

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON DEACON CANDIDATES

We will hold a congregational meeting **TODAY**, after worship to vote on our current deacon candidates Kenny Joseph, Jared McLeroy, and Scott Searcy.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, JANUARY 18

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

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be **closed** on **January 19th** in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day .

## RUF DONATIONS, JANUARY THROUGH JANUARY 25

RUF is collecting boxes of prepackaged chips, cases of bottled water and containers of cookies to help kick off the spring semester. **Please drop off your donations in the lobby by January 25th.** If you would prefer to **give financially**, you can place your donation in the donation box located on the RUF table.

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS, JANUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 8

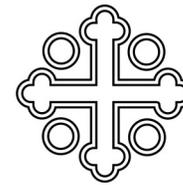
We will be assembling care packages with small gift cards and treats for college students connected to CCC in February. There will be an info table in the lobby before and after church services from 1/18 to 2/8 where you can ask questions or drop off donations. **Donations are due by Sunday, Feb. 8.** You can **sign up at the table in the lobby** or see the link in the **Jan. 15 weekly update** to contribute items or make a donation to cover shipping costs. Thank you for helping our church show Christ's love to these college students!

## NEW MEN'S GROUP MEETING THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

A new group will meet the first Saturday of every month **beginning on February 7 from 8:30 - 10:00 AM at Robby's house.** We will share breakfast together and discuss a portion of Scripture. Reach out to Robby if you'd like to participate, or if you have any questions.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT, FEBRUARY 20-22

Registration for the high school winter retreat is now open! This years theme is assurance of salvation in Romans 8. The cost is **\$80 per person** (\$100 if playing paintball). You **can register and pay using the links in the Weekly Update by February 9th.** See Matt with any questions!



CHRIST COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

## Ecclesiastes

*The frustrating Elusiveness of Life  
and a Joyful faith in the fear of the Lord*

Scan this QR code for Online Giving, Visitor Information and Prayer Requests



Info@christcommunitycobb.org ♦ www.christcommunitycobb.org  
Christ Community Church is a local congregation of the PCA

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

January 18, 2026

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 119:57-64**

~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 6:27-29**

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

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

### **\*Song of Comfort - My Worth Is Not in What I Own**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - The Women's Extension and Midway Presbyterian Church, Powder Springs**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - The Gatherer's Invitation to Engage in His Quest for Wisdom and Meaning Ecclesiastes 1:1-3**

### **Preparation of the Table**

### **Partaking of the Table**

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

### **\*Doxology**

### **\*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 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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

### **\*Stand**

## ***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)*

*Response*  
**SONG OF**

# 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

# CALL TO Worship

---

- <sup>57</sup> The Lord is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.
- <sup>58</sup> I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.
- <sup>59</sup> When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
- <sup>60</sup> I hasten and do not delay  
to keep your commandments.
- <sup>61</sup> Though the cords of the wicked  
ensnare me, I do not forget your law.
- <sup>62</sup> At midnight I rise to praise you,  
because of your righteous rules.
- <sup>63</sup> I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.
- <sup>64</sup> The earth, O Lord, is full of your  
steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

*Psalm 119:57-64*

Heavenly Father,  
We come this morning seeking You while  
You may be found;  
We call upon You while You are near;  
We forsake our wicked ways, and our  
unrighteous thoughts;  
we return to You, O Lord, that You may have  
compassion on us,  
for You abundantly pardon in Christ.  
Your thoughts, heavenly Father, are not our  
thoughts, neither are our ways Your ways.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are Your ways higher than our ways and  
Your thoughts than our thoughts.  
For as the rain and the snow come down  
from heaven and do not return there but  
water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving  
seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall Your word be that goes out  
from Your mouth;  
it shall not return to You empty, but it shall  
accomplish that which You purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which You  
sent it—our redemption in Christ.  
For we go out in joy and are led forth in peace;  
Creation breaks forth in a chorus of praise  
and longed for joy  
At our revealing as Your sons and daughter.  
May we bring everlasting praise to Your name,  
O Lord.

Adapted from **Isaiah 55:6-13**

“THE GATHERER’S INVITATION TO ENGAGE IN HIS QUEST  
FOR WISDOM AND MEANING ”

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-3

CAMERON BARHAM

**Key Truth:** God invites us to wisely seek the answers to life’s most difficult questions and find our meaning in Him.

**Introduction:**

**Q:** *What brings meaning to your efforts in your spheres of influence?*

“Ecclesiastes is a meditation on how life seems to elude our grasp in terms of lasting significance. If we try to gain control of the world and our lives by what we can understand and by what we can do, we find that the control we seek eludes us.”  
**David Gibson, *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End***

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-3: The Pursuit of Meaning in Life: A Question of Toil and Gain:**

“The king’s quest is quite admirable. Many humans never give a second thought to the eternal questions, and they certainly do not go on a fervent search for answers. Mankind busies itself with the fleeting things of the earth rather than giving consideration to the deep matters of existence.”  
**John D. Currid, *Ecclesiastes: A Quest for Meaning?***

**Application Questions:**

1. *What are some of life’s most difficult questions that you wrestle with?*
2. *Where do you turn to help make some sense of these questions?*

**Application:**

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-3** teaches us that God invites us to wisely seek the answers to life’s most difficult questions and find our meaning in Him.

**Communion**

**Benediction:** *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

SONG OF Comfort

*My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

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)

*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

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 too often fail to seek the answers to life's hardest questions in You, looking instead to the things of the earth in our own understanding (**Ecclesiastes 1:1-3**).

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.

**CONFESION OF SIN**  
*Confession of Sin*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
*Assurance of Pardon*

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

**John 6:27-29**

(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!**