

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 29

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Searcys' from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring your Bible and see the SignUp Genius to bring a snack to share!

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 3

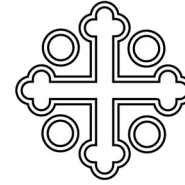
Join us at KCC on **Friday, 4/3, at 6:30 pm** for our Good Friday Service. No childcare provided.

## NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES APRIL 5

We will not have Sunday school classes on Easter, April 5th.

## WORSHIP SERVICE LOCATION, APRIL 26

Join us for worship at 8:45 a.m. at RTS Atlanta (1580 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta 30067). Please note that there will be no children's or youth classes that morning.



CHRIST COMMUNITY  
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## *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 29, 2026

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Psalm 133**

~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 & Bells**

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

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 10:19-25**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Song of Comfort - *Abide With Me***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Mike Kennamer, MNA Disaster Response and  
Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Gatherer's Wise Warning on Loneliness and Fame  
Ecclesiastes 4:7-16**

**Preparation of the Table**

**Partaking of the Table**

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

**\*Doxology**

**\*Song of Response - *We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

~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!**

## *We Will Feast In the House of Zion*

*We will feast  
In the house of Zion  
We will sing  
With our hearts restored  
He has done great things,  
We will say together  
We will feast  
And weep no more*

We will not be burned  
By the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed,  
By the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night,  
Before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning,  
Oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob,  
Be my strength

Every vow we've broken  
And betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden  
To the grave  
Bind us together,  
Bring shalom.

SONG OF  
Response

CALL TO  
Worship

- <sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!
- <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard, on the  
beard of Aaron, running down on the  
collar of his robes!
- <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the Lord has commanded the  
blessing, life forevermore.

**Psalm 133**

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*

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

“THE GATHERER’S WISE WARNING ON LONELINESS AND FAME”

CAMERON BARHAM

ECCLESIASTES 4:7-16

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**Key Truth:** God calls us to joyfully share with others in Christ the fruits of our labors that He gives us.

**Introduction:**

*Q: What causes you to feel lonely and unknown?*

**Ecclesiastes 4:7-16: Of Lonely, Joyless Toil and Forgotten Fame:**

“Love sweetens toil, soothes the sting of trouble, and gives a Christian zest of enjoyment to every course of daily life. The mutual exercises of sympathy give energy to prayer, and furnish large materials for confidence and praise.”

**Charles Bridges, *Ecclesiastes***

**Application Questions:**

- 1. How have you benefitted from others joyfully sharing the fruits of their labor with you?*
- 2. What opportunities do you have to joyfully share with others in Christ the fruits of your labors that God has given you?*

**Application:**

**Ecclesiastes 4:7-16** teaches us that God calls us to joyfully share with others in Christ the fruits of our labors that He gives us.

**Communion**

**Benediction:** *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

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 too often work selfishly for ourselves and fail to joyfully share what we have with others. **(Ecclesiastes 4:7-16)**

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

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**Hebrews 10:19-25**

(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!**

# SONG OF Comfort

## *Abide With Me*

Abide with me;  
Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens;  
Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers,  
Fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless,  
Abide with me.

Thou on my head,  
In early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious,  
And perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me,  
Though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord,  
Abide with me.

I need Thy presence,  
Every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace,  
Can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself,  
My guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
Abide with me.

I fear no foe,  
With Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight,  
Tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death?  
Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still,  
Abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,  
Before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom,  
And point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
And earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord,  
Abide with me.