

OUR VISION

We exist to proclaim Christ and make disciples of all nations, starting in Champaign-Urbana.
(Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18–20)
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OUR CORE VALUES

Gospel

The Gospel is God’s plan to save sinners and restore all creation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Community

God designed Christians to live in close relationship with one another, centered on His Word, prayer, corporate worship, and fellowship.

Mission

God’s passion is for His glory to be known among all peoples through the Gospel. We have the privilege of joining Him in His mission to the world.
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OUR STRATEGY

A Church-Planting Church

We are committed to planting new churches because local churches are God’s primary means of proclaiming Christ and making disciples. Therefore, we desire to help establish healthy, Gospel-centered churches wherever God opens doors. *(Romans 15:20)*
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OUR LEADERSHIP

Christ Community is led by a team of elders who seek to fulfill the biblical vision for church leadership: a plurality of biblically qualified men who share responsibility and authority in shepherding the church through prayer and the ministry of God’s Word. *(Acts 6:1–6; Acts 14:23; 1 Timothy 3:1–7)*
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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Being part of a church is far more than attending a service. Scripture describes the church as a body, with every member connected and essential to the whole. Membership is a commitment to love, serve, encourage, pray for, and lovingly hold one another accountable as we follow Jesus together. To be a member of Christ Community is to commit to being a meaningful part of our church family.
(1 Corinthians 12:4–27)

OUR WEEKLY GATHERING

Throughout Scripture, God relates to His people through rock-solid promises called covenants. These are promises much like a marriage today: a mutual promise of faithfulness and blessing. Each Sunday, we gather to remember and celebrate our covenant with God through faith in Jesus.

In our weekly worship gathering, we remember He cleanses us of sin; we consecrate ourselves to Him; we share fellowship with God and one another. We refer to our Sunday service as a **renewal gathering** because it is a time to remember, renew, and celebrate the covenant of God's love for us through Jesus our Savior and Lord.

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OUR PREACHING

We preach expositionally, meaning we teach directly from the Bible and primarily work verse-by-verse through books of the Bible. Our goal is for the main point of the sermon to be the main point of the biblical text. In doing so, we seek to teach "everything that Jesus commanded" and equip believers to understand and obey God's Word. (*Matthew 28:20*) Over time, our desire is to preach through the entire Bible.

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OUR ORDINANCES

Communion

We have communion each week as a reminder of who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Communion is a time for believers to remember Christ, examine their hearts, and respond with gratitude, humility, and faith. Those who are not yet Christians are encouraged to observe and consider their spiritual state before God.

Baptism

Jesus told every believer to be baptized. Baptism does not save; rather, it publicly displays the inward work God has accomplished through faith in Jesus Christ. As a Gospel-preaching church, we celebrate regular baptisms because our God mercifully saves the lost.

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OUR CULTURE

We desire our lives and our church community to reflect the transforming power of the Gospel. We want to cultivate a "Gospel culture" marked by grace, truth, humility, honesty, repentance, forgiveness, and love. We highly value deep relationships with one another aimed at becoming more like Jesus.

We'd love to connect with you!

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