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Sunday, October 25, 2026
8:30am
11:00am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

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

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.

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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 3-4 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)

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Reflections

Isaiah 66:24: “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”

Matthew 10:28: “Fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Matthew 25:41: “Depart... into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

Matthew 25:46: “These will go away into eternal punishment...”

Jude 1:7: “Sodom and Gomorrah serve as an example of eternal fire.”

Revelation 20:10, 14-15; 21:8: “Tormented day and night forever and ever...Lake of fire... the second death...Their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur.”

2 Corinthians 5:21a: “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin...”

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

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Responding to the Savior

Song of Preparation

Oh What High and Holy Privilege

Choir

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with His blood, (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood, (3x)
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us; now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Hearing from the Savior

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 66:15-16, 22-24

"For behold, the Lord will come in fire, and his chariots like the whirlwind, to render his anger in fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire will the Lord enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh; and those slain by the Lord shall be many.

"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord." And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

Responding to the Savior

Prayers of the Church

Rob & Jenny Ilderton, London (Hammersmith), England w/MTW

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

§ Affirmation of Faith

from Titus 2:11-14

Leader: Christians, what do you believe about grace, holiness, and salvation?

All: We believe that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age. We wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good works. Amen

§ Song of Preparation*

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-4 yr. olds to the children's wing for Children's Church.

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.

*Chorus: 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!*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater, yes grace untold

Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace

Freely bestowed on all who believe

You that are longing to see His face

Will you this moment His grace receive?

Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 9:42-48

⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

“The Seriousness of Sin”

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

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!

Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;

'Tis a deep that knows no sounding;

Who its breadth or length can tell?

On its glories, let my soul forever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever,

bound by everlasting bands?

Once in Him, in Him forever;

Thus the eternal covenant stands.

None shall take Thee from the strength of Israel's hands.

Heirs of God, joint heirs with Jesus,
long ere time its race begun;
To His name eternal praises;
O what wonders love has done!
One with Jesus, by eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder,
love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder,
why, O Lord, such love to me?
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign.
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign.
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally.

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

Philippians 2:12b-13

(Go forth and) work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you,
both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 #31 · Mark 9:42-48 · “The Seriousness of Sin”

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
 - a. Jesus said sin is serious because it hurts us and others. What is one thing you can ask Jesus to help you stop doing so you don't lead someone else into doing wrong?" (See question 3 for examples from sermon)
 - b. Jesus calls us to deal with sin urgently, not casually. What is one area of temptation in your life that you need to take more seriously, and what practical step could you take this week to 'cut it off' before it grows?"
3. Where do you see the greatest danger of leading others into sin in your own life (pride, hypocrisy, discouragement, flaunting liberties, or something else) and why?
4. Why do you think that the belief in a literal Hell has decreased so much among professing Christians?
5. How does recovering a biblical view of hell change the way we view sin, holiness, and the urgency of the gospel?
6. How does understanding that Jesus stepped into the judgment He described reshape the way you hear His warnings?
7. The sermon ended by saying, "Let the severity of Jesus' warnings lead you to the sufficiency of Jesus' cross." What does it look like to hold both seriousness of sin and sweetness of grace together in your daily discipleship?

Why Do We Do That?

Reading of Scripture

Of all the elements of worship taught in the Bible, none is more frequently encouraged, demonstrated, or commanded than the public reading of Scripture. As early as the book of Exodus, we find Moses taking the book of the Covenant and reading it to the people (Exodus 24). The books of Deuteronomy and Joshua also record that the spiritual life of God's people revolved around the public reading of God's law. It's important to note that when the children of Israel departed from God's ways, and they did so with alarming regularity, they always departed from God's Word. When they returned to the Lord, they always returned to His Word. This is a connection that we ignore at our own peril.

One of the most poignant stories of the Old Testament is found in II Kings 22 (and again in II Chronicles 34), where the young king Josiah led the people back to the Lord by publicly reading to them the dust-covered, long misplaced book of the law. He read it aloud with a repentant heart before all the people, great and small, and wonder of wonders – a revival broke out! “And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers” (II Chronicles 34:32).

In the early church, the reading of Scripture, which included the Old Testament and the letters sent by the Apostles, was of the utmost importance. So much so that Paul's directions to his young pastor friend, Timothy, included, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching” (I Timothy 4:13). To the Thessalonians he wrote, “I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers” (I Thessalonians 5:27).

But why is it so important that God's Word be read in worship?

Hebrews 4:12 sums it up: “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Even if all the other elements of worship are missing, if there is none to preach or sing, still God's Word can be read, and the Spirit will work through the living and powerful Word.

At Christ Community Church, we give earnest attention to the reading and preaching of both the Old and New Testaments. Why both? “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17). This is the basis of the Reformed view that the Old and New Testaments form a unified and complementary whole, not two independent revelations.

In the fifth century, Augustine wrote that “the New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.” How true! And how fruitful our reading of God's Word is, both in public and in private, when we embrace this reality.

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The Prayer of Invocation

With the Call to Worship, a Biblical dialogue between God and His people begins and continues throughout the service of worship. The Prayer of Invocation is whereby God's people respond to His call by imploring Him to assist us as we worship. In this way, we acknowledge our inability to offer acceptable worship in our own strength and claim the promise that by His Spirit where two or three are gathered together Christ will be present also (Matthew 18:20).

While the exact contents of the Invocation have varied through the centuries, The Westminster "Directory for the Public Worship of God" (1644) still stands us in good stead as a benchmark:

"The congregation being assembled; the Minister, after solemn calling on them to the worshiping of the great name of God, is to begin with Prayer; In all reverence and Humility acknowledging the incomprehensible Greatness and Majesty of the Lord, (in whose presence they do then in a special manner appear) and their own vileness and unworthiness to approach so near him; with their utter inability of themselves, to so great a Work: And humbly beseeching him for Pardon, Assistance, and Acceptance in the whole Service then to be performed; and for a Blessing on that particular portion of his Word then to be read: and all, in the Name and Mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ."

But we should keep in mind that the pastor or elder who prays isn't someone we hire to do our praying for us! It is our responsibility to pray with him as he leads us, and to fervently add our "amen" to his prayers throughout the service.

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Mark your calendars:

October

- 30: CCC Youth Retreat

November

- 8: Installation Service for Ralph Johnston, Pastor of Church Planting
- 15: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- 16: Budget Forum, Room 7 at
- 19: Men’s Night Out, Coach House , Simpsonville, 6pm
- 30: Decorate the church, 9:30am

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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