

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP, DECEMBER 24 & 31

There will be no youth group **tonight or on 12/31** due to Christmas and New Years.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Office Closed for Christmas and New Years Day, **Thursday, 12/21-Monday, 1/1.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We will not have Kindergarten - 5th grade Sunday school classes on 12/31.

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.

JANUARY LEADERS' MEETING

Please pray for the elders and deacons as we meet on **Sunday, 1/14**, to serve the church.

PRECEPTS BIBLE STUDY STARTING IN JANUARY

If you are interested in joining Sonya Lightner for a Precept Bible study of Acts then please contact her at 779-313-6306 or sonya@lightcreations.com

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!



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 24, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 2**

~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 - O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Matthew 11:1-6**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - Come & Stand Amazed**

Joy to the World

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Tim & Rhianna Mills, MTW Thailand and
Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Greater Promise of Redemption:

Of Servants, Kings, and Hope Eternal
Ruth 3:1-13

Baptism - Eli Wilson & Hannah Yandle

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

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

~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.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free
To take away transgression
And rule in equity
(Chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy
To those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong
To give them songs for sighing
Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned
And dying
Are precious in his sight
(Chorus)

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers
Spring in his path to birth
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove
His name shall stand forever
That name to us is love
(Chorus)

Response
SONG OF

“THE GREATER PROMISE OF REDEMPTION:
OF SERVANTS, KINGS, AND HOPE ETERNAL”

RUTH 4:13-21

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God fulfills His redemptive promise through ordinary circumstances for His glory, our present joy, and the eternal lives of future generations.

Introduction:

Q: *How has the Lord helped you go from being an outsider to being a welcome member of His family?*

Ruth 4:13-21: The Genealogy of Hope and the Promise of Redeemer Kings to Come:

“Judges ended with the muted hope of a king; Ruth ends with King David. Who can help but to see here the work of a sovereign God who never gives up on his people in spite of their sin? And who cannot see here the great, reassuring, shining truth that chaos is not all-powerful, but God is?”

Barry G. Webb, *Judges and Ruth: God in Chaos*

Q: *What are some ways in which Jesus has restored your life and continues to faithfully nourish you? What helps you to hope that He will do the same for future generations in your family?*

Application:

Ruth 4:13-21 teaches us that:

-God fulfills His redemptive promise through ordinary circumstances for His glory, our present joy, and the eternal lives of future generations.

Baptism

Benediction: *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

CALL TO Worship

- ¹Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- ²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his
Anointed, saying,
- ³“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
- ⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- ⁶“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”
- ⁷I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, “You are my
Son; today I have begotten you.
- ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations
your heritage, and the ends of the
earth your possession.
- ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a
potter's vessel.”
- ¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- ¹²Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the
way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n, and heav'n
 And nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods,
 Rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make
 His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world
 With truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

SONG OF
Comfort

Come and Stand Amazed

Come and stand amazed, you people
See how God is reconciled
See His plans of love accomplished
See His gift, this newborn child
See the Mighty, weak and tender,
See the Word who now is mute
See the Sovereign without splendor,
See the Fullness destitute

See how humankind received Him
See Him wrapped in swaddling bands
Who as Lord of all creation
Rules the wind by His commands
See Him lying in a manger
Without sign of reasoning
Word of God to flesh surrendered
He is wisdom's crown, our King

O Lord Jesus, God incarnate
Who assumed this humble form
Counsel me and let my wishes
To your perfect will conform
Light of life, dispel my darkness
Let your frailty strengthen me
Let your meekness give me boldness
Let your burden set me free
Oh, Emmanuel, my Savior,
Let Your death be life for me!

SONG OF
Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

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 hope in Your redemptive promises for future generations (**Ruth 4:13-21**).

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.

Assurance OF PARDON

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

Matthew 1:1-6

(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!