

STAY *Connected* AT CCC



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

NO YOUTH GROUP, DECEMBER 31

There will be no youth group tonight due to New Year's.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, JANUARY 7

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

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!

Life with
GOD
in community

1 CORINTHIANS 12

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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 31, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 133**

~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 - Goodness of God**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 1:3-10**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - For All the Saints**

All Glory be to Christ

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Mike Kennamer, MNA Disaster Response and
Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Life With God Is Life In Community

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

***Song of Response - The Church's One Foundation**

~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 Corinthians 13:14**

~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.

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation
By water and the Word
From heaven he came
And sought her
To be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her
And for her life he died

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till, with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with thee

SONG OF
Response

“LIFE WITH GOD IS LIFE IN COMMUNITY”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: We have each been gifted so that in community we can participate in the fellowship of the Triune God for His glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11: The Triune God Gives a Diversity of Gifts to His Church:

“Because the Christian God is not a lonely God, but rather a communion of the three persons, faith leads human beings into the divine *communio* [community]. One cannot, however, have a self-enclosed communion with the Triune God...for the Christian God is not a private deity. Communion with this God is at once also communion with those others who have entrusted themselves in faith to the same God. Hence one and the same act of faith places a person into a new relationship both with God and with all others who stand in communion with God.”

Miroslav Volf, *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*

Q: As you have experienced community in the church, what has been encouraging? What has been discouraging? How does the Biblical portrait of what the church is help you to evaluate your experiences wisely?

Application:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 teaches us that:

-We have each been gifted so that in community we can participate in the fellowship of the Triune God for His glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

CALL TO Worship

¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
²It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded
the blessing, life forevermore.

Psalm 133

Leader:

Christian, What do you believe?

Congregation:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!
(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!
(Chorus)

For All The Saints

For all the saints
Who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy Name, O Jesus
Be forever blessed
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock
Their fortress and their might
Thou, Lord, their captain
In the well fought fight
Thou, in the darkness
Drear, their one true Light
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers
Faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening
Brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful
Warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm
Of paradise the blessed
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks
A yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array
The King of glory
Passes on his way
Alleluia, Allelu...ia

SONG OF
Comfort

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never failed me
All my days,
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing
Of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so,
So good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing
Of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived
In the goodness of God (*Chorus*)

Your goodness is running After,
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me (*Chorus*)

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 fail to acknowledge that You have given us gifts so that we might live before You in fellowship with one another (**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**).

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

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:3-10

(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!