

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

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.

NO CHILDREN MINISTRY CLASSES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

We will not have childcare on Christmas so our volunteers will have the opportunity to attend worship with their families. Join us at 10:30 for our worship service as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

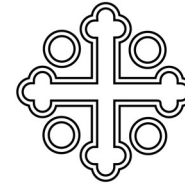
Eli Wilson will be baptized on December 24th. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

NEW WOMEN'S STUDY, BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Join us on the first and third Thursday of the month from 7pm-9pm at Kylie Murphy's home (6256 New Mill Trail Acworth GA 30102) as we study "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry," by John Mark Comer. Please reach out to Amy Maphet 678.267.5587 or amymaphet@gmail.com with any questions.

YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider giving to our General Fund (\$50,000 needed by 12/31 to stay on budget), Faith Promise (\$9,200 needed by 12/31 to stay on budget), and our Permanent Facility Fund (\$25,307 needed to meet our goal by 1/1/24). Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH



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

December 17, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 113**

~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 - *Joy Has Dawned

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 1:67-79**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries and Kings Chapel Presbyterian Church, Carrollton

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Process of Redemption, Part 2: Of Commitment, Covenant, and Fulfillment Ruth 4:7-12

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *We Will Feast in the House of Zion

~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.

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

*We will feast
In the house of Zion
We will sing
With our hearts restored
He has done great things,
We will say together
We will feast
And weep no more*

We will not be burned
By the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed,
By the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night,
Before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning,
Oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob,
Be my strength

Every vow we've broken
And betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden
To the grave
Bind us together,
Bring shalom.

Response
SONG OF

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

CALL TO Worship

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
- ² Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!
- ⁴ The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
- ⁵ Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
- ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸ to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
- ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of
children. Praise the Lord!

“THE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION, PART 2:
OF COMMITMENT, COVENANT, AND FULFILLMENT ”
RUTH 4:7-12
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God cultivates our redemption for the redemption of others.

Introduction:

Q: Who all contributed to your 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 4:7-12: Ruth's Redemption in Greater Covenantal Context:

“Through the self-sacrificing act of Boaz, Ruth had been established as belonging within the people of God. Boaz had expressed in practice himself what he believed to be true of God's action towards his people. That is always the calling of the people of God; people who are redeemed are to be the agents through whom others find redemption. To this the people bear their witness.”

David J. Atkinson, *The Message of Ruth: The Wings of Refuge*

Q: How can your redemption benefit the redemptive work going on in the lives of those in your spheres of influence?

Application:

Ruth 4:7-12 teaches us that:

-God cultivates our redemption for the redemption of others.

Communion

Benediction: *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

*While Shepherds Watched
Their Flocks By Night*

While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
An angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around

“Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind”

To you in David’s town this day
Is born of David’s line
The savior who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign

The heavenly babe
You there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped
In swaddling bands
And in a manger laid

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Christ is born!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Christ is born!*

“All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace
Good will henceforth
From God to man
Begin and never cease”

SONG OF
Comfort

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation:
God’s salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev’ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother’s breast,
Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands,
Prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today,
Incense, God is with us,
Myrrh, his death will make a way,
By His blood He’ll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom,
Reconciling God and man,
Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior, what a Friend,
What a glorious mystery:
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of history.

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 fail to recognize that our redemption in Christ is not just for ourselves but also for the redemption of those in our spheres of influence and future generations (**Ruth 4:7-12**).

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

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our Father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luke 1:67-79

(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!