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October 5, 2025
10:30 am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

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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: Andy Wallace

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Reflections

Hebrew 9:22: “Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

Hebrews 10:4: “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

Romans 5:9: “Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.”

1 Peter 1:18-19: “...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

Romans 3:24b-25a: “...redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

John 1:23, 29; Revelation 5:11-13

He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." ... The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Songs of Praise

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)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save!
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Silent Confession of Sin

Hearing from the Savior

Assurance of Pardon

John 6:48-56

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my

blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

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

Mikal & Zuzanna Römer, MTW in Poland

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism #84-85

Leader: Shall all men die?

All: *Death being threatened as the wages of sin, it is appointed unto all men once to die; for that all have sinned.*

Leader: Death being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

All: *The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, yet it is out of God's love, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.*

§ Songs of Preparation*

Behold the Lamb

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

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you eat and remember;
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so, with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember

our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Exodus 12:1-13

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul L. Sanders

“The Promised Passover”

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Responding to the Savior

Bread & Cup

Please hold elements until all are served so that we may partake together.

§ Song of Response

How Deep the Father's Love with When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Space for Notes:

Questions for Families and Community Groups

Living Out Our Callings-Exodus Series #22 · Exodus 12:1-13 · “The Promised Passover”

Especially for the children:

- a. How would you have felt if you were the firstborn of a home, knowing God promised death to the firstborn unless the blood of a lamb was put on the door frame?
 - b. How does that Lamb point us to Jesus?
1. What was your top takeaway from this sermon?
 2. What does this text teach us about God and about our sin?
 3. What are the new beginnings, provided substitute, and confirming, sealing sign of this passage?
 4. What is our new beginning in Christ?
 5. How does this passage relate to Christ as our substitute?
 6. How is the Lord’s Supper a confirming and sealing sign for us?
 7. Do you ever feel awkward about the “bloodiness” of the Christian faith? What do we do with that?

Why Do That in Worship?

Guidelines for the Lord’s Supper

Not all churches handle invitations to the Lord’s Table in the same manner. Please understand that while we are not so dogmatic as to condemn those with other practices, we do have convictions for why we administer the Supper in the way we do. What follows is our Church’s and Denomination’s view on just who the Lord’s Supper is for.

First, the Lord’s Supper is for believing people. It is a family meal for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have repented of their sins and trust in Christ alone for forgiveness and eternal life. It is a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. If you are an unbeliever visiting with us, we are glad you are here. Consider this day whether or not you are ready to embrace Jesus Christ as He is offered in the Scriptures. See a pastor or elder if you would like to talk about faith and life.

The Supper is also for a prepared people, those who have examined themselves concerning their sins before partaking. 1 Corinthians 11:18, 27-32 warns all participants to carefully examine their hearts and lives to make certain they are participating in a worthy manner. Are you converted? Is there any sin that you contin-

ually live in and refuse to repent from? Is there someone that you have not done all you can to be at peace with God by offering and/or requesting forgiveness? These are indications that you have business to attend to before you can come to the table in a worthy manner. If you discern you are not repentant in some area, we encourage you to deal promptly with the sin that is keeping you from such a gift from our Lord that you may with joy participate next month.

Finally, the Supper is also for an informed people, those who are able to discern the body rightly, that is to understand the significance of the holy mystery of Christ crucified and of His body, the church. Thus, while we do not require that a person be a member of Christ Community Church to participate, we do ask that each participant be a baptized member of an Evangelical (i.e., Bible-believing) Church and that you are in good standing (i.e., you are not running from Church discipline).

Let us also remember that, though we believe, prepare, and are informed, our faith is never perfect, our preparation is never flawless, and our understanding is never complete. We do not come to the Lord's Table to claim that we are righteous in ourselves, but we come only because God regards us as righteous on the basis of the work of Christ through His incarnation, redemptive death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession on our behalf. Therefore, we encourage weak Christians, struggling disciples, and doubting believers to receive this Sacrament to gain spiritual strength and renewed hope.

Note to those seeking a church home: If you are not from a Bible-believing church, yet you desire to connect soon to one but realize it may take a while; and if you have interest in being invited to the Lord's Table with us while you discern your future church home; please see an elder today to talk more about that possibility.

Note to Parents: To receive communion, a child must be formally examined and received by the governing body of the church to which you belong (that would be the Session in our context). This will assure that your child has been baptized, professes faith in Jesus, and understands the Sacrament. From time to time, we offer Communicants Classes for older children to help them understand the essentials of the gospel and Sacraments. Please take advantage of those classes when offered. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.

Note to Non-Christians: If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal (see 1 Cor. 11:18, 27-32), please use this time to reflect on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life.

Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so.

If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are.

Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise.

Amen.

Prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, and taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead,

I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord.

Mark your calendars:

October

- **5:** Bridal Shower for Stephanie Gilliam, 2pm
- **12:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **15:** Ladies' Night Out, Sherby's Pub & Grill, Simpsonville, 6pm
- **19:** Children's Ministry volunteer training, 9:30am
- **22:** Fall/Christmas Choir practice begins, 7:15pm
- **23:** Men's Night Out: Sheriff Burger, Simpsonville, 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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