



THE LORD'S SERVICE

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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 147.1-6 (ESV)

Praise the Lord!

*For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting...*

**He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

*He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.*

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

***Songs of Praise**
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Words & Arr by: Dykes/Heber

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 8.18-26 (ESV)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ 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. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

“Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)”

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee; the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me; and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark; our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain; grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight; all must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord; and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word; upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort; my comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night; and til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed; ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 5.1-2 (ESV)

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

"Through him we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Mission Spotlight

Amy Markwalter
Mission to the World
Member Care Children's Ministry Specialist

***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 11.23-31

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

"Identity phobia."



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.

"Here is Love"

Words & Arr by: Lowry/Edwards/Rees

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our Ransom shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love

*To serve he came by death proclaimed
The ransomed free for he did bleed
Upon our cross and so we laud
His the glory, his the cost
(Truly, tis the Son of God!)*

Let me all your love accepting love you ever all my days
Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise
You alone will be my glory nothing in the world I see
You have cleansed and sanctified me, You have loved and set me free

You're the priest, yet you're the off'ring, 'pointed by the Father who
Declared to the world so boldly, "You're my Son, perfect and true"
You obeyed the law in fullness now you pray eternally
That your righteousness imputed to your people it will be

*To serve he came by death proclaimed
The ransomed free for he did bleed
Upon our cross and so we laud
His the glory, his the cost
(Truly, tis the Son of God!) x2*

*Yes, here is love
Vast as the ocean
Yes, here is love
Vast as the ocean*

****We Confess Our Faith***

From Colossians 1.13-20

Christian, what do you believe?

God, the Father, has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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.**

“Gloria Patri”

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

"Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"

Words & Arr by: Kauflin/Getty/
Boswell/Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand

Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore? The rock of Christ

Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will Heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore

Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, sing hallelujah
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THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*
† all who are able, please kneel

True grace will enable a man to step over the world's crown, to take up Christ's cross; to prefer the cross of Christ above the glory of this world. It enabled Abraham, and Moses, and Daniel, with those other worthies in Hebrews 11, to do so... Oh! But a temporary Christian steps over Christ's cross to take up, and keep up, the world's crown.

Thomas Brooks, *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices* (1652),
p.170-171

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10.3-5

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: DEACON ELECTION and VISION REVEAL

Join us between worship services for an important congregational meeting. No adult or children's classes. Childcare for ages 0-5th grade provided on second floor during meeting.

Deacon Election: After an extended process of nomination, training, discernment, and examination, the Session is presenting *Jordan Clark and Sam Higgins* for election to the office of Deacon. Pray for these men, talk with them, and consider 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

50+ Year Vision and Facility Expansion 'REVEAL': The Session, Deacons, and Capital Campaign Task Force have endorsed moving forward with a capital improvement project toward the fulfillment of our 50+ Year Vision. We will share 2D and 3D renderings of a Sanctuary Expansion and a new Master Plan for repurposing our current spaces. *This will be followed by weeks of processing, Q/A, prayer and discernment prior to a congregational vote to proceed (late October).*

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

- TODAY - Congregational Meeting
- 9/21 - No Class
- 9/28 - Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 12: Of Adoption

TODAY | THE HUDDLE: Twice-a-month gathering for post-high school young adults. Join us over a meal for friendship and real talk about faith. Meeting for lunch after 2nd service! Reach out to Stan Bauer (407-739-8582) or LeeAnna Hungerford (901-201-0969).

THUR, SEPT 18, 5:30PM | CAMPUS HOUSE: Campus House is a ministry to ETSU students. We provide dinner for their gathering, 'Thursday Night Live'. We need volunteers to bring food and/or hang out with students. Please contact John or Emily Barrett (barrettemily25@gmail.com, 423-741-9698) if you have any questions.



SAT, SEPT 27, 9AM-NOON | SERVE RISE-UP & AGAPE: Join Summit Leadership for their event 'Love JC' to serve local non-profits. CCC is nominating our mission partners, Rise-Up & Agape! Use QR to register to serve Rise-Up & Agape.



MON, OCT 6, 6PM | AROUND THE TABLE: Join Lisa Smalling for dinner and a study of Begat: Women in the Genealogy of Jesus! Info and RSVP via QR code.



SUN, OCT 12 | 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



OCT 17-19 | COVENANT LADIES FALL RETREAT: We would love for you to set aside this time for rest, rejuvenation, laughter, & growth. Our focus this year will be on quieting our minds & hearts & making space to hear from the Lord. We will have devotions, nature journaling, fellowship, quiet times, & optional outings! Use the QR for pricing, additional details, & registration.

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY



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

Adult Classes

No class today- Congregational Meeting

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

No class today- Childcare provided for 0-5th grade on 2nd Floor

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): Troy Cash, No class today- Congregational Meeting
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: A live stream of the service is available in the front room.

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.

NOW | COMMUNITY GROUPS LAUNCHING: Our intergenerational small groups centered on relationship and discussion of God's Word are launching now! Grab a flyer out front, look on our website, or talk with Pastor AJ to find a group that fits for you.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT | AMY MARKWALTER: Amy, a CCC member, works with Mission to the World as their Children's Ministry Consultant. As missionaries around the globe plant churches, evangelize, and disciple, Amy comes alongside them in the vital work of caring for their children. As she seeks to reach her monthly financial support goal, please consider giving to her important missionary work by joining her support team. Talk with Amy and/or give using this QR code. Thank you!



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.

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. (*ESV*)

By faith...

The fear of God.

The identity of Christ.

The protection of/from God.

The preservation and power of God.