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Sunday, June 14, 2026  
10:30am

# Welcome to Christ Community Church

*For God's glory, to make and deploy mature  
and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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Whether you are a visitor or a member, it is a joy to worship our Lord Jesus Christ with you this morning. Please consider participating in our Discipleship Hour and Community Groups throughout the week as well.

This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask a Sound Technician for a receiver.

We believe it is right and good for children of all ages to be with the adult community in worship. Please do not hesitate to keep your child with you. However, we do offer Children's Church for 3-5 yr. olds. Those children participating can be dismissed to the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

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Because we live in a fallen, broken, sinful world, we can come to Sunday morning worship at times with hearts weighed down with burdens, struggles and concerns. It is not God's will that we shoulder these burdens and concerns alone. Each Sunday immediately following the worship service, there are people at the right front of the church who stand ready to listen to your concerns and to pray with you. So, whatever your concern, no matter how big or small, feel free to come, to share and to be prayed for.

**S** - denotes congregation Standing

Prepare yourself now for the highest calling of the people of God which is the worship of God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

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Building Attendant for today: Stephen Streit



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## *Reflections*

**Psalm 32:1:** “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.”

**Jeremiah 17:7-8a:** “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water...”

**Psalm 112:1:** “Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!”

**Psalm 119:15:** “I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.”

**William Bridge:** “Reading without meditation is unfruitful; meditation without reading is hurtful; to meditate and to read without prayer... is without blessing.”

**John Owen :** “The Word of God is the instrument of our communion with Him in faith and obedience.”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Rev. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship

# Order of Worship

## Welcome & Announcements

### *Hearing from the Savior*

#### § Call to Worship

Colossians 3:12-17

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

### *Responding to the Savior*

#### § Invocation

#### § Songs of Praise

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, thou givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### *Come, Thou Fount*

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by Thy help I'm come.

And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.

He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.

Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

On that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see thy Lovely face;

Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace!

Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring thy promises to pass;

For I know thy power will keep me till I'm home with thee at last!

### ***Hearing from the Savior***

#### **New Testament Scripture Reading**

2 Timothy 3:1-17

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men. You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors

will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## ***Responding to the Savior***

### **Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

Three ways to give: the Giving Box, online through the website, or mail to the church at PO Box 80787, Simpsonville, SC 29680

### **Prayers of the Church**

Joel & Latifahia Brown, RUF @ SC State University

#### **§ Affirmation of Faith**

**Leader:** What is the Word of God?

**All:** *The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.*

**Leader:** How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

**All:** *The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness to and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.*

**Leader:** What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**All:** *The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.*

#### **§ Song of Preparation**

*Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **Sermon Text**

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish..

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Paul Sanders

*"Happy"*

Week after week we proclaim the Bible because we are convinced it is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. That means that it comes to us from God, so it is true in everything that it claims. Therefore, you can trust it with all of your heart and it will not let you down.

## ***Responding to the Savior***

### **§ Song of Response**

*In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

### *Hearing from the Savior*

#### **§ Benediction**

taken from Colossians 3:16a & Romans 15:33

(May) the word of Christ dwell in you richly... May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

*If you have a need or would like to find out more about the Gospel, the Post Worship Team stands ready to meet with you and pray. Simply make your way to the front right-hand side of the sanctuary after the Benediction, and a team member will be there to meet with you.*

*Space for Notes:*

## Discussion Questions for Community Groups & Families:

### ***Series: Word-Driven: Second Sunday Psalms · Psalm 1 · “Happy”***

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
  - a. Where are you tempted to look for happiness apart from God?
  - b. Which of these practices do you need to grow in when it comes to your engagement with the Bible: reading, memorizing, praying, or contemplating?
3. How does the biblical understanding of happiness (blessedness) differ from our culture’s general usage of happiness?
4. What does the progression “walk → stand → sit” teach about the nature and progress of sin? Have you observed this in life?
5. What secular voices have the most influence your thinking (media, friends, culture, etc.)?
6. What is one practical step you can take to limit ungodly influence this week?
7. What does it mean to truly “delight” in God’s Word—not just read it?
8. What specific habits could help you grow in delight (e.g., slowing down, journaling, prayer)?
9. What part of Scripture have you recently found joy in, and why?
10. Name all the ways you can think of that Jesus displayed this blessed person in Psalm 1.
11. Why is being “Word-driven” essential for a church?

### ***Why Do We Do That? Description of Officers, their work, vows and how they are elected***

#### CHURCH OFFICERS- RULING ELDER - BCO 8-1

This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.

#### BCO 8-2

He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his

own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.

#### BCO 8-3

It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the church. They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.

#### CHURCH OFFICERS- DEACON - BCO 9-1

The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints especially in their helping one another in time of need.

#### BCO 9-2

It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation.

In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

#### THE PROCESS - BCO 24-1

Every church shall elect persons to the offices of ruling elder and deacon in the following manner: At such times as determined by the Session, communicant members of the congregation may submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. After the close of the nomination period nominees for the office of ruling elder and/or deacon shall receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office.

Each nominee shall then be examined in:

- a. His Christian experience, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9),
- b. His knowledge of Bible content,
- c. His knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America
- d. The duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- e. His willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination

*Mark your calendars:*

**June**

- **15-19:** VBS
- **17:** Ladies' Night Out, Arizona Handcrafted Fare & Drink, Simpsonville, 6pm
- **17:** Men's Night Out, Papa's & Beer Restaurant, Simpsonville, 6pm
- **22-26:** General Assembly
- **28:** Promotion Sunday

*More information can be found in the Update, on the app, and/or website.*

- \* *The first Sunday of each month we take a collection of personal care items for the Center for Community Services. Items can be placed in the wagon located next to the Information Desk in the foyer.*
- \* *Members can pick up a monthly giving report summary in the Deacons' office.*

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