



THE LORD'S SERVICE

May 4, 2025

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***

Revelation 4.8, 11 (ESV)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!*

**Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
To receive glory and honor and power,
For you created all things,
And by your will they existed and were created.**

***Songs of Praise**
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Written by: Reginald Herber (1826)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7.21-27

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

²⁴ "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to see that though I fail you every day
Your steadfast love will not fail me but gladly bears my sin away.
And there I see your holy fire, consuming sin in mercy's blood:
What righteousness and love require to ransom sinners to their God.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to weep for there my sin led you away
And e'en the sun did bow in grief as darkness crowned our darkest day.
And oh, to think that I once stood indifferent to your suffering!
And oh, to see your sweat like blood: such depths of sorrow borne for me!

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to love for there I've tasted love divine,
It fills my heart with power enough to make your costly service mine.
No sin too great to meet with grace, no enemy too foul to bless.
Your love in wounds of sacrifice, teach me, O Lord, to love like this.

Your cross, O Lord, taught me to sing, for now my captive soul is free!
No guilt, no fear, no suffering can tear away your love from me!
No song can reach such heights of joy! No tongue can tell such depths of peace!
No power, no time, can e'er destroy the eternal praise for Calvary!

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THE LORD CLEANSES US

† Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to your promises declared unto mankind in
Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father;
For his sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life;
To the glory of your holy name.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Zephaniah 3.14-15, 17

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.*

**The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.**

Missions

Camp Hope
Church Hill, TN

***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*

Hebrews 5.11-6.8

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“Much to say, hard to explain.”



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.

“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness”

Written & Arr by: Getty/Townend (2003)

My Heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
And wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the king;
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.
To love and follow Him.
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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**

“Grace Greater Than All Our Sin”

Words by: Julia H Johnston (1910)

Arr by: Norton Hall Band (2018)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
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.

*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*

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?

*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*



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

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

Perpetually infant Christians are unable to distinguish between
genuine and ungentuine expressions of the faith,
between the sound and the dangerous,
between the Spirit of God and the spirit of the age.

Richard Phillips

Not all who profess the truth possess the truth.

David McWilliams

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAYS, 10:15-10:45 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING, PASTOR AJ: Adults and youth are welcome in this class in the sanctuary (young children or babies are welcome with you).

*TODAY-Westminster Confession of Faith | Chapter 9: Of Free Will
5/11-No class*

GRADUATING? | If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school or college (any level), please let Shelby know by May 11 (shelby@christcommunityjc.com) so that we can honor and pray for you.

MEMBERSHIP | INTERESTED IN JOINING CCC? We will have a membership meeting with our elders on Sunday, June 1. If you are interested in becoming a church member, fill out a membership questionnaire and give to Pastor AJ or an elder by Sunday May 25- find these on the bookshelves in the entry room.

COMMUNITY GROUPS | INTERESTED IN HELPING LEAD OR HOST A GROUP IN THE FALL?

As our groups prepare to break for the summer, reach out to Pastor AJ if you would consider helping to host or lead a group as we start back up in August. We currently have 9 groups but would like to see 1 or 2 more launch this fall. **Reach out to AJ by May 31 if you are considering helping with hosting and/or leading (no commitment at this time).**

MAY 31, 5PM | PICNIC @ WINGED DEER PARK: Join us for a Summer Picnic at Winged Deer Park (Meredith Pavillion)! The church will provide hot dogs and drinks. Last name A-P, bring a side to share! Q-Z bring a dessert! There will be seating at the pavilion for some, but please bring a camping chair or picnic blanket as desired.

JUNE 23 - 27 | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date! Age 4 through 5th grade. Details and registration coming soon!

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
10:15-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Reneau/Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10:10-10:50
Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:15-10:45

Children's Classes, 10:15-10:50

K-1st: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor
2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Rebecca Sheets, 2nd Floor
4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Matt Russell, 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



May 25th | Last day of Children & Youth Classes for Summer Break

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: Please make use of the live-streamed service in the front room for fussy or noisy children.

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: Weekly bible study and prayer at the church. Bring your bible & coffee, and Contact Paul Gorman (paul.w.gorman@gmail.com) if you plan to join.

Recycle Your Bulletin

If you do not write in your bulletin, please place it back at the welcome stand in the front room for someone else to use.

¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

¹ Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits. ⁴ For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. ⁷ For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. ⁸ But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned. (ESV)

Much to say, hard to explain.

The reality of IMMATURITY.

*Sluggish to hear.
Useless to help.
Untrained to discern.*

Recommit to MATURITY.

The risk of APOSTASY.

*The makeup of the visible church.
The mission of the church.
The covenant children of the church.
The warnings in the Word.
The line of demarcation... at what point?
The grace of pain.*