

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## NO YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 24

There will be no youth group tonight due to Thanksgiving.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

The church office will be **closed November 25 - 29** and will **reopen December 2**.

## WOMEN'S EVENT, DECEMBER 14

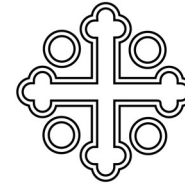
Save the date! Join us for a **Christmas tea and "favorite things" swap on Saturday, December 14th from 10a-12p**. High school girls, 9th-12th grade, are invited to join us for this event. More details to come!

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 15

**6th-12th graders**, join us from **5 to 8** for an evening of festivity and fellowship at the **Stonehaven Lower School Campus**. Pizza dinner will be provided. Please bring a white elephant gift (\$10 max) and see the Signup Genius in the weekly update to bring a dessert or side. Be sure to email Matt to **RSVP by 12/9** to receive some important information about some games we will play!

## GENERAL FUND UPDATE

As of **11/17**, we need **\$37,097** to stay on budget through November. Please consider how you can continue to support the ministry of our church. Thank you for your generosity!



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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 24, 2024

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 55:10-13**

~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 - Mark 3:31-35**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Song of Comfort - Rising Sun**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, RUF @ KSU and  
Riverside Community Church, Cartersville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Hard of Hearing**

Mark 4:1-20

**Baptism - Leila Rooks**

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

**\*Doxology**

**\*Song of Response - My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

~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.*

*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)

*Response*  
SONG OF

# Doxology

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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

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“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,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>“ For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Isaiah 55:10-13

## 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.

### Introduction:

**Q:** What is the most difficult part about showing up to church?

**Key Truth:** Because Jesus alone can change our hard hearts so that we bear fruit, we can hear the Word of God with expectant hope that it will transform our lives.

### I. Our Hearing Problem

**Q:** What does it look like in your life to hear the Word of God and respond with a hard, shallow, or divided heart?

“Implicit in all these injunctions to ‘listen’ is the authority of God’s Word and the significance of the truth it proclaims... What is striking about all these commands to ‘listen’ is the fact that they are all without exception addressed to religious audiences, whether they be insiders, Israelites, Gentile God-fearers, Christian brothers, or the Christian church. This suggests that there may be a tendency among the religious at times, perhaps based on a presumption of insider status, to listen superficially to God’s Word and therefore miss its message (see Heb. 2:1). This of course is the point of the parable of the sower!”

**Peter Smuts, *Mark by the Book***

### II. Listening for Forgiveness

**Q:** Who are you listening to most?

“We could paraphrase "repent and believe" with "close your ears and listen." Obedience has both a stop and start to it. We turn our backs to the old voices and offer our attention to Jesus' voice. We desire for God's voice to crescendo in our lives, with the competing voices fading away. This means that we must ruthlessly silence the calls of other masters. We confess our auditory rebellions to others, since somehow moving the jaw in confession seems to unplug our ears.”

**Adam S. McHugh, *The Listening Life: Embracing Attentiveness in a World of Distraction***

### Application Questions:

1. What are some areas of your life where you feel hard-hearted towards the Word of God?
2. How can we practice listening well to the gospel?
3. How can we practice listening well to our brothers and sisters in Christ?

**Mark 4:1-20** teaches us that Jesus alone can change our hard hearts so that we bear fruit and we hear the Word of God with expectant hope that it will transform our lives.

## *Rising Sun*

Praise Him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him  
All you children of God  
We lift high His glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him  
As the children of God

*Our Great Redeemer  
Glorious Savior  
Your name is higher  
Than the rising sun  
Light of the morning  
You shine forever  
Your name is higher  
Than the rising sun  
Your name is higher  
Than the rising sun*

Praise His name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him  
All you children of God

## *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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SONG OF  
*Comfort*

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 hear the good news of  
Jesus with hard hearts crowded with the cares  
of this world and struggle to bear fruit. **(Mark  
4:1-20).**

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

# Assurance OF PARDON

<sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and  
standing outside they sent to him and called  
him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him,  
and they said to him, “Your mother and your  
brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup> And he  
answered them, “Who are my mother and my  
brothers?” <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who  
sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother  
and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will  
of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.

**Mark 3:31-35**

(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!**