

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 8

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Starts' from 5:30 to 7:30**. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please pray for the **elders who will meet on Tuesday, 3/10**.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON WITH THE PASTORS

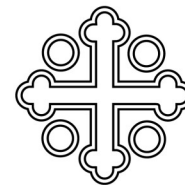
We will host a lunch for our college students on **Sunday, 3/22, after worship at the Skeen's house** at 985 Kennesaw Due West Rd, Kennesaw. We will need a rough head count by **Wednesday, 3/18**, to know how much food to get. Please contact Bonnie at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org or 770-359-8745 if you plan to attend.

MISSIONS AT CCC UPDATE

As of **3/1**, we have given **\$36,248**. We need **\$14,390** by **3/31** to stay on budget. Please prayerfully consider helping us to keep our financial commitments to the various missionaries and missional organizations that we partner with!

RAMP TO LARGE MEETING ROOM INACCESSIBLE

The ramp to the large meeting room is currently inaccessible due to early voting. Please supervise your children before and after the service and remind them not to play in this area.



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

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

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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
March 8, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 117**

~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 - *What'er My God Ordains Is Right

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 8:18-25**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Cornerstone

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries
and Grace Presbyterian Church, Douglasville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Gatherer's Call to Worship
Ecclesiastes 3:9-15**

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *Come to the Feast

~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**

Response
SONG OF

Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel
The sick and the well
For our Father's house
Will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
Bring in the crippled & blind
All who would taste
This banquet of grace
Must come and
Waste no more time

*Come to the feast
Come to the table
The great and the least
The rich and the poor
Come to the feast
Come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb
You'll be covered
Dressed in his pure
Righteousness
For all of your guilt
His blood, it was spilt
So come by your Father
Be blessed

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 Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
² For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures
forever. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 117

“THE GATHERER’S CALL TO WORSHIP”

CAMERON BARHAM

ECCLESIASTES 3:9-15

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

Key Truth: God calls us to trust in His sovereign grace alone by faith alone to enjoy His good gifts in Christ alone.

Introduction:

Q: *How does not knowing how things will turn out in a given situation impact you?*

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15: The Beginning of Wisdom:

“That God made everything beautiful in its own time is the greatest statement of divine providence in the whole of Scripture. It is the theorem from which the believer’s hope is derived that all things work together for good for those who love God (Rom. 8:28). It is a statement far beyond pragmatism that directs one to the glory of an artistic cosmic manager, the creating and sustaining God. Furthermore, it is his ‘timing’...and its perfection that are highlighted in 3:11 and 3:17, and that set the standard for our aptly decided daily activities. ...We are to find the right season for our efforts, just as God does.”

**Daniel C. Fredericks, “Ecclesiastes” in *Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs*
with Daniel J. Estes**

Application Questions:

1. *What things in your life has God made beautiful in His gracious timing?*
2. *What good gifts is God giving you to enjoy in the present?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 teaches us that God calls us to trust in His sovereign grace alone by faith alone to enjoy His good gifts in Christ alone.

Communion

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

SONG OF
Comfort

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When Darkness seems
To hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come
With trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
...Faultless stand before the throne

SONG OF
Praise

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
His holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er he does
And follow where he guideth.
He is my God
Though dark my road
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right
He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path
I know he will not leave me
I take, content,
What he hath sent
His hand can turn my griefs away
And patiently I wait his day

Whate'er my God ordains is right
Though now this cup, in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart
I take it all, unshrinking
My God is true
Each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart
And pain and sorrow shall depart

Whate'er my God ordains is right
Here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need,
Or death be mine
Yet I am not forsaken
My Father's care
Is round me there
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to him I leave it all

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 don't really trust in Your sovereignty or believe that You have made everything beautiful in its time **(Ecclesiastes 3:9-15)**.

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

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:18-25

(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!