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September 14, 2025
10:30 am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

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

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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.

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. However, we do offer Children's Church for 3-5 yr. olds. Those children participating can be dismissed to Room 2 in the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

Because we live in a fallen, broken, sinful world, we can come to Sunday morning worship at times with hearts weighed down with burdens, struggles and concerns. It is not God's will that we shoulder these burdens and concerns alone. Each Sunday immediately following the worship service, there are people at the right front of the church who stand ready to listen to your concerns and to pray with you. So, whatever your concern, no matter how big or small, feel free to come, to share and to be prayed for.

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)

Building Attendant for today: Bill Gobeli

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Reflections

Romans 8:28: “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

John Flavel: “It is the duty of the saints, especially in times of straits, to reflect upon the performances of Providence for them in all the states and through all the stages in their lives.”

Psalms 145:4: “One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.”

Abraham Kuyper: “A Church which does not teach her youth can never hope to retain a confession, but relinquishes it, cuts off all contact with the past, divorces herself from the fathers, and forms a new group...If you desire to confess, you must learn.”

John 20:30-31: “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:21-25

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Song of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He.
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, 3.1 & 5.1

Leader: What is God's providence?

All: God, from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures; nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

§ Song of Affirmation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Hearing from the Savior

§ Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45:5-8

I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things. "Shower, O heavens,

from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the Lord have created it.

Responding to the Savior

Tithes & Generous Giving

Three ways to give: the Giving Box, online through the website, or mail to the church at PO Box 80787, Simpsonville, SC 29680

Prayers of the Church

Scott & Tara Jacobs, Commandment 11

Confession of Sin

adapted from the Middleburg Liturgy

O Lord, our Heavenly Father. You are our Maker, and we are the work of your hands. You are our Shepherd, and we are your flock. You are our redeemer, and we are the people whom you have bought. You are our God, and we are your chosen inheritance. Since these things are true, let not your anger be kindled against us that you should punish us in wrath, nor remember our wickedness so as to avenge it, but rather Lord, chasten us according to your mercy. We confess, O Lord, that our misdeeds have inflamed your just wrath against us, yet considering that by your grace we call upon your name, and make profession of your truth—maintain, we ask you, the work that you have begun in us, to the end that all the world may know that you are our God and Savior. Make our souls, though heavy and humble—and our consciences, though oppressed and laden with the grievous burden of sin, to thirst more and more for your grace that they shall set forth in the praise of your glory. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Hearing from the Savior

Assurance of Pardon

Joel 2:23-27

“Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. “The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Responding to the Savior

§ Songs of Preparation*

Agnus Dei

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-5 yr. old children to Room 2 for Children’s Church.

Alleluia, alleluia!
For the Lord God Almighty reigns!
Alleluia, alleluia!
For the Lord God Almighty reigns!
Alleluia!

*Chorus: Holy, holy, are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen!*

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Exodus 10:1-20

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, ² and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord."

³ So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me. ⁴ For if you refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country, ⁵ and they shall cover the face of the land, so that no one can see the land. And they shall eat what is left to you after the hail, and they shall eat every tree of yours that grows in the field, ⁶ and they shall fill your houses and the houses of all your servants and of all the Egyptians, as neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day they came on earth to this day.'" Then he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

⁷ Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?" ⁸ So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, "Go, serve the Lord your God. But which ones are to go?" ⁹ Moses said, "We will go with our young and our old. We will go with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the Lord." ¹⁰ But he said to them, "The Lord be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Look, you have some evil purpose in mind. ¹¹ No! Go, the men among you, and serve the Lord, for that is what you are asking." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

¹² Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, so that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat every plant in the land, all that the hail has left." ¹³ So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind had brought the locusts. ¹⁴ The

locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled on the whole country of Egypt, such a dense swarm of locusts as had never been before, nor ever will be again. ¹⁵ They covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt. ¹⁶ Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you. ¹⁷ Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the Lord your God only to remove this death from me." ¹⁸ So he went out from Pharaoh and pleaded with the Lord. ¹⁹ And the Lord turned the wind into a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt. ²⁰ But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul L. Sanders

"Tell the Generations to Come"

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.

