

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## NO YOUTH GROUP, FEBRUARY 18

There is no youth group tonight due to Winter Break.

## FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

**Pray for the elders meeting on Tuesday, 2/20**, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in overseeing the spiritual health of our church.

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We will be mailing care packages with small gift cards, treats, and other items to CCC students attending college away from home. See the weekly update for a sign up link to contribute items or to donate the shipping cost or cost of an item. Donations are due by **Sunday, Feb. 25**. There will be an info table in the lobby before and after church services on **Feb. 18, and 25** where you can ask questions and drop off donations. Thank you for helping our church show Christ's love to these college students!

## NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, FEBRUARY 25

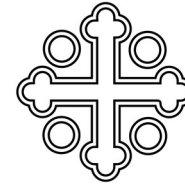
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

## MEN'S RETREAT, MARCH 8-9

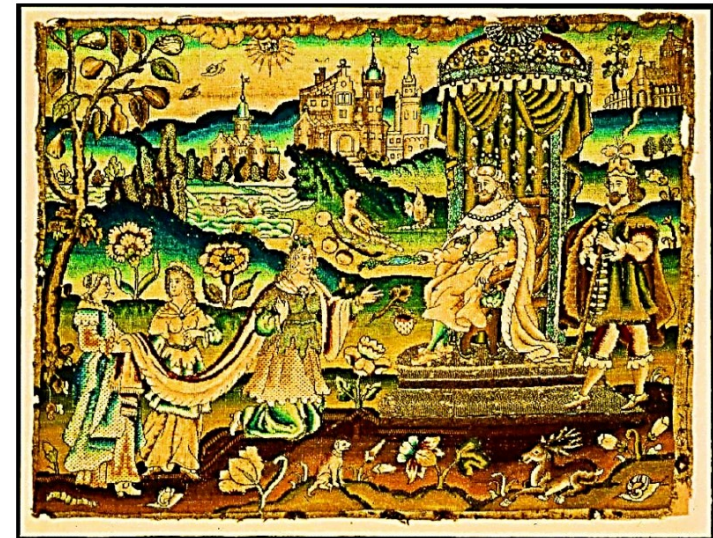
Registration has begun for our upcoming Men's Retreat at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. The Retreat will begin Friday evening, March 8, and end Saturday afternoon, March 9. The cost to register is \$100 and includes accommodation, dinner Friday night, and breakfast and lunch Saturday. An optional game of paintball is also planned and requires an additional \$20 to participate. See the Weekly Update for the link to register and reach out to Robby if you have any questions.

## NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Beginning Wednesday, Feb 28**, we will prepare for Sunday morning worship by reading over and meditating on each week's sermon passage for the rest of the book Esther. The study begins at 7pm at Alyssa Hood's house (341 Kirkpatrick Dr, Marietta). Please contact Alyssa for further info or rsvp by email ([alyssanhood@gmail.com](mailto:alyssanhood@gmail.com)) or phone 678-687-0227.



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# OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

February 18, 2024

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 124**

~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 - Matthew 26:6-16**

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

### **\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

### **\*Song of Comfort - Come Ye Sinners**

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Steve & Amy Robertson, MTW In The Americas and Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Woodstock**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - The Cost of Foolish Pride**

Esther 3:1-15

### **\*Song of Response - Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me**

~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 - 1 Corinthians 15:53-58**

~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.*

## SONG OF *Response*

### ***Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me***

What gift of grace, is Jesus, my redeemer  
There is no more, for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead,  
Oh the night has been won, And I shall overcome  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled, and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised, to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said, that He will bring me home  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand, with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, Still, my lips shall repeat  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me (3x)*

# “THE COST OF FOOLISH PRIDE”

ESTHER 3:1-15

CAMERON BARHAM

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**Key Truth:** God calls us to live in wise humility for the edification and benefit of ourselves and others.

**Introduction:**

**Q:** *How has your foolish pride proved costly to you and those you love?*

**Esther 3:1-15: The Deadly Folly of a Fool’s Hatred:**

“Identification with God’s people can result in hardship. Hatred and bitterness were at the root of Haman’s quest for power. For him power rested in the complete destruction of the Jews. Haman had not yet encountered the power of their God.”

Mervin Breneman, *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*

**Q:** *In what areas of your life are you struggling under the burden of foolish pride and hatred of others? Where should you wisely run to receive wise counsel and help to become more Christ-like?*

**Application:**

**Esther 3:1-15** teaches us that:

-God calls us to live in wise humility for the edification and benefit of ourselves and others.

**Benediction:** *1 Corinthians 15:53-58*

CALL TO Worship

- <sup>1</sup> If it had not been the Lord who was on our side — let Israel now say —
- <sup>2</sup> if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us,
- <sup>3</sup> then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- <sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept away, the torrent would have gone over us;
- <sup>5</sup> then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124*

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

- <sup>8</sup>To you, O Lord, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:  
<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup>Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!”  
<sup>11</sup>You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,  
<sup>12</sup>that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

*Psalm 30:8-12*

*Comfort*  
SONG OF

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,  
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace,  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace,  
Attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access,  
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet,  
Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet

SONG OF  
Comfort

***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

SONG OF  
Praise

***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*

# 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 act foolishly in our pride ignoring Your wisdom at great cost to ourselves and others (**Esther 3:1-15**).

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

<sup>6</sup> Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup> And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup> For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

**Matthew 26:6-16**

(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!**