

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 19

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Okies'** from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring your Bible and see the Weekly Update to bring a snack to share!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

The church office will be closed **November 20 - 24** and will reopen November 27.

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, NOVEMBER 26

We will not have Sunday School classes on **November 26th** due to Thanksgiving.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of **November 12th**, you've given **\$12,021** to Faith Promise. **We need \$10,000 by November 30th to stay on budget** for the new ministry year. Please help us stay on budget!

GIVING TREE UPDATE - WOMEN'S EXTENSION CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Thank you for generously giving to the Women's Extension and helping us reach our **goal of \$6400!!** Stay tuned for more information about the potential upcoming wrapping party!



The Promised Advent of Jesus ⁱⁿ Ruth

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OUR VISION:
TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

November 19, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 71:17-24**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - Abide With Me**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 1:26-33**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - O Come Divine Messiah**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Steve & Amy Robertson, MTW In The Americas and First Presbyterian Church, Summerville

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Pursuit of Redemption, Part 2: Of Hospitality, Blessing, and Community Ruth 2:14-23

Baptism - Sam Wilson

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - Come As You Are**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - 2 Timothy 2:8-13**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure
(Chorus)

There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
(Chorus)

Response
SONG OF

“THE PURSUIT OF REDEMPTION, PART 2:
OF HOSPITALITY, BLESSING, AND COMMUNITY
RUTH 2:14-23
MATT O’SULLIVAN

Key Truth: God works through our hospitality to bless His people and create community.

Introduction:

Q: What comes to your mind when you think of hospitality?

Ruth 2:14-23: Hospitality, Blessing, and Community

“Because God has already laid the only foundation of our fellowship, because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into common life with them, we enter into that common life not as demanders but as thankful recipients.... If we do not give thanks daily for the Christian fellowship in which we have been placed, even where there is no great experience, no discoverable riches, but much weakness, small faith, and difficulty; if on the contrary, we only keep complaining to God that everything is so paltry and petty, so far from what we expected, then we hinder God from letting our fellowship grow according to the measure and riches which are there for us all in Jesus Christ.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

Q: Are you growing in thankfulness for the ways God blesses you and draws you into the community of His people? What steps can you take to grow in giving and receiving hospitality?

Application:

Ruth 2:14-23 teaches us that:

-God works through our hospitality to bless His people and create community.

Benediction: *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

CALL TO Worship

- ¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- ¹⁸ So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.
- ¹⁹ Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.
You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?
- ²⁰ You who have made me see many troubles and
calamities will revive me again;
from the depths of the earth
you will bring me up again.
- ²¹ You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.
- ²² I will also praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.
- ²³ My lips will shout for joy,
when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.
- ²⁴ And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all
the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed
who sought to do me hurt.

Psalm 71:17-24

Question 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

Answer: God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

The Heidelberg Catechism

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen;
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior,
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray.

- tidings of comfort and joy,
- Comfort and joy;
- tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
(Chorus)

"Fear not, then," said the angel;
"Let nothing you affright.
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might."
(Chorus)

The message of the angel
One day would be fulfilled,
When on the cross of Calvary
The sinless Christ was killed,
And in three days He rose just as
The Father's love had willed
(Chorus)

O Come, Divine Messiah

O come, Divine Messiah
The world is longing for the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flies away

*Dear Savior come to tired earth
And bring the grace of dawn
Dispel the night with Thy face
Come, Messiah, Come
O come, Divine Messiah, come
O come, Divine Messiah, come*

O Thou whom nations sigh for
Whom priest and prophet long Foretold
Does break the captive fetters
And bring the wayward home
(Chorus)

There is hope today
That God Himself might shine upon
Our souls and say
Unto you a Savior comes and
Everything will change
Everything will change
There is hope today
That God Himself will take our
Wounded world and say
Unto you Savior comes and
Everything will change
Everything will change

*O come, Divine Messiah, come
O come, Divine Messiah, come
O come, Divine Messiah, come
O come, Divine Messiah, come*

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers,
Fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head,
In early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
And perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
Though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace,
Can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
My guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Abide with me.

I fear no foe,
With Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
Tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,
Before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
And point me to the skies.
[Heaven's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.]
(Repeat)

SONG OF
Comfort

SONG OF
Praise

Confession OF SIN

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

(Take a moment to silently confess.)

We confess that we often overlook the ways You work through our hospitality to bless Your people and create community (**Ruth 2:14-23**).

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.

Amen.

Assurance OF PARDON

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:26-33

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God's people, we all can't help but say,

(Congregation) - Amen!