

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 17

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!

NO CHILDREN'S OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, NOVEMBER 24

We will not have Sunday School classes on **November 24th**, the beginning of Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume December 1st.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

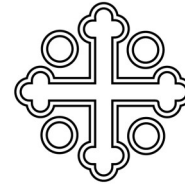
Leila Rooks will be baptized on **November 24th**. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of **November 10th**, we've given **\$13,346** to Faith Promise. Please continue to consider how you can support our missionaries near and far. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

NEED FOR USED CAR

Matt O'Sullivan is in need of a new car. Please contact him if you know of a reliable used car for sale!



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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
November 17, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 56:3-5**

~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 - Good to Me**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 2:15-17**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - Come Ye Sinners**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Steve & Amy Robertson, MTW In The Americas and
First Presbyterian Church, Summerville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Family Matters

Mark 3:31-35

CCC Family Addition- Victoria, Owen and Piper Whetzell

~Our commitment to the life of the Church

***Song of Response - Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

~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 Peter 3:14,18**

~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, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Response
SONG OF

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks
Deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate
And friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
God of heaven, I am Thine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith
And winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand
Shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

“FAMILY MATTERS”

MARK 3:31-35

CHRIS BLACKMAN

Key Truth: Jesus graciously invites us to join His family, so we can let go of our dreams of what *we think* church should be and learn to enjoy His presence among His people.

Introduction:

Q: What are some ways you wish church was different?

I. Our Family Drama

Q: Do you think of the people at church as your spiritual family? Why or why not? Are there other areas of life where you are seeking ‘spiritual’ family?

“Every human wish dream that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if genuine community is to survive. He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

II. Our Father’s Devotion

“Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.” Hebrews 2:11

Application Questions:

1. *What are some ways you have experienced church hurt or disappointment?*
2. *What “wish-dreams” might you have about how church should be?*
3. *How can we practice gratitude for the body of Christ in the coming week?*
4. *How can we strive to practice vulnerability and familial love with one another in our church?*

Mark 3:31-38 teaches us that because Jesus graciously invites us into his family we can let go of our dreams of what *we think* church should be and learn to enjoy His presence among His people.

CALL TO Worship

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.”

⁴ For thus says the Lord:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 56:3-5

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL
Response

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter
Bind my wondering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

SONG OF
Comfort

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners
Poor and needy
Weak and wounded
Sick and sore
Jesus ready
Stands to save you
Full of pity,
Love and power

Come ye thirsty
Come and welcome
God's free bounty,
Glorify
True belief and
True repentance
Every grace that
Brings you nigh

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
And in the arms of my dear Savior
There are ten thousand charms*

Come ye weary,
Heavy laden
Lost and ruined
By the fall
If you tarry
'Til you're better
You will never
Come at all

SONG OF
Comfort

Good To Me

I put all my hope
On the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart
On the ground of Your goodness
When I'm bowed down with sorrow
I will lift up Your name
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

*Because You are
Good to me, good to me
You are
Good to me, good to me
You are good to me*

I lift my eyes
To the hills where my help is found
Your voice fills the night
Raise my head up to hear the sound
Though fires burn all around me
I will praise You, my God
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

*Your goodness and mercy
Shall follow me
All my life
I trust in Your promise*

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 want Jesus to join
our family and work for our honor and benefit,
instead of responding to Jesus' invitation to join
His spiritual family (**Mark 3:31-35**).

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

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners were reclining
with Jesus and his disciples, for there were
many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes
of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was
eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to
his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax
collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus
heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well
have no need of a physician, but those who
are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but
sinners."

Mark 2:15-17

(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!

Assurance OF PARDON