



## THE LORD'S SERVICE

April 19, 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 113.2-5; 115.1-2 (ESV)

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!*

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

*The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!  
Who is like the Lord our God?*

**Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

**\*Songs of Praise**  
**“Not To Us”**

Boswell/Papa/Redman (2024)

Not to us, O Lord  
Not to us, O Lord  
But unto Your name be the glory  
From the dawn of time  
To its setting sun  
The name of the Lord shall be praised

*One song will ring through the ages  
One throne will ever remain  
This world will pass  
And its glories fade  
One name forever shall be praised*

While the nations rage  
Trusting idols vain  
Our God stands alone in the heavens  
Robed in majesty  
Hail the highest King  
The name of the Lord shall be praised

*Chorus*

May Your face be set  
May Your blessing rest  
Upon us Your people beloved  
Mark us by Your grace  
That the world would say  
The name of the Lord shall be praised

*Chorus x 2*

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 8.1-4, 14-17 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### **“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”**

Stuart Townend (1995)

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
And make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon the cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
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## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

### † *Confession of Sin*

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
For they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
According to your steadfast love remember us,  
For the sake of your goodness, O Lord!  
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.  
The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear you,  
And you make known to them your covenant.  
Our eyes are ever toward you, O Lord,  
For you will pluck our feet out of the net.  
Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.  
The troubles of our hearts are enlarged;  
Bring us out of our distresses.  
Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.  
Redeem us, O God, out of all our troubles,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (based on Psalm 25)

### ***\*Declaration of Forgiveness***

Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV)

*Leader: God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that you might receive adoption as sons.*

**Congregation: And because we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!"**

### ***\*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*

Galatians 4.1-11

Pastor: This is the word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Sermon*

Jim Powell

**“Sonship or Slavery?”**



## 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.

**“Satisfied”**

Clara T. Williams (1875)

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within

*Hallelujah He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through His blood I now am saved*

Feeding on the filth around me till my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on

*Chorus*

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry

*Chorus*

Well of water ever springing, bread of Life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to me

*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.**

### **“Romans 11”**

Andrew Peterson (2014)

Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God  
How unsearchable His judgments, how untraceable His paths  
Who knows the mind of our God? Who could bring counsel to Him?  
Who has given to God that God should repay?  
For from Him through Him to Him is everything

*To God be the glory forever and ever  
To God be the glory forever a men*

**\*Hymn of Response**  
**“This Is My Father’s World”**

Maltbie Davenport Babcock (1901)

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world, he shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

*Oh this world belongs to him from beginning to the end.  
All creation groans, “Lord, bring us home, and make us new again.”*

This is my Father’s world, oh, let me ne’er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav’n be one.

*Chorus x 2*



**THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US**

**\*Benediction**

*\* all who are able, please stand*

*† all who are able, please kneel*

It is easy to fall in faith.  
I repeat, it is easy to fall away from the truth of the gospel.

So, when the law accuses you, terrifies you, reveals to you your sin, threatens your soul with a sense of the wrath of God, then you need a strong faith in Christ as if there no longer were a law or sin, but only CHRIST. You need to be able to say, Law, I will not listen to you.

The time has come for me to be free,  
and I will not put up with your tyranny any longer.

"Abba Father," cried out, is a groan that fills heaven.

If we could comprehend the excellence of being a son and heir of God and believe it with a constant faith, we would regard all the power and riches of all the kingdoms of this world as filthy garbage in comparison!

Quotations from Martin Luther,  
*Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians*

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# UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR


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

- TODAY: Leuzingers & Babels share about their recent mission trip to Guadalajara, Mexico.
- 4/26 & 5/3: Westminster Confession of Faith, ch 21: Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day
- 5/10: Sharing the Gospel & Your Testimony, Kike Astorga

**FRI, APR 24, 2-3PM | ETSU PRAYER:** Join us as at ETSU as we pray for God's work among students, faculty, and staff. Contact Pastor AJ (423-612-0123) or Chris Gabler.




**MATTHEW SMITH & INDELIBLE GRACE**  
 Wed. April 29<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.  
 Register with QR. Ticket cost: \$15  
 Childcare provided at no extra cost.




**APR 30, 6PM | RUF DINNER:** Come feast on BBQ, hear encouraging stories of God's work on ETSU's campus, and learn about how you can partner with us! Meeting at the church. Please use QR to RSVP.

**SUN, MAY 3 | GRADUATION SUNDAY:** We want to honor & pray for our grads! If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school or college (any level), please let us know by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Scan this QR or email shelby@christcommunityjc.com.




**SUN, MAY 3, AFTER 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE | COLLEGE & CAREER GATHERING:** Come to a gathering for post-high school, college, & post-grad young adults! Join us for a meal, friendship and real talk about faith. Meeting at Rick & Dawn Hess' home (705 Hiwassee Hill Dr, Johnson City, TN 37601). Text Rick for questions & to RSVP (423-262-9609).



**SAT, MAY 16, 10AM | BABY SHOWER FOR KELLY RUSSELL:** Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Russell! Please RSVP to 423-276-4741 & use the QR code to see the registry.

**SUN, MAY 17, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR ANNA LITTLE:** Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Little! Please RSVP to Charlotte Julian at 423-972-5984 & use the QR code to see the registry.



# 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50
- Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:10-10:50

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

- K-1<sup>st</sup>: Elaine DeVusser 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Youth Classes

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & 2<sup>ND</sup> 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.

### January-March Financial Update

General Fund	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 274,918	\$ 240,000
Expenses	\$ 209,050	\$ 204,780
Surplus	\$ 65,868	\$ 35,220

Cash & Savings: \$397k

Mortgage Balance: \$282k

Rooted Campaign Pledges: \$4,113,000

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

<sup>8</sup> Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup> But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

<sup>10</sup> You observe days and months and seasons and years! <sup>11</sup> I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

**The GLORY of sonship (4.1-7)**

The illustration (4.1-2)

The interpretation (4.3-5)

The implications (4.6-7)

**The GRAVITY of slavery (4.8-11)**

DISPROPORTIONAL devotion (4.8)

DESTRUCTIVE (DECEIVED) desires (4.9-11)