

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, APRIL 7

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Okies' from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring your Bible and see the Weekly Update to bring a snack to share!

YOUTH GIRLS MOVIE NIGHT, APRIL 13

Middle school and high school girls are invited to a movie night at Amy Maphet's home on Saturday, April 13th at 5:00pm. Pizza and popcorn will be provided, but feel free to bring a sweet treat! RSVP to Ransley (ransley621@gmail.com) by 4/11, and see Ransley or Amy for any questions.

APRIL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS, APRIL 14

Please be praying for the elders and deacons of Christ Community as we have our quarterly joint meeting on Sunday, 4/14 and our Spring NorthWest Georgia Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, 4/16. Thank you in advance!

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Lois Weathers will be baptized on April 14. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, APRIL 14

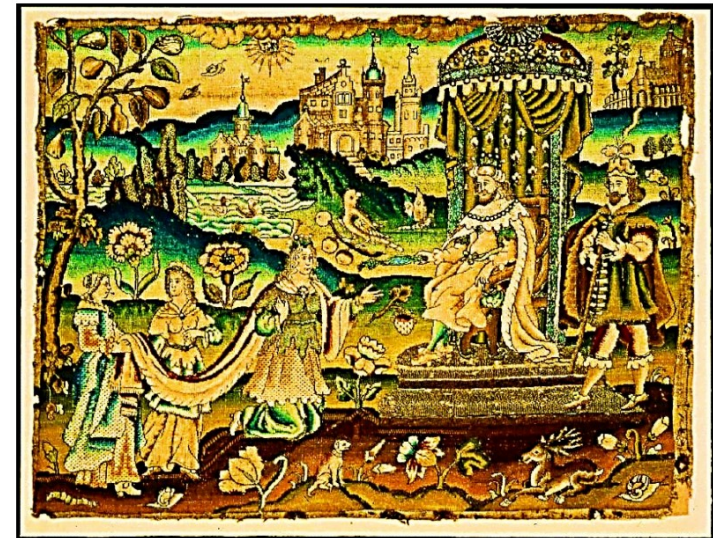
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Following worship on Sunday, 4/21, we will have a follow-up meeting to discuss the results of the recent survey, so please join us!



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BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
April 7, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 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 - Arise, O God, and Shine**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Matthew 28:16-20**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - Jesus with Thy Church Abide**

King of Kings

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Jacob & Suzanne Webb, MTW Bulgaria and
Grace Presbyterian Church, Cedartown**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Judgment of a Saving God

Esther 9:1-19

***Song of Response - All Must Be Well**

~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.*

Response
SONG OF

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor,
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand
Stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation,
All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's Guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;
All will be well
Faith can sing
Through days of sorrow,
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

“THE JUDGMENT OF A SAVING GOD”

ESTHER 9:1-19

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: God calls us to trust and fear Him in the knowledge that those who seek to wipe out the promise and testimony of salvation in Christ ensure only their own destruction.

Esther 9:1-19: The Enemy’s Hope Reversed:

“It is a mistake to imagine that evil thrives simply because there is an individual who promotes it. For evil to flourish there must also be people who are open to its persuasive but destructive charms. This is why it is never sufficient to identify a source of evil within society. Rather, the challenge is to challenge those seduced by it and so to break its charms through the gospel. Even so, its effects will often be greater than we will imagine. So although Esther and Mordecai have worked specifically to address the evil initiated by Haman, they could not have known the extent to which they were also engaged in a far wider problem.”

David G. Firth, *The Message of Esther*

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a King?

A: Christ executes the office of a King in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 26

Q: *In what ways are you tempted to put stumbling blocks before your own heart that diminish your joy and confidence in God’s love for you in Christ? In what ways have you seen Jesus destroying these stumbling blocks through the means of grace for your life and joy in Him?*

Application:

Esther 9:1-19 teaches us that:

-God calls us to trust and fear Him in the knowledge that those who seek to wipe out the promise and testimony of salvation in Christ ensure only their own destruction.

Benediction: 1 Corinthians 15:53-58

CALL TO Worship

- ¹ The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.
- ² The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.
- ³ They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.
- ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?
- ⁵ There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.
- ⁶ You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.
- ⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Psalm 14

⁸To 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?
¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into
dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹²that 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

King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me, ohh

SONG OF
Comfort

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with Thy church abide
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide
While on earth her faith is tried
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

Keep her life and doctrine pure
Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in Thy promise sure
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

May she one in doctrine be
One in truth and charity
Winning all to faith in Thee
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

May she guide the poor and blind
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

SONG OF
Praise

Arise, O God, and Shine

Arise, O God, and shine
In all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
To spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
And learn Thy holy ways
Reign, mighty God
Assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious power
That everyone may see
And earth present her store
In converts born to Thee
God, our own God
His Church will bless
And fill the world with righteousness

To God, the only Wise
The one immortal King
Let hallelujahs rise
From every living thing
Let all that breathe, on every coast
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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 allow our fear of the world to diminish our confidence and joy in You (**Esther 9:1-19**).

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

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

(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!