,000 unchurched people in a six-mile radius of this location. As chairman of our Presbytery's church planting committee, I can testify that if you were planting a church, our current location is exactly where you would want to plant. We're right where God wants us to be. He's providentially gifted us with this strategic location, and we want to take advantage of that. And so, the elders (and deacons) believe that building the sanctuary and extending our office space are the most cost-effective and congregationally edifying ways to provide for the present discipleship of our current congregation and to open the way up for future congregational growth.

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

"PRAISE HIM IN THE PRESENT"

Rev. Paul Sanders

Ezra 3:10-13

¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. ¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy,¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

SONG OF RESPONSE - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

BENEDICTION - ROMANS 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“All Glory Be to Christ”
CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
Sunday, June, 10, 2018

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Mr. Jim Perry

GREETING FROM CALVARY PRESBYTERY Mr. Melton L. Duncan

INTRODUCTION OF GROUND BREAKING TEAM Dr. Rick Heiser

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION Mr. Jim Perry

AFFIRMATION OF CONSECRATION Dr. Rick Heiser and Congregation

LEADER: God has been and is now at work within us and will do more than we can ask or imagine.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: God established a Word driven, Christ centered church in 1979 on Davenport Road.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: God moved this church to 700 Harrison Bridge Road in 2002.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: God has and will continue to provide the resources necessary to accomplish His mission.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: Simpsonville is ripe for the harvest.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: God has blessed us with growth and led us into this building endeavor.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: An office space will be expanded for staff to grow and to equip us for the work of ministry.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: A sanctuary will be raised up here in this very place.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, the Triune God over Heaven and Earth will be worshipped for generations to come.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, our children will be baptized and will learn to love Jesus.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, the Lord's Supper will be administered for our blessing and benefit.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, there will be prayer and praise, confession of sin and assurance of God's promises.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, there will be singing, affirmation of faith and God honoring giving.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, elders and deacons will be ordained and installed.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, God's Word will be proclaimed and Christ Jesus lifted high.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, the Spirit of God will work in the hearts of His people.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, disciples, young and old will be made and deployed.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, wedding and funerals of the saints will be administrated.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, the weary will find rest.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, the gifts of God's people will support and strengthen one another.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: In this place, the gospel of grace will be imparted and souls saved by God.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

LEADER: We break this ground today, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
CONGREGATION: All glory be to Christ.

GROUND BREAKING

Mr. Tom Davies	Clerk of Session
Mrs. Sally Wheeler	Charter Member
Mr. Cal Gilvin	Chairman of Diaconate
Mrs. Rachel Beeson	Facility Planning Team
Rev. Paul L. Sanders	Senior Pastor
Mr. Jim Perry	Chairman of Facility Teams

HYMN OF PRAISE - All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ!

Chorus

BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul L. Sanders