



THE LORD'S SERVICE

October 12, 2025

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

Psalm 99.1-3 (ESV)

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

****Songs of Praise***

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Written & Arr by: Elvey/Thring/Bridges

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 peace whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease and all be pray'r and praise
His reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35 (ESV)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

“How Firm A Foundation”

Written & Arr by: Steele/Keith/Rippon/Funk

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 hold
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you, oh 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
Thy dross to consume and thy 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



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 2.24-25 (ESV)

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

"For we were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls."

Mission Spotlight

El Salvador Trip Update

***Prayer of Petition**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Children's Homily

Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)



THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**Scripture Reading*

Hebrews 12.12-17

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Troy Cash

"Your Spiritual Therapy Prescription"



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Written & Arr by: Peace/Matheson

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

***We Confess Our Faith**

from Romans 8:31-39, except v. 36

Leader: What then shall we say to any and every enemy of our salvation?

All: If God be for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

All: It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword.

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD.

Collection of Offerings

Leader: What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

“Doxology”

Romans 11

Music by: Andrew Peterson (2014)

Oh, the depth of the riches; of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments; how untraceable His paths
Who knows the mind of our God? Who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God; that God should repay?
For, from Him, through Him; to Him is everything

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen*

***Hymn of Response**

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

Words & Arr by: Lyte

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken
Thou from hence, my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Go, then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn and pain.
In thy service, pain is pleasure
With thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father.
I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee-
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

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SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY & 10/19 - Heresies and Heretics: Discerning Truth from Error



TONIGHT, OCT 12, 6PM | OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING: Join us at Peter & Dixie Gaultney's house for a time of singing hymns and gathering around the bonfire. All are welcome and bring a friend! Scan QR for more details & to RSVP.

TUE, OCT 14, 6PM | BUILDING PROJECT Q&A: Join us at the church for a Q+A on the building project, capital campaign, and 50-year vision. Childcare provided. Send questions in advance to campaign@christcommunityjc.com.



Use this QR code to see building renderings & information regarding the building expansion.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT | WONDER LEADING TO WORSHIP: Please reach out to a member of the Covenant Ladies Team if you are regretting that you missed our registration deadline! This will be a very sweet time together, and we would love to have as many women present as possible. You can contact Rosanne (423.736.7066) or Megan (423.276.4741) with any questions.

SUN, OCT 26, 10:10-10:50 | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will meet between the services in the sanctuary & vote on whether to proceed with the building project & capital campaign. (We'll provide you with the exact language of the ballot in advance.) Note that there will not be any discussion or Q+A at this meeting—only a vote.

SUN, OCT 26, 5PM | THE HUDDLE: Twice-a-month gathering for post-high school young adults. Join us over a meal for friendship and real talk about faith. Reach out to Stan Bauer (407-739-8582) or LeeAnna Hungerford (901-201-0969) to RSVP.

FIRST SUNDAYS, 6PM | EVENING OF PRAYER: Put it on your calendar!!! Beginning Sunday, NOVEMBER 2, on the first Sunday of each month, for all who desire we will gather at 6pm at the church for an hour of prayer and Scripture- for the glory of God, the good of the church, and for any and all petitions we need to bring before God- for our hearts, families, community, nation and world.



8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10:10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor

2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2nd Floor

4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 10:10-10:50

High School (9th-12th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 6-8PM

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

FRONT ROOM & 2ND FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

NURSERY: On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK): On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP: If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

MERCY MINISTRY WORK DAYS: If you have a need or know a need that our Deacons could facilitate a work day for, call Ethan Gouge at 423.782.8121. Can be completed with privacy & discretion.

MEALS FOR YOUTH: We need your help! Volunteer to be a meal provider for one of our weekly youth gatherings. Use QR to see details & sign up.



MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Weekly bible study and prayer at the church. Bring your bible & coffee, and Contact Paul Gorman (paul.w.gorman@gmail.com) if you plan to join.

WOMEN

SUNDAYS @ 6PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Studying Colossians using Lydia Brownback's book. Meeting at the church. Childcare provided for WED AM study.



¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. (*ESV*)

"Spiritual Therapy" (v. 12-13)

Prescription pt. 1- Pursue Peace (v. 14-15)

Prescription pt. 2- Pursue Holiness (v. 14, 16-17)