

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 24

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Starts' from 5:30 to 7:30**. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, MARCH 29

Join us at KCC on **Friday, 3/29, at 6:30 pm** for our Good Friday Service. No childcare provided.

YOUTH GROUP FIELD DAY, MARCH 30

6th-12th graders are invited to a field day led by the SLP students from **9am-12pm** at **Swift Cantrell Park**. Students are recommended to bring a water bottle and a small snack (food will not be provided). **Please RSVP to Matt by 3/29!**

NO CHILDREN MINISTRY CLASSES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31

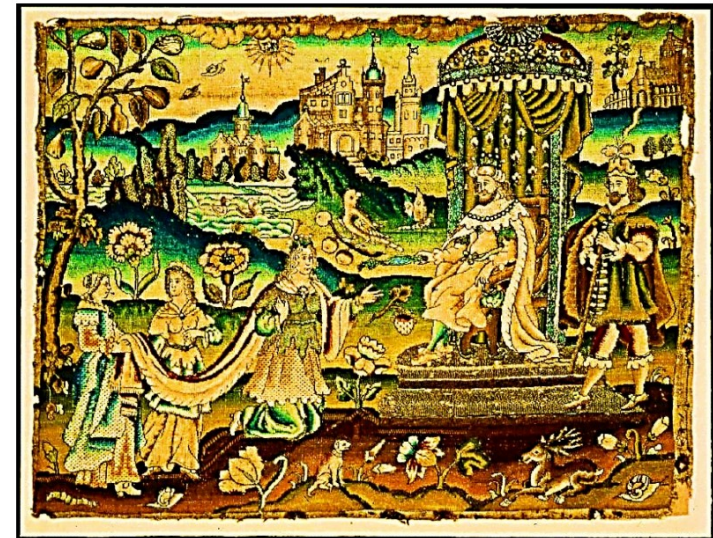
We will not have childcare on Easter so our volunteers will have the opportunity to attend worship with their families. Join us at 10:30 for our worship service as we celebrate Easter.

CHURCH PICNIC, APRIL 14

Join us for a picnic after church on April 14! We will gather at **Swift Cantrell Park from 12:00 to 2:00 pm**. Bring food and drinks for yourself and your family and meet us at the **Mustang Pavilion**. See Robby if you have any questions.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of **March 17th**, we've given \$44,371 to Faith Promise. Thank you for helping cut the deficit in half! **We need \$9,179 to stay on budget** for March. Please help us get caught up!



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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

March 24, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 7:6-11**

~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 - Children's Choir and Bells**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 18:1-11**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Go to Dark Gethsemane

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Tim & Rhianna Mills, MTW Thailand and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Dallas

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Fool's Last Supper

Esther 6:12-7:6

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *My Worth is Not in What I Own

~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.

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,
My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love...
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed...
At the cross

*And I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
And I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us...

At the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ...
At the cross
(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid...
At the cross
(Chorus)

SONG OF *Response*

CALL TO Worship

- ⁶ Arise, O Lord, in your anger;
lift yourself up against the fury of my
enemies; awake for me; you have
appointed a judgment.
- ⁷ Let the assembly of the peoples be
gathered about you; over it return on
high.
- ⁸ The Lord judges the peoples; judge me,
O Lord, according to my righteousness
and according to the integrity that is in
me.
- ⁹ Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an
end, and may you establish the
righteous – you who test the minds and
hearts, O righteous God!
- ¹⁰ My shield is with God,
who saves the upright in heart.
- ¹¹ God is a righteous judge,
and a God who feels indignation every
day.

Psalm 7:6-11

⁸ To you, O Lord, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
⁹ "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?
¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"
¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into
dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹² 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

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

“THE FOOL’S LAST SUPPER”

ESTHER 6:12-7:6

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to wise repentance and the fruits of forgiveness in Christ so that we know that we are eternally welcome at His heavenly feast.

Introduction:

Q: *Have you ever attended an uncomfortable meal where the goal was confrontation? How did it affect your experience of the meal?*

Esther 6:12-7:6: An Uncomfortable Truth and a Bitter Feast for a Falling Fool:

“Haman is soon apprehensive of his danger: *He was afraid before the king and queen*; and it was time for him to fear when the queen was his prosecutor, the king his judge, and his own conscience a witness against him; and the surprising operation of Providence against him that same morning could not but increase his fear. Now he has little joy of his being invited to the banquet of wine, but finds himself in straits when he thought himself in the fullness of his sufficiency. He is cast into a net by his own feet.”

Matthew Henry, *Commentary on the Whole Bible: Vol. II—Joshua to Esther*

Q: *What keeps you from feeling welcome at your Abba Father’s heavenly feast? What helps you to wisely repent and enjoy the fruits of forgiveness?*

Application:

Esther 6:12-7:6 teaches us that:

- God calls us to wise repentance and the fruits of forgiveness in Christ so that we know that we are eternally welcome at His heavenly feast.

Communion

Benediction: *1 Corinthians 15:53-58*

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 our arrogance leads us further from You in anxious fear of judgment and death (**Esther 6:12-7:6**).

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.

Confession OF SIN

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

John 18:1-11

(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!

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:
Savior, teach us so to rise.

(Chorus)