

STAY *Connected* AT CCC



#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 9

**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.

#### MARCH PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for the **elders, who will be meeting on Tuesday, 03/11**. Thank you for praying for us!

#### LAND SALE UPDATE

The development approval process continues to move forward with the City of Kennesaw, with a short delay. **The updated target for the closing date on the land sale is the end of March**. Please continue to pray for wisdom as we navigate the closing process. Please contact Marc Start ([mstart99@gmail.com](mailto:mstart99@gmail.com), 404.357.6631) if you have questions.

#### FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of 3/2, we've given \$38,384 to Faith Promise. **We need \$15,196 by 3/31** to meet our commitments to various missionaries and missional works. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to support God's kingdom near and far!



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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 9, 2025

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 32:1-4**

~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 - O For a Thousand Tongues**

~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!**

### **\*Songs of Comfort - In Christ Alone**

*Let Me Find Thee*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministry and Grace Presbyterian Church, Douglasville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - Jesus, the Lord of New Creation Mark 7:31-37**

### **\*Song of Response - On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

~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.*

## SONG OF *Response*

### ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks***

On Jordan's stormy banks, I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away

I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Where sickness, sorrow,  
Pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face  
And in His bosom rest?

# “JESUS, THE LORD OF NEW CREATION”

MARK 7:31-37

ROBBY BAXTER

**Key Truth:** Jesus calls us to patiently trust in Him as our Savior who is making all things new.

## Introduction:

*Q: What or who do you turn to when life seems uncertain and confused?*

“Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace; behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face.”

William Cowper, *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

## Mark 7:31-37: Jesus Does All Things Well:

“Jesus had a much greater work than that of healing bodily disorders, He is the great physician whose office it is to heal men’s souls. The miracles which he wrought in the days of his flesh were only as shadows of those which he had undertaken to perform.

He unstops the ears of men so that they may ‘hear his voice and live:’ he loosens their tongues so that they may shew forth his praise. This he does by the invisible but effectual energy of his Spirit. Let those, who have never yet heard his voice, implore his aid: let those, who are yet unoccupied with his praises, entreat his favor. Soon shall all natural or acquired infirmities yield to his word, and ‘*Ephphatha*’ be the commencement of a new and heavenly life.”

Charles Simeon, *Horae Homileticae*

## Application Questions:

1. *In what ways has Jesus comforted you when you have been discouraged or afraid?*
2. *What helps you to look by faith beyond the appearance of things in this world to the work of Jesus who makes all things new?*

**Mark 7:24-30** teaches us that **Jesus calls us to patiently trust in Him as our Savior who is making all things new.**

**Benediction:** *2 Peter 3:14, 18*

CALL TO Worship

Behold, a king will reign in righteousness,  
and princes will rule in justice.

<sup>2</sup> Each will be like a hiding place from the  
wind, a shelter from the storm, like streams of  
water in a dry place, like the shade of a great  
rock in a weary land.

<sup>3</sup> Then the eyes of those who see will not be  
closed, and the ears of those who hear will  
give attention.

<sup>4</sup> The heart of the hasty will understand and  
know, and the tongue of the stammerers will  
hasten to speak distinctly.

**Isaiah 32:1-4**

## 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.

CONGREGATIONAL  
Response

## 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

SONG OF  
Comfort

## *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought  
And storm  
What heights of love  
What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
When strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones  
He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He in mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

SONG OF  
*Comfort*

## *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace  
My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all  
The earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

*So, come on and sing out  
Let our anthem grow loud  
There is one great love: Jesus*

Jesus, the name that  
Charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
It's music in the sinner's ears  
Tis life and health and peace  
He breaks the power  
Of cancelled sin  
He sets the prisoner free  
His blood can make  
The foulest clean  
His blood availed for me  
(Chorus)

He speaks and listening to His voice  
New life the dead receive  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice  
The humble poor believe  
Glory to God, and praise and love  
Be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above  
The church in earth and heaven  
(Chorus)

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 are often so focused on our problems that we fail to see that Jesus does all things well (**Mark 7:31-37**).

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!**