

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, SEPTEMBER 13

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Searcys' 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.

NO CHILDREN OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 20

There will be **no Sunday school classes on 9/20** due to fall break. Join us on **September 27!**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND BELLS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20

Children in kindergarten (or age 5) through fifth grade are invited to participate in our Children's Choir and Bells program beginning **Sunday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m.** For questions, please contact Stephanie Napper at stephanie@samscreek.net or call or text 404-849-8802.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

College students and young adults are invited to a **Sunday school at 9:30 AM on 9/20** for a class about how to participate in worship and a class on **9/27** about how to grow in your personal devotions. We hope you can join us!

COLLEGE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP GROUP, SEPTEMBER 20

College students are invited to a new fellowship group and lunch at the Stuckerts' house **beginning on 9/20 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, 9/16** (jcurl607@yahoo.com or 404.405.9087).

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

George Maphet will be baptized on **September 20th**. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still seeking **three Preschool volunteers** to serve in our **10:30 a.m. classes once a month**. If you are a member or regular attendee, 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.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

Registration for the presbytery-wide fall youth retreat is now open! Here's everything you need to know:

When: November 6-8

Where: Camp Westminster

Who: 6th-12th graders

Speaker: John Sutton, associate pastor from Grace Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$100 per student

Register: Please see the Weekly Update to **register and pay by October 2nd**. Contact Matt with any questions!



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

*The frustrating Elusiveness of Life
and a Joyful Faith in the fear of the Lord*

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

September 13, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 71:17-24**

~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 - All Creatures of Our God and King**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - 1 Corinthians 15:42-49**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries and Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Gatherer's Call to Remember Your Creator

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

***Song of Response - Death Was Arrested**

~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!**

***Stand**

Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.

Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way
To let mercy come in
When death was arrested
And my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
And my orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet
My feet rose to dance
When death was arrested
And my life began

*Oh your grace, so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with you
It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with you*

Released from my chains
I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom he faithfully bore
He canceled my debt
And he called me His friend
When death was arrested
And my life began
(Chorus)

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced
As though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose
With our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested
And my life began

Response
SONG OF

“THE GATHERER’S CALL TO REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR”

ECCLESIASTES 12:1-8

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to remember Him as our Creator by living with gratitude and joy as we rest content in His love for us in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: Are you passively aging according to the ways of a fallen world or actively maturing in Christ?

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8: Live in Remembrance of God as Your Creator:

Working Definition of Contentment: *Ultimately resting with gratitude and joy in being a beloved child of God who loves to give His children good gifts to form them further into the image of Christ through every circumstance.*

“To remember your Creator is more than to recall that there is a Creator, more also than to think about him from time to time. To remember your Creator means to bring to mind daily what your Creator has done for you and to act on this knowledge. To remember your Creator is to make God central in your life and to focus your life on doing his will.”

Sidney Greidanus, *Preaching Christ from Ecclesiastes: Foundations for Expository Sermons*

Application Questions:

1. *What helps you to actively remember God as your Creator?*
2. *How are you growing in living out this remembrance with gratitude and joy as you rest in His love for you in Christ?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 teaches us that God calls us to remember Him as our Creator by living with gratitude and joy as we rest content in His love for us in Christ.

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

CALL TO Worship

¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

¹⁸ So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

¹⁹ Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

²⁰ You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

²¹ You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

²² I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

²³ My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

²⁴ And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

Psalms 71:17-24

Response
CONGREGATIONAL

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

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds
Of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure
Christ the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Comfort
SONG OF

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

SONG OF
Comfort

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father,
Praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise
SONG OF

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 remember You as our Creator choosing instead to get entangled in the cares and fears of this world (**Ecclesiastes 12:1-8**).

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

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:42-49

(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!