

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY, TONIGHT

6th-12th graders, join us tonight from **6 to 9** 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.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 20

College students and young adults are invited to a Christmas party at the **O'Sullivans at 7:00 PM**. Please see the Sign Up Genius in the Weekly Update to bring a treat to share and **RSVP to Matt by 12/16** to learn about the game we will play together.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, DECEMBER 22

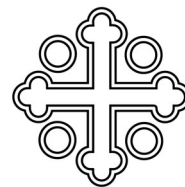
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of December 8th, we've given \$18,340 to Faith Promise. Please continue to consider how you can support our missionaries near and far. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING IN JANUARY

You are invited to join Kathryn Baird in a **virtual Bible study** that will begin in January! This group has in mind women in our church family who may not be able to meet regularly in person, but can connect through a resource like Voxer or Marco Polo. The group will study the **book of Ephesians using the Hinged Bible Study video and book resources**, produced by CDM and written by women in the PCA, and connect virtually to discuss and share with one another. **Reach out to Kathryn to let her know you'd like to participate** (klpbaird@gmail.com)!



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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

December 15, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 43:16-21**

~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 - *Children's Choir and Bells

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 10:13-16**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *O Come, All Ye Faithful

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Jim & Shari Whittle, ELI India and

Midway Presbyterian Church, Powder Springs

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus Calms The Storm

Mark 4:35-41

CCC Family Addition- John Porterfield

~Our commitment to the life of the Church

Song of Response - *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

~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.

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
By Night*

While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
An angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind"

To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
The savior who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign

The heavenly baby
You there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped
In swaddling bands
And in a manger laid

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Christ is born!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Christ is born!*

"All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace
Good will henceforth
From God to man
Begin and never cease"

SONG OF
Response

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the
sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior; they lie down, they
cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched
like a wick:

¹⁸ "Remember not the former things, nor
consider the things of old.

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it
springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers
in the desert.

²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals
and the ostriches, for I give water in the
wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43:16-21

CALL TO
Worship

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.

“JESUS CALMS THE STORM”

MARK 4:35-41

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: The Lord Jesus is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Mark 4:35-41: Jesus Calms the Storm:

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble...They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.”

Psalm 107:1-2, 28-32

Application Questions:

- 1. Over this past year, have there been circumstances in which you have been afraid? In what ways have you experienced Jesus replacing your fears with peace?*
- 2. How can you cultivate a growing awareness of and trust in Jesus' all-sufficient, ever-present help for you in times of trouble? What part might your church family play in helping you to know and trust Jesus in this way?*

Mark 4:35-41 teaches us that the Lord Jesus is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ, our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name

"Fear not, then," said the angel
"Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might"

The message of the angel
One day would be fulfilled
When on the cross of Calvary
The sinless Christ was killed
And in three days He rose just as
The Father's love had willed

SONG OF
Comfort

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 sometimes doubt that You
care about the troubles we are facing (**Mark
4:35-41**).

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.

CONFESSIO
Confession

Assurance OF PARDON

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Mark 10:13-16

(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!

SONG OF Comfort

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

*O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing