

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, AUGUST 23

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Skeens' Yoga House** from **6:00 to 7:30**. Bring your Bible and see the SignUp Genius to bring a snack to share! with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP

Starting on **Tuesday, 9/1**, at **7 am** in the **Conference Room** at **Daily Grind** in **Marietta**, we will discuss the **Preface and Chapter 1** of **O. Palmer Robertson's "Christ of the Covenants."** If you plan to join us, email **Cameron** at cameron@christcommunitycobb.org, grab a copy of the book, and read the Preface and Chapter 1.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to serve in **Children's Ministry** for the **2026-27 ministry year!** We need **6 volunteers for Sunday School** and **10 volunteers for our 10:30 a.m. classes.** If you're interested in joining the Children's Ministry team, please contact **Bonnie or Ransley** to learn more or sign up.

HOSPITALITY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a volunteer 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

SET UP TEAM VOLUNTEERS

The set up team is in need of **2 volunteers to serve once a month** for the new ministry year. Please reach out to **Jack Lane** (jtlanejr@yahoo.com) for more information.

RUF DONATIONS

RUF is collecting prepackaged snacks and cases of bottled water to help kick off the fall semester. **Please drop off donations in the lobby by August 30th.** If you would prefer to **give financially**, please place your donation in the **donation box located on the RUF table.**

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CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

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

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 23. 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 90**

~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 - Gratitude**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Matthew 6:25-34**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, RUF @ KSU and, Midway Presbyterian Church, Powder Springs

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Gatherer's Call to Rejoice in the Formational Opportunities Entrusted to Us by God as Gift Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - Rejoice**

~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**

~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.

Rejoice

Come and stand before your Maker
Full of wonder, full of fear
Come behold His power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love
(Chorus)

*Rejoice,
Come and lift your hands
And raise your voice,
He is worthy of our praise
Rejoice,
Sing of mercies of your King
And with trembling, Rejoice*

We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a Father
Who will never let them go
(Chorus)

All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed

*Rejoice,
When you cry to Him
He hears your voice,
He will wipe away your tears
Rejoice,
In the midst of suffering
He will help you sing
(Original Chorus)*

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

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
- ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.
- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

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 daughters.
 May we bring everlasting praise to Your name,
 O Lord.

Adapted from Isaiah 55:6-13

“THE GATHERER’S CALL TO REJOICE IN THE FORMATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES ENTRUSTED TO US BY GOD AS GIFT”

ECCLESIASTES 11:7-10

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to rejoice in the formational opportunities that He entrusts to us as a gift for His glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Introduction:

Q: How do you judge the value of a given day, week, month, or year?

Ecclesiastes 11:7-10: The Call for All Ages to Rejoice!

“It is much more likely (in speaking of judgment) that the Preacher is actually including our enjoyment of God’s world, or lack of it, as one of the things that God will call to account in his final reckoning. We have already seen how enjoyment is a gift from God, and, like all his other gifts, we are responsible to God for what we done with it... This means that pleasure is a divine decree that we ignore at our peril. For it is precisely in enjoying the world God has made that we show we have grasped the goodness of the God we say we love. Failure to enjoy is an offense, not merely an oversight.”

David Gibson, *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End*

Application Questions:

1. *How has God used periods of challenge or suffering to form you further into the image of Christ for His glory, your joy, and the life of the world?*
2. *How does Scripture inform your view of the value of a given period of time?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 11:7-10 teaches us that God calls us to rejoice in the formational opportunities that He entrusts to us as a gift for His glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Communion

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

SONG OF
Comfort

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 wandering 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
Praise

Gratitude

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude?

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

*So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arm stretched wide
I will worship You
(Chorus)

[Bridge 2x's]
So come on, my soul
Oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion
Inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord
(Chorus)

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 too often squander and fail to rejoice in the formational opportunities that You entrust to us as a gift for Your glory, our joy, and the life of the world
(Ecclesiastes 11:7-10).

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

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:25-34

(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!