CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH



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

October 18, 2026

Prelude
~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 63:1-8**
~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 - *Steadfast
~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 6:35-40**
~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Let Me Find Thee
~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Bruce Clark, RUF @ KSU and First Presbyterian Church, Summerville
~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness and Their Promised Satisfaction
Matthew 5:6

Preparation of the Table
Partaking of the Table
~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

****Doxology***

Song of Response - *Fast From, Feast On
~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 - Matthew 7:24-25**
~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

CALL TO Worship

[1] O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my
soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a
dry and weary land where there is no water.
[2] So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
[3] Because your steadfast love is better than life, my
lips will praise you.
[4] So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I
will lift up my hands.
[5] My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
[6] when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate
on you in the watches of the night;
[7] for you have been my help, and in the shadow of
your wings I will sing for joy.
[8] My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 63:1-8

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

Lord Jesus, Teach us to
Rest content in being righteous and
On the promise of further hungering and thirsting
for righteousness
as gifted to us by Your finished work
And gratefully receive satisfaction
as Your assured promise
To us in both the Now and Not Yet.
Help us to steward and grow in Your gifts
as we become more like You
For God's glory, our joy, and the life of the world!
In the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, Amen![44]

Steadfast

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care
I will rest secure
And you lead us with your light
You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast

I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy,
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!
You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness,
You are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast

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 often fail to gratefully rest in being and on the promise of further becoming hungry and thirsty for righteousness in Christ which diminishes our joy in His assured promise of satisfaction **(Matthew 5:6)**.

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

[35] Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and
whoever believes in me shall never thirst. [36] But
I said to you that you have seen me and yet do
not believe. [37] All that the Father gives me will
come to me, and whoever comes to me I will
never cast out. [38] For I have come down from
heaven, not to do my own will but the will of
him who sent me. [39] And this is the will of him
who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all
that he has given me, but raise it up on the last
day. [40] For this is the will of my Father, that
everyone who looks on the Son and believes in
him should have eternal life, and I will raise
him up on the last day.”

John 6:35-40

(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!

Let Me Find Thee

Behold me here,
In grief draw near,
Pleading at Thy throne oh King.
To Thee each tear,
Each trembling fear,
Jesus Son of Man I bring.
Let me find Thee,
Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Lord of mercy King of grace.

Look down in love,
And from above,
With Thy Spirit satisfy.
Thou hast sought me,
Thou hast bought me,
And thy purchase Lord am I.
Let me find Thee,
Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken,
Scarcely spoken,
Longings of my heart to thee
All the crying,
All the sighing,
Of Thy child accepted be.
Let me find Thee,
Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Wounded healer, suffering Lord.

"Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness and Their Promised Satisfaction"
Matthew 5:6
Cameron Barham

Key Truth: <u>Jesus invites us to rest content in being made hungry and thirsty for righteousness as gifted to us in His finished work and gratefully receive satisfaction as His assured promise to us in both the Now and the Not Yet.</u>

Introduction:

Q: ***What are you currently longing for in yourself, your life, and/or your community?***

Matthew 5:6: How to Grow in Longing for Righteousness: Fast from the World's Pursuits and Feast on Gifts of the Kingdom of Heaven:

Working Definition of Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness: A desire for the character of God and image of Christ to be further displayed in our lives and in the lives of others for God's glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

"Righteousness in the Bible has at least three aspects: legal, moral, and social…. Legal righteousness is justification, a right relationship with God….Moral righteousness is a righteousness of character and conduct which pleases God….And social righteousness, which we learn from the law and the prophets, which is concerned with seeking humanity's liberation from oppression, together with the promotion of civil rights, responsible care for the planet, justice in the law courts, integrity in business dealings, and honour in home and family affairs. Christians are committed to hunger for righteousness in the whole human community as something pleasing to a righteous God."

John R. W. Stott, ***The Message of the Sermon on the Mount: Christian Counter-Culture***

Application Questions:

1. ***How have you grown in longing for righteousness to look more like Jesus over the time that you've been a Christian? What has helped you to grow in this?***
2. ***How has this longing been satisfied in the Now? What do you most look forward to about being satisfied in the Not Yet?***

Application:

Matthew 5:6 teaches us that Jesus invites us to rest content in being made hungry and thirsty for righteousness sake gifted to us in His finished work and gratefully receive satisfaction as His assured promise to us in both the Now and the Not Yet.

Communion

Benediction: ***Matthew 7:24-25***

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

You've Already Won

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope thats in the blood
There's future grace
Thats mine today
That Jesus Christ has won
I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need you will provide
Just like you always have

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what you're doing
But I know what you've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
And I'll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well (Chorus)

I know how the story ends
We will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense
No More fear in life or death
I know how the story ends
We will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense
No More fear in life or death…

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, OCTOBER 18
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!

OCTOBER PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP
Please pray for Cameron as he will be traveling for his **Fall Prayer and Pastoral Cohort Retreats from 10/21-10/30.**

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES
CCC will be giving care packages to college students connected to CCC in November. Donations of **individually wrapped snacks and treats** can be dropped off at the table in the lobby **during the month of October.** If you would like to donate towards the $400 needed for shipping, small gift cards, and additional treats, you can do so at the table or on tithe.ly by choosing the "College Care Packages" option. **All donations are due by October 25th**. Please contact Karen Widner with questions at 470.258.2145 or kdwidner@bellsouth.net.

TWO SERVICES IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM, THROUGH NOVEMBER 1
Due to early voting, we will not have access to our sanctuary space during this time. Our first service will be at 9 am with no childcare. Sunday School classes will meet as scheduled. The second service at 10:30 am will include childcare.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDED
We are seeking one Preschool volunteers to serve in our 10:30 a.m. classes on the 4th Sunday each month. If you are a member or regular attender, please consider joining our Children's Ministry team so we can continue offering this class to the children and families of CCC. To volunteer or learn more, please contact Bonnie or Ransley.