Responding to the Savior

§ Song of Response

The Lord Almighty Reigns

There's an endless song waiting to be sung with the voice of every tribe,
The sound of every tongue.

When the bride of Christ on that day of days brings with joy unto the Lamb
A multitude of praise.

Pre-Chorus: Like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder hear His people sing.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won, tell with great rejoicing
All the wonders God has done.

Pre-Chorus: And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder all the church will sing.
Chorus

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim.
Oh, that more would share the prize salvation in His name.

Pre-Chorus: Then greater will the anthem ring, the mighty chorus rising to the King.
Chorus (2x)

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

If you have a need or would like to find out more about the Gospel, the Post Worship Team stands ready to meet with you and pray. Simply make your way to the front right-hand side of the sanctuary after the Benediction, and a team member will be there to meet with you.

Questions for Families and Community Groups

Living Out Our Callings

Exodus Series #19 · Exodus 10:1-20 · “Tell the Generations to Come”

Especially for the children:

- a. What have you learned about who Jesus is and what He came to do for us?
 - b. Why is this the most important story ever?
1. What was your top takeaway from this sermon?
 2. What additional reason is given in 10:1 for the LORD’s harsh treatment of Pharaoh and Egypt?
 3. If you did not discuss last week, how does Romans 9:14-24 speak to our discomforts of the LORD hardening Pharaoh?
 4. Review the section from the Westminster Confession of Faith that we used in our liturgy and discuss what we know to be true in relation to God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility.
 5. Name all the ways Pharaoh personifies the fool. How are we apt to play the fool in our own lives?
 6. How are you currently investing in proclaiming Christ to the next generations? Can anyone share testimony of the blessing you have received from serving with children or youth?

Space for Notes:

Why Do That in Worship?

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Public confession of sin, while often neglected or even disdained in our own time, was an accepted element of worship in virtually every branch of Christendom from the early church through the end of the 19th century. But make no mistake, it is Biblical (read Nehemiah 9 and the Psalms).

As the American church increasingly emphasized relaxation and spectacle in worship, and particularly the “comfort” of non-believers, confession of sins in public worship was abandoned in favor of friendlier activities.

For us as a Reformed congregation, corporate confession of our sins is an important part of the dialogue between God and His people because the Bible clearly teaches that unconfessed sin disrupts our relationship with the Lord, and is a barrier to worship (Psalm 24:3-5, Psalm 32, II Chronicles 7:14). Once our sins are sincerely confessed, we are able to offer acceptable worship to our holy God.

Now, as we confess our sins before our God, what assurance do we have that God has heard our earnest confession and has indeed forgiven our sins? How do we hear God’s part in the dialogue? We have the unfailing promises of God in His word that are “yea and amen” to us at Christ Community Church just as they were to His people of old (See 2 Corinthians 1:20).

We must never forget that forgiveness of sins comes only through the mediation of our risen Savior, and not through the pronouncements of any man (Acts 5:31, Ephesians 1:7-10).

For this reason, the Assurance of Pardon that appears (at times) in our Order of Worship is drawn directly from Scripture. When the Pastor pronounces the Assurance of Pardon, he is appropriating it for himself as well, a believer among fellow believers.

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands 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.
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.

Charity L. Bancroft, 1841-1923

We encourage you to hold on to these corporate prayers and the assurances of pardon for your own personal reflection throughout your week. We often pull from the Scripture and also from prayer books of long ago which unite us in heart and voice with the saints who have gone before us.

Mark your calendars:

September

- **14:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **17:** Ladies' Night Out, J Peters, Mauldin, 5:30pm
- **21:** SPUR Groups meet, 5pm
- **25:** Men's Night Out, Azteca Mexican Restaurant, Mauldin, 6pm

More information can be found in the Update, on the app, and/or website.

- * *The first Sunday of each month we take a collection of personal care items for the Center for Community Services. Items can be placed in the wagon located next to the Information Desk in the foyer.*
- * *Members can pick up a monthly giving report summary in the Deacons' office.*

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