

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, AUGUST 11

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 11

Our Kindergarten—5th grade Sunday school classes begin on August 11th at 9:30 am. Parents, you will receive an email next week with more information on your child's class.

## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Join us for lunch after service on **August 25th** to celebrate Cameron and Susan's 10 year anniversary at CCC! **Please RSVP** through the weekly update or the link sent by email.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We are seeking **3 lead teachers** to serve in our **1st-2nd and 3rd-5th grade classes** this upcoming ministry year. Lead teacher responsibilities include working alongside another teacher to prepare and teach weekly lessons. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Bonnie at [bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org](mailto:bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org) for further details.

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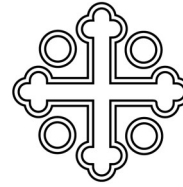
We are seeking volunteers to serve in our **Infants through Preschool classes** this upcoming ministry year. If you are interested in serving in once a month in children's ministry, please reach out to Bonnie at [bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org](mailto:bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org) for further details.

## HOSPITALITY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need **two** volunteers to serve one Sunday each month on the Hospitality Team. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Chad Whetzell at: [chad.whetzell@icloud.com](mailto:chad.whetzell@icloud.com)

## OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR STUDENTS IN MARIETTA

Couched within Marietta High School is an organization called **Mentor for Leadership (MFL)** which offers adults in the community an opportunity to mentor a student from **grades 8-12** in the Marietta school system who has great potential but is in need of guidance and support. The MFL team asks of mentors at least two "touch points" a month. Examples could include a note of encouragement during a week of standardized testing or inviting them for a meal in your home or attending a job shadow or college campus visit with the student. Additionally, the MFL team offers events and get-togethers throughout the school year. MFL is unique in how involved you can become in a student's life, thus allowing for a lasting impact. **For more information, please contact Alyssa Hood by email ([alysanhood@gmail.com](mailto:alysanhood@gmail.com)) or phone (678-687-0227).**



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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  
August 4, 2024

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 25:6-9**

~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 - *Father Long Before Creation***

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

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 10:17-20**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Songs of Comfort - *For All the Saints***

*Jesus, What a Friend For Sinners*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Travis & Laura Sawyer, Straight Up Missions Kenya and  
Riverside Community Church, Cartersville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Formative Suffering: The Call to Deny Selfish Agendas and**

Take Up the Cross of Joyful Unity  
Philippians 2:12-18

**\*Song of Response - *Jesus With Thy Church Abide***

~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 - Ephesians 6:23-24**

~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.*

*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

*Response*  
SONG OF

“FORMATIVE SUFFERING: THE CALL TO DENY SELFISH AGENDAS  
AND TAKE UP THE CROSS OF JOYFUL UNITY”

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

ROBBY BAXTER

**Key Truth: God calls us to deny our selfish agendas and to take up the cross of joyful unity in the knowledge of who and Whose we are.**

**Introduction:**

**Q: *What helps you to take delight in your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?***

**Philippians 2:12-18: Our Salvation Displayed in the Pursuit of Joyful Unity:**

“The gospel is ever and always at stake in our world, and the call to God’s people, whose ‘names are written in the book of life’ [4:3], is to live that [gospel] life now in whatever ‘Philippi’ and in the face of whatever opposition it is found. But to do so effectively the church...must learn to subordinate personal agendas to the larger agenda of the gospel, ‘to have the same mindset in the Lord.’ This means humbling, sacrificial giving of oneself for the sake of others; but then that is what the gospel is all about in any case. So in effect these exhortations merely call us to genuine Christian living in the face of every form of pagan and religious opposition.”

Gordan Fee, *Paul’s Letter to the Philippians*

**Application Questions:**

1. *How has suffering and opposition helped you to grow in pursuing unity with other Christians?*
2. *In what ways are you forming your imagination in joy so as to mortify the temptation to grumble about and argue with other believers and vivify the unity you share with them in Christ?*

**Philippians 2:12-18 teaches us that God calls us to deny our selfish agendas and take up the cross of joyful unity in the knowledge of who and Whose we are.**

**Benediction: *Ephesians 6:23-24***

CALL TO Worship

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Isaiah 25:6-9

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

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Lord Jesus,  
help us in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and through the means of grace  
to deny our sinful selfishness  
and take up our crosses daily  
and prayerfully follow You by  
forgiving as we have been forgiven,  
bearing fruits in keeping with repentance,  
suffering for Your glory and the good of others,  
and rejoicing in life more abundant as a result.  
We humbly ask in Jesus's name,  
Amen

*Jesus! What a Friend For Sinners*

Jesus! What a friend for sinners  
Jesus, lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my savior, makes me whole  
Hallelujah! What a savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end

*Comfort*  
SONG OF

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Jesus! What a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and often failing  
He my strength, my victory wins  
Hallelujah! What a savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end

Jesus! What a help in sorrow  
While the billow over me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul  
Hallelujah! What a savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
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Jesus! I do now receive him  
More than all in Him I find  
He has granted me forgiveness,  
I am His and He is mine  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
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## *For All The Saints*

For all the saints  
Who from their labors rest  
Who Thee by faith  
Before the world confessed  
Thy Name, O Jesus  
Be forever blessed  
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock  
Their fortress and their might  
Thou, Lord, their captain  
In the well fought fight  
Thou, in the darkness  
Drear, their one true Light  
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers  
Faithful, true and bold  
Fight as the saints  
Who nobly fought of old  
And win with them  
The victor's crown of gold  
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening  
Brightens in the west  
Soon, soon to faithful  
Warriors comes their rest  
Sweet is the calm  
Of paradise the blessed  
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks  
A yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant  
Rise in bright array  
The King of glory  
Passes on his way  
Alleluia, Allelu...

SONG OF  
*Comfort*

## *Father, Long Before Creation*

Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love  
And that love so deep, so moving  
Draws us close to Christ above  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world  
May change its fashion  
Yet our God is e'er the same  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain  
God's own children,  
God's own children  
Must forever praise His name

God's compassion is my story  
Is my boasting all the day  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb

SONG OF  
*Praise*

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 fail to deny our  
personal agendas so that we may take up  
the cross of joyful unity for Your glory and  
the life of the world (**Philippians 2:12-18**).

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>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying,  
“Lord, even the demons are subject to us in  
your name!” <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, “I saw  
Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold,  
I have given you authority to tread on serpents  
and scorpions, and over all the power of the  
enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.  
<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the  
spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your  
names are written in heaven.”

**Luke 10:17-20**

(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!**