

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, DECEMBER 10

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Starts' from 5:30 to 7:30**. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

DECEMBER LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Pray for the elders as they meet on Tuesday, 12/12, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in overseeing the spiritual health of our church.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, DECEMBER 17

Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 17

6th-12th graders, join us for our annual Christmas party from **5:00 to 8:00 PM at Stonehaven's Lower School Campus**. Pizza dinner will be provided. See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a side or dessert. Be sure to bring a White Elephant gift (\$10 limit) and come ready for our "Most Festively Dressed" contest. **RSVP to Matt by 12/15**.



The Promised Advent of Jesus ⁱⁿ **Ruch**

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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

December 10, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 31:1-5**

~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 - *Dear Refuge (Come Quickly)

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 1:1-3**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Tell Me the Story of Jesus

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Jim Whittle, ELI

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Process of Redemption, Part 1: Of Cost, Worth, and Limits Ruth 4:1-6

Elder Ordination - Randolph Benn

Song of Response - *Savior of the Nations Come

~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 the welcome table in the lobby.

SONG OF *Response*

Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come
Virgin's Son, here make Thy home
Marvel now, O heaven and earth
That the Lord chose such a birth

Not by human flesh and blood
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh

*He will come, He will come
He will come down and rescue us.*

Brightly doth Thy manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin conceal this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright

Thou, the Father's only Son,
Have o'er sin the vict'ry won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be
When shall we its glories see

*Jesus come, Jesus come
Jesus come down and rescue us*

CALL TO *Worship*

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

³ For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me
and guide me;

⁴ you take me out of the net they have
hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord,
faithful God.

Psalm 31:1-5

“THE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION, PART 1:
OF COST, WORTH, AND LIMITS”
RUTH 4:1-6
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God was willing to pay the full cost for our redemption in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: What limits your willingness to be generous to others and participate in their redemption in Christ?

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 to us not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

The Heidelberg Catechism

Ruth 4:1-6: Naomi and Ruth's Redemption: Boaz Counts the Cost:

“...the initial and ongoing cost would have no ultimate benefit for the nearer kinsman, since the property would be inherited only by any son he would produce with Ruth: it would not be divided among the nearer kinsman's other sons. And when the property was transferred to the heir who would continue Elimelech's family line, any benefit of the produce of the land would be lost. The nearer kinsman's response, by contrast, highlights the cost that Boaz was willing to bear.”

Peter H. W. Lau and Gregory Goswell, *Unceasing Kindness: A Biblical Theology of Ruth*

Q: How much did God expend to draw you to Himself? Who all was willing to participate generously in your redemption in Christ?

Application:

Ruth 4:1-6 teaches us that:

-God was willing to pay the full cost for our redemption in Christ.

Benediction: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

SONG OF
Comfort

Tell Me The Story of Jesus

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus,
Sang as they welcomed His birth,
"Glory to God in the highest!
Peace and good tidings to earth."

Tell of the cross
Where they nailed Him,
Writhing in anguish and pain;
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,
Tell how He liveth again.
Love in that story so tender,
Clearer than ever I see;
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,
"Love paid the ransom for me."

Tell how He's gone back to heaven,
Up to the right hand of God:
How He is there interceding
While on this earth we must trod.
Tell of the sweet Holy Spirit
He has poured out from above;
Tell how He's coming in glory
For all the saints of His love.

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Dear Refuge (Come Quickly)

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee, I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain, I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still, my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

*Come Quickly, Quickly
Here to my rescue
Come Quickly, Quickly
My rock of refuge
Come Quickly, Quickly
Be my strong fortress
You, Sovereign Lord, are my portion*

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh, may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

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 too often forget the cost of our own redemption that You were willing to pay in Christ (**Ruth 4:1-6**).

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

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

Mark 1:1-3

(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!