THE LORD'S SERVICE
November 8, 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 116.12-17 (*ESV*)

What shall we render to the Lord
for all his benefits?

We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord!
O Lord, we are your servants;
You have loosed our bonds.

[ALL] We will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord our God!

***Songs of Praise**
"O God Beyond All Praising" Michael Perry (1982)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 32.1-7 (*ESV*)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

5 I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah

THE LORD CLEANSES US

† Confession of Sin

"Trisagion"

Words: Ancient Greek Text (ca 270)
Arr by: Fernando Ortega (2011)

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****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.

New Members

Louie Baca IV

Mark & Packie Bogard

Jericho & Paige McGowan

James & Anna Simpson
with Ramona

Communing Member

Kristabelle Rose Smith
Levi Walter Smith
children of Johnathan & Sarah

Baptism

Ramona Ruth Simpson
daughter of James & Anna

"The Church's One Foundation" Stone/Wesley (1866)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses; partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

****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 11.7-12.8

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

Sermon Jim Powell

"Dependent Rejoicing before Decay"

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.

"Afflicted Saint To Christ Draw Near" John Fawcett/Constance Dever (1782/2018)

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior's gracious promise hear;
His faithful Word you can believe: That as your days your strength shall be.

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the conflict should be long,
The Lord will make the tempter flee that as your days your strength shall be.

So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle's fierce, but the victory's won!
God shall supply all that you need; yes, as your days your strength shall be

Should persecution rage and flame, still trust in your Redeemer's name.
In fiery trials you shall see that as your days your strength shall be.

Chorus

When called to bear your weighty cross or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
Or deep distress or poverty, still as your days your strength shall be.

Chorus

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
"All Glory Be To Christ" Dustin Kensrue (2012)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign will ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done. His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ

Chorus x2

THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

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

Inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened.

Terry Pratchett (author, athiest/humanist)

"Son," he said,' [here] is what mortals misunderstand. They say of some temporal suffering, "No future bliss can make up for it," not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory. And of some sinful pleasure they say "Let me have but this and I'll take the consequences"- little dreaming how damnation will spread back into their past and contaminate the pleasure of the sin. Both processes begin even before death. The [righteous/saved] ... their past begins to change so that his forgiven sins and remembered sorrows take on the quality of Heaven: the bad man's past already conforms to his badness and is filled only with dreariness. And that is why...the Blessed will say "We have never lived anywhere except in Heaven"- and the Lost, "We were always in Hell." And both will speak truly.

C. S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **TODAY:** Westminster Confession of Faith Ch. 21: Of Religious Worship, & the Sabbath Day (Pt 2)
- **11/15 & 22, 12/13 & 20:** Spheres of Influence (Pastor Jim)

SUNDAYS 9:30-10AM, 11-11:30AM, WEEKLY PRAYER | PASTOR JIM'S OFFICE: Join one another weekly for intentional and strategic prayer during each worship service- praying for the work of God's church, the effectiveness of his Word, trials and needs among us, and the mission of God in our assigned spheres of influence. This is lay-led, and a guide is provided. Please reach out to Pastor Jim if interested in facilitating.

TODAY, NOV 8, 1PM | YOUNG ADULT AND COLLEGE LUNCH: Come enjoy community with other young adults! Lunch will be at the Farmer's house, 2308 David Miller Rd. Text JT @ 443-902-4322 to let us know you are coming!

FRI, NOV 13 - MEN'S NIGHT | BOWLING: Join us for bowling, fellas! Register & pay by Sunday 11/8 so we know how many lanes to reserve. Meet at Holiday Lanes a bit before 6 so we can get fitted out and setup. We will break into lanes (6 bowlers/lane), and we are able to bowl from 6-8pm. $15 gets your shoes and covers the two hours. You can get dinner there or eat before you come. Bring a friend!

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.

EARLY 2027 | 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! We wanted you to be informed. Anticipating a special Vision gathering in early 2027!

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

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 11.7-12.8

Dependent Rejoicing before Decay

7 Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

8 So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; 2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, 3 in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, 4 and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— 5 they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— 6 before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity. (*ESV*)

Rejoice in your years | 11:7-8

Rejoice in your youth | 11:9-10

Remember (and rejoice in) your Creator | 12:1-8