

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP, TONIGHT

Students, youth group **will NOT meet September 3**, Labor Day Weekend. Enjoy this time with your family and **plan to join us Sunday, September 10th** as we fellowship together, study God's Word, and grow as disciples!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed **September 4th for Labor Day**. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, September 5th.

SEPTEMBER LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Pray for the deacons as they meet on Sunday, 9/10, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in serving our church and for the **elders meeting on Tuesday, 9/12**, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in overseeing the spiritual health of our church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of **FOUR volunteers (2 adults and 2 youth)** to serve in our **3-4 years old class** this upcoming ministry year. If you are a church member and would like to volunteer then please contact Bonnie Lane at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org for more information.

SET UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

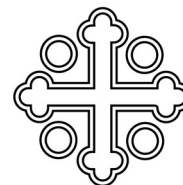
We are in need of **2 volunteers to serve once a month on the setup team**. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Jack Lane in person or at jtlanejr@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT, OCTOBER 13-15

Join us for a few days away at a great house in Cedar Bluff, AL! It's going to be an awesome, relaxing weekend filled with fellowship, encouragement, and lakefront sitting. The entire weekend **cost is \$120**, which includes lodging and 4 meals. Or just come out for the day on **Saturday for \$25**. More details and an FAQ will be available soon. Be on the lookout for the official email invite coming out soon and **contact Carrie Boogaart with any questions** (carrie.boogaart@gmail.com).

FAITH PROMISE CARDS

Faith Promise Prayer Cards are available on the Welcome Table in the Lobby. Please prayerfully consider supporting our missionaries near and far.



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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
September 3, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 8**

~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 - Psalm 8**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 3:34-36**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - His Mercy is More**

Abide With Me

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - First Care Women's Clinic &
Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Receiving Jesus Like a Child

Luke 18:15-17

***Song of Response - Come Ye Sinners**

~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 - Galatians 6:14-16,18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners
Poor and needy
Weak and wounded
Sick and sore
Jesus ready
Stands to save you
Full of pity,
Love and power

Come ye thirsty
Come and welcome
God's free bounty,
Glorify
True belief and
True repentance
Every grace that
Brings you nigh

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
And in the arms of my dear Savior
There are ten thousand charms*

Come ye weary,
Heavy laden
Lost and ruined
By the fall
If you tarry
'Til you're better
You will never
Come at all

Response
SONG OF

“RECEIVING JESUS LIKE A CHILD ”

LUKE 18:15-17

MATT O’SULLIVAN

Key Truth: We all must receive Jesus with childlike helplessness and dependence.

Introduction:

Q: What do you want most for the next generation?

Luke 18:15-17: Receiving Jesus and the Kingdom Like a Child

“Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we receive it from his hands as a sheer gift of his grace, and that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.”
B. B. Warfield, “**Christian Baptism**”

Q: Adults: How can you become more childlike in your relationship with Jesus? How can growing in this way help you disciple the next generation?

Kids: Do you believe that Jesus loves you? How can your church family help you in your relationship with Jesus?

Application:

Luke 18:15-17 teaches us that:

-We all must receive Jesus with childlike helplessness and dependence.

Benediction: *Galatians 6:14-16, 18*

CALL TO Worship

⁷He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham,

his sworn promise to Isaac,

¹⁰which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

¹¹saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan

as your portion for an inheritance.”

Psalm 105:7-11

Sacraments are holy signs and seals
to the covenant of grace,
immediately instituted by God,
to represent Christ and His benefits;
and to confirm our interest in Him;
as also, to put a
visible difference between
those that belong unto the Church
and the rest of the world;
and solemnly to engage them
to the service of God in Christ,
according to His word!

**The Westminster Confession of Faith
XXVII, 1. Of the Sacraments**

Abide With Me

Abide with me;
Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers,
Fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
Abide with me.

Thou on my head,
In early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
And perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
Though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord,
Abide with me.

I need Thy presence,
Every passing hour.
What but Thy grace,
Can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
My guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Abide with me.

I fear no foe,
With Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
Tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still,
Abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,
Before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
And point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord,
Abide with me.

SONG OF
Comfort

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father, so tender,
Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest,
The vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more
(Chorus)

SONG OF
Praise

O Lord, Our Lord (Psalm 8)

When I regard The wondrous heavens
Thy handiwork on high
The moon and stars
Ordained by Thee
O what is man, I cry
O what is man, in Thy regard
To hold so large a place
And what the son of man that Thou
Dost visit him in grace

*O Lord, our Lord
In all the earth
How excellent Thy Name!
Thy glory Thou hast spread afar
In all the starry frame*

On man Thy wisdom hath bestowed
A power near divine
With honor Thou hast crowned his head
With glory like to Thine.
Thy mighty works and wondrous grace
Thy glory, Lord, proclaim,
O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth,
How excellent Thy Name.

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 rely on ourselves instead of running to You in helplessness and dependence (**Luke 18:15-17**).

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

³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:34-36

(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!