THE LORD'S SERVICE
November 15, 2026

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 90.1-4, 12-14 (*ESV*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Songs of Praise
"All Creatures Of Our God And King" St. Francis of Assisi (1225)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer

Scripture Reading Romans 8.18-28 (*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. [27] And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. [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.

"Be Still My Soul"

Katharina von Schlegel (1752)
Jane Laurie Borthwick (1855)

Be still my soul, The Lord is on Thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul, thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul: Thy God doth under-take
To guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fear.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: The hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

THE LORD CLEANSES US

† Confession of Sin

O Lord, when you would guide me, I control myself.
When you would be sovereign, I rule myself.
When you would take care of me, I suffice myself.
When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself;
I fault and adjust your laws to suit myself.
Instead of you I look to others for approval and am by nature an idolater.
Lord, it is my chief desire to bring my heart back to you.
Convince me that I cannot be my own god to make myself happy,
Nor my own Christ to restore my joy,
Nor my own Spirit to teach, guide, rule me.
Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite, lustful heart;
Then take me to the cross and leave me there.

****Declaration of Forgiveness*** 1 Corinthians 15:22, 56-57 (*ESV*)

In Adam all die, but in Christ all shall be made alive. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

****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 Ecclesiastes 12.8-14

Pastor: This is the word of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Jim Powell

"The end of the matter."

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.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Robert Robinson (1758)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

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O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last

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.

***Doxology**
"Old Hundreth"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**
"Every Promise Of Your Word" Keith Getty/Stuart Townend (2005)

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
For Your covenant is sure and on this I am secure
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
And You've promised to complete ev'ry work begun in me
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word

THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

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

Consider the work of God:
who can make straight what he has made crooked?
Ecclesiastes 7.13



Lament (2026) | Julie Nevue

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAYS, 10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:
- 11/15 & 22, 12/13 & 20: Spheres of Influence (Pastor Jim)

FRI, NOV 20, 1 PM | ETSU EVANGELISM: Eager to be a part of students coming to know Christ? Join us at ETSU as we share our faith with students! Text JT @ 443-902-4322 for details.

DECEMBER 4, 6:30PM | GIRLS NIGHT – COOKIE SWAP: Ladies, join us for our annual cookie swap! We will gather at the church at 6:30pm for some nibbles, intentional fellowship, and cookie swapping! Bring 3 dozen cookies to exchange. If you are not a cookie lover, please join us anyway for the fellowship! Reach out to Shannon (423.557.4669) with any questions.

FOOD & TOY DRIVE: Partner with Good Samaritan, Inc this holiday season as they collect food for Thanksgiving & Christmas & toys for Christmas! There are bins for donated items in the front room.
- These food items through Nov 29: canned yams, boxed mash potatoes, canned chicken broth, 1lb bag of white rice, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned apple pie filling, canned cranberry sauce, brown gravy packets.
- These toy items through Dec 6: new toys and other gifts that a child between the ages of 3 & 18 would like to receive on Christmas morning. Toys must remain in their original packaging.

Contact Jeanette Ransom at jeanettehransom@gmail.com with any questions.

CCC IS HIRING | DIRECTOR OF CHURCH OPERATIONS. This full-time position will coordinate and support non-ministry staff, overseeing administrative and financial operations and developing systems that promote effective communication, accountability, and collaboration.
- Job descriptions available in church office. All interested candidates can email cover letter and resume to jim@christcommunityjc.org.
- Must evidence maturity in the gospel through repentance and faith, humble interaction with others, joyous countenance, bold confidence in navigating adversity, teachable humility while serving on a team, and Christ-dependent leadership.
- Salary: Commensurate to qualifications.

FRI, JAN 22 | VISION DINNER: Our annual Christmas Dinner and evening of Stories & Vision has become a shared special event for CCC. For scheduling and shepherding reasons, we are bumping this Vision Dinner into 2027- which we believe will be beneficial and wonderful! Please save the date!

FEBRUARY 19-21 | RETREAT @ JUBILEE IN ABINGDON, VA: Ladies, please save this weekend for a special time away together in 2027! More details and registration link coming soon!

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

8:30-9:50, 1st Worship Service
10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes
Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10-10:50AM
Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10-10:50AM

Weekly Prayer
Jim's Office, 3rd Floor, 9:30-10AM & 11-11:30AM

Children's Classes, 10-10:50
K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor
2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Peter Gaultney, 2nd Floor
4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes, 10-10:50
Middle School (6th-8th): Bill & Susan Kowalski , 3rd Floor, Youth Room
High School (9th-12th): JT & Mackenzie Reagor, Rex & Lina Hardy, 3rd Floor, Pastor Bill's Office

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.

MEN
WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Scriptural study for the upcoming sermon on the CCC 2nd floor. Bring your Bible and coffee, and contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782) if planning to attend for the first time, as the location can change.

WOMEN
WEDNESDAYS, 9:30-11:30AM | PSALMS: REAL PRAYERS FOR REAL LIFE: Led by Leslie Owens (601.540.7213). Meeting at the Church. Childcare Provided.
FRIDAYS, 9-10:30AM | *SIDE BY SIDE*: WALKING WITH OTHERS IN WISDOM & LOVE: Facilitated by Shannon Thomsen (423.557.4669) & Lori Wilkerson (423.963.9431). Meeting at Shannon's house (2406 Larkspur Drive, JC).
SUNDAYS, 6-7:30PM | PSALMS: REAL PRAYERS FOR REAL LIFE: Led by Leslie Owens (601.540.7213). Meeting at the Church. Childcare Provided (combined with Sunday evening community group children).

Ecclesiastes 12.8-14

[8] Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

[9] Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. [10] The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

[11] The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. [12] My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

[13] The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. [14] For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. (*ESV*)

The end of the matter.

All has been heard. **| The Preacher**

All has been heard. **| The Shepherd**

All has been heard. **| The Judge**

All has been heard. **| The JOY?**

All of life under the sun is vanity and a breath,
but IN IT God gives JOY to those who fear him.