

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, APRIL 28

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.

TWO SERVICES IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM THROUGH MAY 19

We will not have access to our sanctuary space for 4 weeks due to a local election. We will have services at **9 am and 10:30 am in the large meeting room** up the ramp. We will not have childcare for the 9 am, but we will for the 10:30 am. Sunday school will continue at 9:30 am. **Seating capacity will be 100**. We will try it without signups, so **if you don't have children that need childcare, please come to the 9 am service**.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, MAY 5

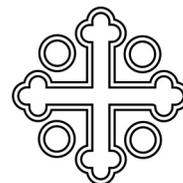
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

YOUTH GROUP GIRLS SLEEPOVER, MAY 17

Middle and high school girls are invited to a **game night / sleepover at Lynn Wagoner's house on Friday, May 17th**. We will gather at 5:30 and share dinner together, and end our time Saturday morning after brunch at 10:00. Bring your swimming gear as there might be opportunity to swim if the weather is good. This event is for all youth group girls plus rising 6th graders. Please bring a snack - sweet or salty - to share! RSVP to Kelly Okie (tkokie@gmail.com).

SETUP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The setup team is in need of one volunteer to serve the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in serving or would like more information please contact Jack Lane at jtlanejr@yahoo.com.



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1 CORINTHIANS 13

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BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
April 28, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 103:6-14**

~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 - *Steadfast

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 15:12-17**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Brian & Mandy Stock, MTW Malaysia and
Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Beholding the Love of Christ

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Song of Response - *Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?

~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.*

SONG OF *Response*

Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?

Did Christ over sinners weep
And shall our cheeks be dry?
Let floods of penitential grief,
Burst forth from every eye
Burst forth from every eye

*Behold the Son of God in tears,
The angels wondering see
Hast thou no wonder, O my soul?
He shed those tears for thee!*

He wept that we might weep,
Might weep over sin and shame
He wept to show His love for us,
And bid us love the same
And bid us love the same

Then tender be our hearts,
Our eyes in sorrow dim
Til every tear from every eye,
Be wiped away by Him
Be wiped away by Him

CALL TO *Worship*

- ⁶ The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to
our sins, nor repay us according to our
iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above
the earth, so great is his steadfast love
toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our
transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his
children, so the Lord shows
compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7-12

“BEHOLDING THE LOVE OF CHRIST ”

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

MATT O’SULLIVAN

Key Truth: Beholding Christ renews our wonder at God’s love and revitalizes our growth in love.

Introduction:

Q: *What causes you to grow bored with God’s love? What causes your love for God and others to grow cold?*

1 Corinthians 13:4-7: Beholding the Love of Christ

“It is often pointed out that in this paragraph Paul seems best to capture the life and ministry of Jesus. So much so that one could substitute his name for the noun ‘love’ and thereby describe love in a more personal way. After doing so, however, one does not want to miss Paul’s point, which ultimately is description for the purpose of exhortation. Perhaps that point could best be capture by putting one’s own name in place of the noun ‘love,’ and not neglecting thereafter to find a proper place for repentance and forgiveness.”

Gordon D. Fee, *The First Epistle to the Corinthians*

Q: *What do you find beautiful about Christ’s love for you? Do you believe He is transforming you into a beautiful image of His love in specific ways?*

Application:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 teaches us that:

- Beholding Christ renews our wonder at God’s love and revitalizes our growth in love.

Benediction: *2 Corinthians 13:14*

SONG OF
Comfort

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

By thy reconciling love
Every stumbling block remove
Each to each unite, endear
Come and spread thy banner here

*Jesus, Lord, we look to thee
Let us in Thy name agree
Show Thyself the Prince of Peace
Bid all quarrels forever cease*

Make us of one heart and mind
Patient, merciful, and kind
Lowly, meek, in thought and word
Altogether like our Lord

Let us then with joy remove
To thy family up above
On the wings of angels fly
Show how true believers die

Steadfast

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care
I will rest secure
And you lead us with your light
*You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast*

I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy,
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!
*You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast*

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness,
You are still God.
*You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast*

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 grow bored with Your love for us and grow cold in our love for You and others.
(1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

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

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

John 15: 12-17

(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!