

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 26

There will be no youth group tonight due to Thanksgiving.

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, DECEMBER 3

We will not have Sunday School classes on December 3rd due to Children's Choir and Bells practice and performance.



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 26, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 107:1-9**

~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 - *Good To Me

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 1:34-38**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Angels We Have Heard On High

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, RUF @ KSU and
Riverside Community Church, Cartersville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Pursuit of Redemption, Part 1: Of Plans, Risk, and Kindness
Ruth 3:1-13**

Song of Response - *O Holy Night

~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.*

O Holy Night

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The stars are brightly shining

It is the night

Of our dear Savior's birth

Long lay the world

In sin and error pining

'Til He appeared

And the soul felt its worth

A thrill of hope

The weary world rejoices

For yonder breaks

A new and glorious morn

Fall, on your knees

Oh hear, the angel voices

Oh night divine

Oh night, when Christ was born

Oh night, divine

Oh night, Oh night divine

Truly He taught us

To love one another

His law is love

And His gospel is peace

Chains shall He break

For the slave is our brother

And in His name

All oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy

In grateful chorus raise we

Let all within us

Praise His holy name

Christ is the King

O praise his name forever

His power and glory

Ever more proclaim

His power and glory

Ever more proclaim

Response
SONG OF

“THE PURSUIT OF REDEMPTION, PART 1: OF
PLANS, RISK, AND KINDNESS”
RUTH 3:1-13
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God blesses our efforts to maintain our integrity and honor Him in tempting circumstances.

Introduction:

Q: *What circumstances do you find tempting to compromise your integrity?*

Ruth 3:1-13: A Desperate Risk and a Loving Redeemer:

“Properly understood, a belief in God’s sovereignty does not lead to fatalism or passivity. Quite the contrary; it provides the hope and confidence to move forward.”
Barry G. Webb, *Judges and Ruth: God in Chaos*

Q: *What helps you to maintain your integrity and honor God in tempting circumstances?*

Application:

Ruth 3:1-13 teaches us that:

-God blesses our efforts to maintain our integrity and honor Him in tempting circumstances.

Benediction: *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

CALL TO Worship

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble[a]
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east, and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- ⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their
trouble, and he delivered them from
their distress.
- ⁷ He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.
- ⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast
love, for his wondrous works to the
children of man!
- ⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good
things.

Psalm 107:1-9

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

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Comfort

SONG OF

Good To Me

I put all my hope
On the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart
On the ground of Your goodness
When I'm bowed down with sorrow
I will lift up Your name
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

*Because You are
Good to me, good to me
You are
Good to me, good to me
You are good to me*

I lift my eyes
To the hills where my help is found
Your voice fills the night
Raise my head up to hear the sound
Though fires burn all around me
I will praise You, my God
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

*Your goodness and mercy
Shall follow me
All my life
I trust in Your promise*

Praise

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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 maintain our integrity and honor You under tempting circumstances (**Ruth 3:1-13**).

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

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:34-38

(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!