

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, FEBRUARY 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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS

Thank you so much for donating funds and supplies for the college care packages. Your generosity helped us love and support **28 college students** near and far! The youth group will assemble the packages after worship today.

PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please pray for the **elders who meet on Tuesday, 2/10**.

NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHOIR & BELLS , FEBRUARY 15

We will not have Sunday school or choir and bells for **Kindergarten thru 5th grade** Sunday the 15th due to Winter break. Plan to join us when **classes resume on the 22nd**.

DEACON INSTALLATION, FEBRUARY 15

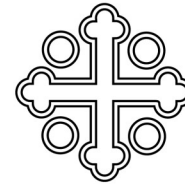
On **Sunday the 15th**, as a part of our worship service, will celebrate the ordination and installation of our three deacon candidates: Jared McLeroy, Scott Searcy, & Kenny Joseph. Praise the Lord for the addition of these men to the leadership of our church family!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT, FEBRUARY 20-22

Registration for the high school winter retreat is now open! This year's 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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need **three volunteers** to help plan and organize a Women's Retreat this Fall. Reach out to Robby if you are interested in serving in this way, or if you have any questions.



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
February 8, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 103:15-22**

~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 - All Creatures of Our God and King**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Colossians 3:23-24**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Jesus, I Come to Thee**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Byron & Kim Johnson, Vision 938 and
Cherokee Presbyterian Church, Canton**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Gatherer's Investigation of the Good Life
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - Come As You Are**

~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**

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

*(Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are...)*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure (Chorus)

There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal (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

- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it,
and it is gone, and its place knows it no
more.
- ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is
from everlasting to everlasting on those
who fear him, and his righteousness
to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his
commandments.
- ¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in
the heavens, and his kingdom rules
over all.
- ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty angels who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
- ²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
- ²² Bless the Lord, all his works, in all
places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Psalm 103:15-22

“THE GATHERER’S INVESTIGATION OF THE GOOD LIFE”

ECCLESIASTES 2:1-11

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: God calls us to recognize that our identity, hope, and unending joy are found, not in the good things of this life, but in our union with Christ.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11: Life Under the Sun is Ephemeral & Requires Compromise

"When we enter the adult world, leaving our childhood behind us with its innocence and naïveté, we soon find that the art of living life—any lifestyle of our choosing—is a full-time occupation and responsibility. There are values to be established, obligations to be met, decisions to be made, crosses to be borne. We begin to see for ourselves that few situations in life are ideal. There are numerous adjustments we must make daily in our thinking in order to cope with what is real, and there is no escaping reality with its need for concessions. We must choose for ourselves what paths we want to follow, with the understanding that each time we say ‘yes’ to one thing, we automatically say ‘no’ to something else, often without conscious thought. We learn that we simply cannot have everything we want in life. In choosing what we do want, however, we must give up one thing to have something else; we must be constantly adjusting to opposing demands or issues. To live in a real world we will always need to surrender (at least partially) some position of thought or action in order to embrace another. We need to compromise.”

Luci Swindoll, *Wide My World Narrow My Bed*

Application Questions:

1. *In what ways might you be allowing disappointment about the brevity of life and the need to compromise rob you of enjoying the good gifts the Lord has given to you in this season of your life?*
2. *How does reflection about the fact of your union with Christ strengthen your confidence, hope, and joy amid the changing circumstances of your life?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 teaches us that God calls us to recognize that our identity, hope, and joy are found, not in the good things of life, but in our union with Christ.

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

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**

CONGREGATIONAL
Response

Jesus, I Come to Thee

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting
And into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows
Into Thy balm
Out of life's storms
And into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever
On wings like a dove
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus, I come to Thee

SONG OF
Comfort

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father,
Praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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Praise
SONG OF

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 have often sought enduring joy and peace in the things of this world rather than in You. **(Ecclesiastes 2:1-11)**

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

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24

(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!