STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 16
We will not have youth group due to the retreat. Plan to join us on November 30th.

PRAY FOR YOUTH RETREAT
Please pray for our youth group as they attend the Northwest Georgia Presbytery youth retreat this weekend. 29 students from CCC will attend along with 7 youth leaders, Ransley, John, and Matt and his family. Please ask the Lord to use this time to build up the next generation in their union with Christ and in fellowship with one another!

NO CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OR CHOIR & BELLS
We will not have Sunday School classes or Choir and Bells on **November 23rd,** the beginning of Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume November 30th.

MISSIONS AT CCC UPDATE
As of **11/9, we have given $17,280**. **We need $4,420 by 11/30** to stay on budget. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to support God's kingdom near and far!

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CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Gospel According to

MARK

Knowing and Following the Son of God

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 CELEBEBRATION

November 16. 2025

Prelude
~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 59:14-20**
~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 -** ***Arise, O God, And Shine
~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 -** ***God Be Merciful To Me
King of Kings
~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Bruce Clark, RUF Intern @ KSU and
First Presbyterian Church, Summerville
~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus, the Suffering King
Mark 15:1-15

Song of Response -** ***Steadfast
~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

Steadfast

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care
I will rest secure
And you lead us with your light
You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast

I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy,
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!
You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness,
You are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast
You are steadfast, steadfast

"Jesus, the Suffering King"
Mark 15:1-15
Cameron Barham

Key Truth: <u>Jesus makes it possible for us to follow Him in suffering and persecution because of His faithful suffering and persecution for us.</u>

Introduction:

Q: ***How does the fear of suffering and persecution affect how you live?***

Mark 15:1-15: Pilate's Fear and Jesus's Faithful Suffering:

"The choice of Barabbas represents the human preference for the one who represents our narrow personal hopes—in this particular case, a perverted nationalism. He appeals to our basic instinct to protect our interests, with violence if necessary. In contemporary culture, we have been indoctrinated to prefer the violent answer over the peaceful one….Our heroes become the Barabbases of the world, who take matters into their own hands and dispatch the enemy with brute force or clever trickery. If the vote came today, then, Barabbas would likely win again, hands down. We are most comfortable with the violent machismo of the knight-errant than with the passive suffering of a seemingly powerless savior who submits to beatings and mockery."
David E. Garland, ***Mark: The NIV Application Commentary***

Application Questions:

1. ***What suffering and/or persecution has Jesus made it possible for you to follow Him in for God's glory, ultimately your joy, and the life of the world?***
2. ***How did He minister to you and use it to shape you into further into His image?***

Application:
Mark 15:1-15 teaches us that Jesus makes it possible for us to follow Him in suffering and persecution because of His faithful suffering and persecution for us.

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

CALL TO Worship

14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands
far away; for truth has stumbled in the public
squares, and uprightness cannot enter.
15 Truth is lacking, and he who departs from
evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and
it displeased him that there was no justice.
16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered
that there was no one to intercede; then his own
arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness
upheld him.
17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a
helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments
of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in
zeal as a cloak.
18 According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath
to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the
coastlands he will render repayment.
19 So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the
west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for
he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind
of the Lord drives.
20 "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in
Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the
Lord.

Isaiah 59:14-20

CONGREGATIONAL Response

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.

SONG OF Comfort

King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me, ohh

SONG OF Comfort

God Be Merciful To Me

God be merciful to me,
On Thy grace, I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, o cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt, my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just,
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord
And my mouth shall praise accord

SONG OF Praise

Arise, O God, and Shine

Arise, O God, and shine
In all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
To spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
And learn Thy holy ways
Reign, mighty God
Assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious power
That everyone may see
And earth present her store
In converts born to Thee
God, our own God
His Church will bless
And fill the world
With righteousness

To God, the only Wise
The one immortal King
Let hallelujahs rise
From every living thing
Let all that breathe, on every coast
Praise Father, Son,
And Holy Ghost

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 seek to avoid suffering and persecution in Christ's name, fearing what others can do to us.
(**Mark 15:1-15**)

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

28 Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left
everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said,
"Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has
left house or brothers or sisters or mother or
father or children or lands, for my sake and
for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a
hundredfold now in this time, houses and
brothers and sisters and mothers and children
and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to
come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will
be last, and the last first."

Mark 10:28-31

(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!