THE LORD'S SERVICE
November 22, 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 46.1-7 (*ESV*)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns...

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

[ALL] The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Songs of Praise
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther (1527)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
The Lord of Hosts his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 3.1-13 (*ESV*)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the
day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God
among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him,
"Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was
afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were
naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man
said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I
ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The
woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

"Christ The True And Better" Keith Getty/Matt Boswell/Matt Papa (2020)

Christ, the true and better Adam; Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden never yielded, never sinned
He, who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again
Dying, He reversed the curse, then rising, crushed the serpent's head

Christ, the true and better Isaac humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain there to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided, oh, what full and boundless love

Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end
Christ the story, His the glory
Alleluia! Amen!

Christ, the true and better Moses called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through

Chorus

Christ, the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty king
He the champion in the battle. Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered, crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever, we shall e'er His people be

Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end
Christ the story, His the glory
Alleluia! Amen!
Christ the story, His the glory
Alleluia! Amen

THE LORD CLEANSES US

† Confession of Sin

O Lord, the great and awesome God,
who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments;
Lord, we have done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled,
turning aside from your commandments and rules.
You are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame
because we have sinned against you.
We your people have transgressed your law and turned away,
refusing to obey you.
O Lord, listen!
O Lord, forgive!
O Lord, hear and act!
We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,
but because of your great mercy.
For your sake, O God, do not delay,
because we your people bear your Name.
In your mercy, keep covenant with us, and turn our hearts back to you
so that we will love you and keep your commandments.

****Declaration of Forgiveness*** from Luke 1:67-79 (*ESV*)

Blessed be the Lord God, for he has visited and redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for you in the house of his servant David for the forgiveness of your sins.

We have received the mercy promised to our fathers, that being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

****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 7.13; Genesis 3.14-19

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

Sermon Jim Powell

"The REALITY of Marriage."

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.

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Dawn Rodgers/Eric Wyse (1989)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have tho't that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
O we hopelessly lost the way.

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You are the one that we praise
You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne,
O we're falling before your throne.

Chorus

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.

"Gloria Patri" Ancient Text (ca. 2-4 cent.)

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
"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" Julia Harriette Johnston/Daniel Brink Towner (1911)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured–
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Chorus

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe,
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

Chorus

THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

Benediction

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

The Gospel cannot be a life-giving message to share when people are not experiencing Gospel-life in their marriage/home. What kingdom could be extended if it is not in the home?! It is not enough to preach life after death, we must also preach life before death! Jesus Christ did not just die for people's future, but for their here-and-now. A marriage of unity, understanding, and love is not rooted in romance, but in worship. Every marriage is a worshiper married to a worshiper. A good marriage is rooted in worship/fear of the Lord – but a bad marriage has vibrant worship as well (self, etc). We must get down to the level of worship. Working on communication, "date night," roles, schedules – they are not the problem, just the location that the problem rears its ugly head.

Paul David Tripp: The CHURCH | *Why So Many Messed Up Marriages?*

(Notes, taken by Jim, attending a Paul Tripp seminar, PCA General Assembly 2008)

Pastor Jim Powell, Preaching & Vision | Pastor Bill Leuzinger, Counseling & Care
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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- TODAY: Spheres of Influence (Pastor Jim)
- 11/29, Missionaries Jeremiah and Karie Pitts share about the African Bible University in Uganda
- 12/13 & 20: Spheres of Influence (Pastor Jim)

SUN, NOV 29, 6 PM | YOUTH CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Middle and high school families are all invited to decorate the church for the advent season! Food will be provided.

FRI, DEC 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.

SUN, DEC 6, 6PM | CHRISTMAS CAROL: Join us as we Christmas carol to our neighbors! Enjoy warm drinks, baked goods, & fellowship afterwards! All are welcome to make a joyful noise! QR for sign up.

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Currently on break for the holidays. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements regarding studies to be offered in 2027!

Ecclesiastes 7.13

[13] Consider the work of God:
who can make straight what he has made crooked?

Genesis 3.14-19

[14] The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
[15] I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

[16] To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

[17] And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
[18] thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
[19] By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return." (*ESV*)

The REALITY of Marriage.

ECCLESIASTICAL | Ecclesiastes 7.13

CREATIONAL | Genesis 1.26; 2.18, 24

CROOKED-AGONAL | Genesis 3.14-19

RESTORATIONAL | Ephesians 5.22-33

REDEEMABLE | Ephesians 1.11-12