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October 19, 2025
10:30 am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

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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: Will Coggins

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Reflections

Genesis 12:1-3: Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Unknown: “From the palace to the pits, there was no escaping God’s judgment—judgment upon Egypt for 400 years of oppression, and judgment upon Pharaoh and his people for their slaughter of the innocents.”

Micah 7:7: “But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.”

Romans 8:22-25: “For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Song of Praise

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song.
 Praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song.
 Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending, bring forth above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Chorus

Perfect submission all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in his love.
Chorus

§ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
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 rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*This refers to Jesus taking upon Himself the wrath of God for the sins of His people while upon the cross.

*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 the "universal church" that includes all the true elect of God from every tongue, tribe and nation throughout past, present and future history.

§ Song of Comfort

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me; What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me; Cheers each winding path I tread;
Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the Living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from a Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;
Gushing from a Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;

And all the way my Saviour leads me; Oh the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father's house above.
And when my spirit, clothed, immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: "Jesus led me all the way."
This my song through endless ages: "Jesus led me all the way."

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

**Tom & Lucy Wright,
Itinerant teaching in Francophone Africa & Caribbean with MTW**

Hearing from the Savior

New Testament Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Responding to the Savior

§ Songs of Preparation*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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

*Chorus: Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
 Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
 His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity.

Chorus

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turned to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

Chorus

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is Love.

Chorus

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor rolling stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where e'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Exodus 12:29-43

At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!"

³³ The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." ³⁴ So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders. ³⁵ The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. ³⁶ And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

³⁷ And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. ³⁸ A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. ³⁹ And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought

out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

⁴⁰ The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. ⁴¹ At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. ⁴² It was a night of watching by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

⁴³ And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it,,

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul L. Sanders

“A Watching God”

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

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,
for by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

*Chorus: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

O, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine.
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus. I behold Thee as Thou art.
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting ‘neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth’s dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father’s glory, sunshine of my Father’s face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

Chorus (2x)

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Psalm 121:7-8

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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 #24 • Exodus 12:29-43 • “A Watching God”

1. Share your stories for how the LORD has clearly watched out for you?
2. Especially for the children:
 - a. What are ways God watches out for us?
 - b. What are ways we can watch and wait for the LORD?
3. What was your top takeaway from this sermon?
4. How does the historical story of God judging Egypt and rescuing the Hebrews relate to mankind's future?
5. What are examples of the LORD rescuing us from sin or foolishness by leaving us no option to stay in that sin or foolishness?
6. What are ways Christians can use God's gracious provision for ourselves instead of for God's Kingdom?
7. What are practical ways that we are now called to watch and wait for the LORD?

Space for Notes:

Why Do That in Worship?

The Apostles' Creed

"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.

Mark your calendars:

October

- **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
- **28:** JOY Fellowship Fieldtrip & Lunch, 10:45am

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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