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

November 1, 2026

Prelude
~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 24**
~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 -** ***Goodness of God
~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 18:9-14**
~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort -** ***Ascribe
~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - First Care Women's Clinic and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Dallas
~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Pure in Heart and Their Welcome Before God
Matthew 5:8

CCC Family Addition– Elizabeth Resh
~Our commitment to the life of the Church

Song of Response -** ***Before the Throne of God Above
~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] The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
[2] for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
[3] Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
[4] The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.
[5] They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Savior.
[6] Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.
[7] Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
[8] Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.
[9] Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
[10] Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

Lord Jesus, Teach us to
Rest content in being and
On the promise of further becoming pure in heart
as gifted to us by Your finished work
And gratefully receive God's welcome
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!

Ascribe

Ascribe unto the Lord
The glory due His Name
Ascribe unto the Lord
The honor and the praise
For He is holy
And He is worthy of
All of the glory
And all of our love

Great and marvelous
Are Your works, Oh Lord
Just and true
Are all of Your ways in all the earth
Alpha, Omega,
The Beginning and the End
Forever we'll praise
The Name of the Lord most high

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 pure in heart in Christ which diminishes our joy in His assured promise of seeing God **(Matthew 5:8)**.

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

[14] The Word became flesh and made his
dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the
glory of the one and only Son, who came from
the Father, full of grace and truth.
[15] (John testified concerning him. He cried out,
saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I
said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me
because he was before me.'") [16] Out of his
fullness we have all received grace in place of
grace already given. [17] For the law was given
through Moses; grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God, but
the one and only Son, who is himself God and
is in closest relationship with the Father, has
made him known.

John 1:14-18

(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

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

Come ye, souls, by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross
Behold the crown
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it
Love will make
Your obedience sweet
Christ will give you
Strength to bear it
While His grace
Shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory
Safe to glory
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him
Blessed the ears that hear His voice
Blessed are the souls that trust Him
And in Him, alone rejoice
His commandments
His commandments
His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest, the cross supplies
All who taste it
All who taste it, All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

"The Pure in Heart and Their Welcome Before God"
Matthew 5:8
Cameron Barham

Key Truth: <u>Jesus invites us to rest content in being pure in heart as gifted to us in His finished work and gratefully receive access to God as His assured promise to us in both the Now and the Not Yet.</u>

Introduction:

Q: How important is it to you that the intentions and actions of others be consistent? How important is it to you that your intentions and actions are consistent?

Matthew 5:8: How to be Pure in Heart: Renounce Your Selfish Desires and Receive Welcome Before God:

Working Definition of Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness: A single-minded focus on God's glory in all things through Christ.

"The Lord Jesus calls those blessed, who are pure in heart. He means those who do not aim merely at outward correctness, but at inward holiness. They are not satisfied with a mere external show of religion. They strive to keep a heart and conscience void of offense, and to serve God with the spirit and the inner (person)….(The one) that is most spiritual-minded will have most communion with God."
J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels, Vol. 1: Matthew—Mark*

Application Questions:

1. ***How have you grown in purity of heart to look more like Jesus over the time that you've been a Christian? What has helped you to grow in this?***
2. ***How have you experienced being welcome before God in the Now? What do you most look forward to about seeing God in the Not Yet?***

Application:

Matthew 5:8 teaches us that Jesus invites us to rest content in being pure in heart as gifted to us in His finished work and gratefully receive access to God as His assured promise to us in both the Now and the Not Yet.

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

SONG OF Response

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest
Whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while
In heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 1
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!

COLLEGE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP GROUP, NOVEMBER 15
The **college fellowship group** will be at the **Stuckerts' house on 11/15 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM**. We hope you can join us for good food, fellowship, and discussions about navigating life and faith during the college years! Please contact Jennifer Stuckert to **RSVP by Wednesday, 11/11** (jcurl607@yahoo.com or 404.405.9087).