Christ Community Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Faithful to the Scriptures
True to the Reformed Faith
Obedient to the Great Commission



Sunday, November 1, 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.

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

John Owen: "Be killing sin or sin will be killing you."

Galatians 5:24: "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Colossians 3:5-6:"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming."

Romans 6:1-2: "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

Romans 8:13: "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

2 Corinthians 5:20-21: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship
- Mr. Lowell Britt, leading worship

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise *Cornerstone*

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love.
Through the storm,
He is Lord, Lord of All.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus (2x)

Hearing from the Savior

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:5-10

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

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

Mikael & Zuzanna Römer, Helsinki, Finland w/MTW

§ Song of Preparation* *Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted*

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

Come ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted, through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus, mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it; Love will make your obedience sweet.
Christ will give you strength to bear it, while His grace shall guide your feet
safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory, where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him, bless the ears that hear His voice;
Blessed are the souls that trust Him, and in Him alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments,
then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, light to newly opened eyes,
like full springs in deserts dreary, is the rest the cross supplies;
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus.
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text Mark 9:42-50

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.' 49 For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Preaching of the Word Rev. Paul Sanders

"Be Killing 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

Corporate Confession of Sin

Leader: We confess that we have not put off the old self with its practices.
All*: Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: We confess that we have not put on compassion, kindness, humility, and love.
All*: Christ, have mercy.*

Leader: In Your grace, renew us after the image of our Creator.
All*: Amen.*

Hearing from the Savior

Assurance of Pardon 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Responding to the Savior

Bread and Cup Please hold elements until all are served so that we may partake together.

§ 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 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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 #32 · Mark 9:42-50 · "Be Killing Sin"

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
    a. Jesus said we should 'cut off' things that lead us to do wrong. What is one thing you can avoid this week to help you be more obedient to Jesus?"
    b. "James said sin starts with desire and grows until it brings death. Where do you see that progression in your own life, and what would it look like to 'put off' and 'put on' in that area?"
3. Which of the six "fleshisms" do you most recognize in your own life and why (The flesh hates the things of God, weakens convictions, pretends holiness, misuses grace, thinks much of itself, obsesses over the world)?
4. Why is it important to attack sin at the heart level rather than just the behavior level?
5. Read Colossians 3:5-15: Which "put off" and "put on" commands do you most need right now and why?
6. What are some examples of urgently addressing sin in our lives?
7. How can we support one another in our pursuit of holiness?
8. Pray for one another's fight against sin.

Why Do We Do That?

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

Not all churches handle invitations to the Lord's Table in the same manner. Please understand that while we are not so dogmatic as to condemn those with other practices, we do have convictions for why we administer the Supper in the way we do. What follows is our Church and Denominations view on just who the Lord's Supper is for.

First, the Lord's Supper is for believing people. It is a family meal for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have repented of their sins and trust in Christ alone for forgiveness and eternal life. It is a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. If you are an unbeliever visiting with us, we are glad you are here. Consider this day whether or not you are ready to embrace Jesus Christ as He is offered in the Scriptures. See a pastor or elder if you would like to talk about faith and life.

The Supper is also for a prepared people, those who have examined themselves concerning their sins before partaking. 1 Corinthians 11:18, 27-32 warn all participants to carefully examine their heart and life to make certain you are participating in a worthy manner. Are you converted? Is there any sin that you continually live in and refuse to repent from? Is there someone that you have not done all you can to be at peace with by offering and/or requesting forgiveness? These are indications that you have business to attend to before you can come to the table in a worthy manner. If you discern you are not repentant in some area, we encourage you to deal promptly with the sin that is keeping you from such a gift from our Lord that you may with joy participate next month.

Finally, the Supper is also for an informed people, those who are able to discern the body rightly, that is to understand the significance of the holy mystery of Christ crucified and of His body the church. Thus, while we do not require that a person be a member of Christ Community Church to participate, we do ask that each participant be a baptized member of an Evangelical (i.e. Bible believing) Church and that you are in good standing (i.e. you are not running from Church discipline).

Let us also remember that, though we believe, prepare and are informed, our faith is never perfect, our preparation never flawless, and our understanding is never complete. We do not come to the Lord's Table to claim that we are righteous in ourselves, but we come only because God regards us as righteous on the basis of the work of Christ through His incarnation, redemptive death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession in our behalf. Therefore, we encourage weak Christians, struggling disciples, and doubting believers to receive this Sacrament to gain spiritual strength and renewed hope.

Note to those seeking a church home: If you are not from a Bible believing church, yet you desire to connect soon to one but realize it may take a while; and if you have interest in being invited to the Lord's Table with us while you discern your future church home; please see an Elder today to talk more about that possibility.

Note to Parents: To receive communion, a child must be formally examined and received by the governing body of the church to which you belong (that would be the Session in our context). This

will assure that your child has been baptized, professes faith in Jesus and understands the Sacrament. From time to time, we offer a Communicants Classes for older children to help them understand the essentials of the gospel and Sacraments. Please take advantage of those classes when offered. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.

Note to Non-Christians: If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal (see 1 Cor. 11:18, 27-32), please use this time to reflect on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for those searching for truth
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief
Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved, in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

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Mark your calendars:

November

- **8**: Installation Service for Ralph Johnston, Assistant Pastor for Church Planting, 6pm
- **15**: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, 4:30pm
- **16**: Budget Forum, Room 7 at 6:30pm
- **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.

A copy of the proposed 2027 budget is available for communing members and can be found in the Deacons' Office.

- *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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