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Sunday, July 19, 2026
10:30am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

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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.

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.

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.

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)

Building Attendant for today: Bill Gobeli

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Reflections

Matthew 4:8-10: “Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Be gone, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

John 6:15: “Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.”

Psalms 34:15: “The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.”

Psalms 77:19: “Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.”

John 8:58: “Jesus said to them, “‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Exodus 34:6: “The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...”

Isaiah 41:10: “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

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

Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave.
Jesus Savior risen now to reign.
Chorus

Bridge (4x): You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth)
Chorus

§ Affirmation of Faith

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.*
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church**,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

§ Song of Affirmation

Let all be silent, the shining stars not sound.
Rushing rivers still, let the mountains bow down.
In awe and wonder, in reverence we come.
Who is worthy of all worship?
Who is seated on the throne?

*Chorus: All powers cry out in answer.
All glory and praise forever,
to our God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen, we sing amen.*

Repeat verse

Tag: Who is worthy of all worship?

Who is seated on the throne?

Chorus

Bridge (2x): To the only Giver of all good gifts, Amen.
To the only One who forgives our sins, Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

*This refers to Jesus taking upon Himself the wrath of God for the sins of His people while upon the cross.

** This refers to the "universal church" that includes all the true elect of God from every tongue, tribe and nation throughout past, present and future history.

The First Hymn

To the only God, to the Risen King,
To the One who died and rose again, Amen, we sing amen.

Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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

José & Lisa Chambilla, Wycliffe Bible Translators in Dallas, TX

§ Song of Preparation*

Good and Gracious King

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-5 yr. olds to the children's wing for Children's Church.

I approach the throne of glory; Nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King.

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength.
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise.

Chorus: You deserve the greater glory.

Overcome, I lift my voice to the King in need of nothing;

Empty-handed, I rejoice.

You deserve the greater glory; Overcome with joy I sing.

By Your love I am accepted; You're a good and gracious King.

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend.

Safe, secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again.

Chorus

Bridge (2x): Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,
 Good and gracious, Good and gracious
 Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
 Good and gracious King

Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

"Who Jesus Is"

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
"Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!
Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Zephaniah 3:17

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.

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: Good New Breaking #20 · Mark 6:45-56 “Who Jesus Is”

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
 - a. Do you ever feel pressured by others to do something that goes against God’s instructions?
 - b. Why is it important that we understand that Jesus is God?
3. In what ways do Christians today still want Jesus to serve them in ways He has not promised or purposed?
4. If Jesus prayed to stay on mission, what specific areas of life might you benefit from giving prayer to that you might stay in God’s mission and will for those areas of life?
5. How might recognizing Jesus as Yahweh strengthen your trust in Him during storms of life?
6. Where do you see hardness of heart in your own life—slow belief, stubbornness, spiritual dullness?
7. How does Jesus’ patience toward the disciples encourage you?
8. How should His patience inform how we relate to family, friends, and a world who may be hard hearted??

Why Do We Do That?

The Apostles' Creed

“Christian truth could not possibly be put into a shorter and clearer statement.”

~Martin Luther on the Apostles' Creed

Creeds and Confessions of faith have fallen on hard times in evangelical churches. Accused of creating divisions and erecting walls that keep people out of the church, many congregations have adopted a “no creed but the Bible” stance in which statements like the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed are deemed outdated at best and, at worst, harmful.

It is true that creeds divide: they divide truth from error, and they divide true teachers from false teachers. It is true that creeds erect walls around a church: walls of protection and clarity within which Christians may pursue the Truth of God's holy Word in relative safety. The creeds of the church were developed to defend God's people against heresy and to define Christian orthodoxy.

The Apostles' Creed dates back at least to the second century A.D., and perhaps earlier. St. Ignatius, who was born about the time Christ's earthly ministry ended, wrote in familiar phrases that Christ was born “of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and died and was raised from the dead.”

Even though it was not likely written by the Apostles, the creed bearing their name is in full agreement with the New Testament teachings of the Apostles and specifically attacks the heresy of Gnosticism. Gnostics believe that the physical universe is evil and that God did not make it (“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth”). Because they believe that the physical realm is evil, they also deny that God took on a human body in Christ (“And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary”). Gnosticism holds that the most important Christian doctrines were mysteries reserved for a select few (“the holy catholic church” stresses the universality of all of Christ's teachings) and they totally reject the resurrection of the body, because the body is part of the evil physical realm (“the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body”). If you think Gnosticism is no longer a threat to the church, read “The Da Vinci Code,” and then recite the Apostles' Creed at the top of your lungs!

There are two phrases in the Apostles' Creed that some folks find confusing. “The Holy Catholic Church” refers NOT to the Roman church but to all of the elect from every tongue, tribe and nation past, present and future. “He descended into Hell” refers to the reality that Jesus endured the wrath of God for the sins of His people in those hours upon the cross.

The creeds we use in worship are not the very Word of God, but they are distilled from it and true to it, and we recite them because they state in compact form all of the essentials for being a Bible-believing Christian. The creeds help us to pass along those essentials from one generation to the next, and they tie generations of believers together by laying down a specific set of fundamental truths.

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Mark your calendars:

July

- **20-24:** Middle School Camp
- **27-30:** CFaP Camp
- **27:** Boys Bible Study, 4pm

August

- **1:** Youth Back-to-School Bash
- **9:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm

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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