



THE LORD'S SERVICE

March 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**

Psalms 104.1, 32-33 (ESV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, you are very great!

*May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,*

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

***Songs of Praise**
“For The Beauty Of The Earth”

Kocher/Pierpoint (1864)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n.
Graces, human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 50.1-12, 23 (ESV)

The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

⁴ He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

- ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge! Selah
- ⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- ⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
- ¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- ¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- ¹² “If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
- ²³ The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God!”



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† Confession of Sin

“Trisagion”

Words: Ancient Greek Text (ca 270)

Arr by: Fernando Ortega (2011)

Holy God
Holy and mighty
Holy Immortal one
Have mercy, Have mercy on us

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***Declaration of Forgiveness**

from Psalm 32 (ESV)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

Communing Member

Reid Gabler
son of Chris & Mackenzie

***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*

Acts 4.13, 23-37

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“ROOTED in GENEROUS LIVING”



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.

“Take My Life And Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

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”

Louis Bourgeois

*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**

“How Rich A Treasure We Possess”

How rich a treasure we possess in Jesus Christ our Lord
His blood our ransom and defense, His glory our reward
The sum of all created things are worthless in compare
For our inheritance is Him whose praise angels declare

How free and costly was the love displayed upon the cross
While we were dead in untold sin the Sov'reign purchased us
The will of God the Father demonstrated through the Son
The Spirit seals the greatest work, the work which Christ has done

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained
The penalty was paid in full, the spotless Lamb was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift received by grace through faith
We stand in robes of righteousness, we stand in Jesus' Name

For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
Amen yeah amen amen



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, and when the Spirit is given in larger measure, love will show itself in a working church. Brown could speak of a thousand ‘of brethren and sisters’ who ‘visit 2900 families every Sunday afternoon’. There were others who took a special interest in the infirm and the distressed. Such a church needs little organization. Loves leads to spontaneous action.”

Archibald Brown [successor to Charles Spurgeon]

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- TODAY, Creational Foundations: A Rhythm of Work and Rest
- 3/22, Creational Foundations: Goodness and Blessing

SAT, MAR 21, 6:30PM | MEN'S NIGHT: Any and all men-come hang out and grow in friendship! Bring a chair/snack/drink as you desire and join us at Peter Gaultney's (219 County Farm Rd, Jonesborough)

SAT, MAR 28, 9AM-2PM | CCC MISSIONS TEAM YARD & BAKE SALE: In the church lobby! The proceeds from this event will be split between the four missions trips planned for this year. The success of this event depends on the yard sale donations from YOU! We also invite all the bakers among us to donate baked goods & bring them the morning of the event. Yard sale donations are needed by 3/25. For questions & to arrange for drop offs of donated items, please email: amyroebe@gmail.com, leslietowens@me.com, or jeanettehransom@gmail.com



SUN, MAR 29, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR KATIE CARTER: Ladies, join us at the church for a baby shower celebrating the arrival of Baby Boy Carter! Please use the QR to see the registry. RSVP to Abby Haaland (423-367-8070).



The resurrection life. Eternally accomplished. Locally celebrated.

Join us on Friday and Easter Sunday for a worship experience of Word and Sacrament.

April 3, Good Friday
7 PM Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)

Use QR code to
to sign up to bring
refreshments!



April 5, Easter Sunday
8:45 & 11 AM Services
Refreshments between
services

SUN, APR 29 | MATTHEW SMITH CONCERT: Save the date for a spring concert here @ CCC. Childcare will be provided for ages 9 and under. More details and registration link to come.

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

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

APRIL 17-APRIL 18

LADIES SPRING GATHERING

Broken Cisterns, with Sarah Ivill

Thirsting for the Creator Instead of the Created

Friday | 6-8pm & Saturday | 9am-2pm

Use QR for details & registration

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH | 400 ASHE STREET

Acts 4.13

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4.23-37

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“‘Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’ —

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

ROOTED in GENEROUS LIVING

Among those ROOTED in Christ, in our community...

RESEMBLANCE to Jesus – a sacrificial life | Acts 4.13

RESPONSE to reality – a dependent life | Acts 4.23-31

REALLOCATION of resources – a generous life | Acts 4.32-37

We believe. (What?)

We see. (Who?)

We share. (How?)

We release. (Where?)