

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Student Leadership Program is back and partnering with Must Ministries and their Summer Lunch Program. They hope to **raise \$2,500 to assemble 200 meal kits** that will go to children in the community who face food insecurity during the summer months. **To donate, select Summer Lunch Program on Tithely by July 12th.** If you have any questions see SLP members Shamus Yandle Jr. or Ellie Maphet.

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER SESSION, JULY 12

The youth group will be gathering at the **Searcys' house** for a night of worship and fellowship on **July 12 from 6:30-8pm**. We will discuss what youth group is all about and how to participate in our student ministry. **Rising 6th through 12th graders are invited.** If you would like to provide a snack to share, see the SignUp Genius in the Weekly Update. See John (hopperpo@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK, JULY 17

The youth group will gather at **Swift-Cantrell Park** on **7/14** to play games and spend time in fellowship from **6:30 to 8pm**. **Rising 3rd graders through 12th graders and their parents** are invited. Parents of 3rd - 5th graders are requested to stay. Parents, please reach out to John (hopperpo@gmail.com) if you plan on staying or have any questions.

JULY PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please pray for the **elders and deacons** as they meet on **Sunday, 7/19**.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, JULY 19

Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

VBS AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We have an opportunity to serve with, and be served by, Hope Presbyterian Church (4101 Sandy Plains Rd., Marietta, GA 30066).

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held **July 20-24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to assist teachers, help with games, and serve in other roles. If you are available to help, please contact Eugene and Katie McKinnon at ekatmckinnon@gmail.com.

Hope Presbyterian Church also invites our children to attend VBS! To register, visit:

<https://hopepca.org/vacation-bible-school-2026/>.

COMMUNION SETUP VOLUNTEER

We are looking for a volunteer to prepare the communion trays and set up the table before service. If you are interested or would like more information please reach out to Bonnie.

YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of a **new meeting location for our middle school group**. We also need **four youth leaders for the 2026-27 ministry year**. Please contact Matt if you would like to learn more about either opportunity!



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

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

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

July 12, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 33:18-22**

~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 - Good to Me**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - 2 Corinthians 4:7-15**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - Abide With Me**

All Must Be Well

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Eric & Rebecca Larsen. Next Ministries and Grace Church, Canton

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Gatherer's Humble Confession of Dependency Upon God Ecclesiastes 9:1-6

CCC Family Addition- Kevin & Shelby Vioria

~Our commitment to the life of the Church

***Song of Response - You've Already Won**

~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**

~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.*

You've Already Won

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace
That's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won
I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need you will provide
Just like you always have

*I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what you're doing
But I know what you've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won*

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
And I'll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well (*Chorus*)

I know how the story ends
We will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense
No More fear in life or death
I know how the story ends
We will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense
No More fear in life or death...
I know how this story ends (*Chorus*)

Response
SONG OF

“THE GATHERER’S HUMBLE CONFESSION OF
DEPENDENCE UPON GOD”
ECCLESIASTES 9:1-6
ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: No joy can be full, and no difficulty adequately overcome, until we recognize and submit to the truth that it is God alone who directs our steps.

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6: Our Ways Are in the Hand of God:

“God’s ways are known only partially. For one reason, if He were to reveal them all to us, our limited minds would be full and we *still* would know only part of His ways. But we would not want to know all His ways. They would be frightening, not only in the number of His ways, but in their complexity, their tolerance for evil [i.e. His patience with sinners like us], their way-too-distant resolution to what in our minds are pressing issues. We do not want to know all God’s future ways; we simply could not handle it. Problems known in advance, but concerning which we are helpless, consume all our precious attention now. It is not God’s judgment that we know only some of His ways; it is His blessing.”

Daniel Fredericks & Daniel Estes, *Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs*

Application Questions:

1. *Do you believe that God has ordained, cares about, and directs the particular circumstances of each day of your life?*
2. *What difference is this belief making for how you think about your circumstances? What difference is it making for how you make your plans? What difference is it making for how you are training your emotions to respond to the swiftly changing current of events?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6 teaches us that no joy can be full, and no difficulty adequately overcome, until we recognize and submit to the truth that it is God alone who directs our steps.

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

CALL TO Worship

- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those
who fear him, on those who hope in his
steadfast love,
¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from
death and keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
²¹ For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O Lord,
be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalms 33:18-22

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

Comfort
SONG OF

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand
Stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation
All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's Guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow
All will be well
Faith can sing
Through days of sorrow
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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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

SONG OF
Comfort

Good To Me

I put all my hope
On the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart
On the ground of Your goodness
When I'm bowed down with sorrow
I will lift up Your name
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

*Because You are
Good to me, good to me
You are
Good to me, good to me
You are good to me*

I lift my eyes
To the hills where my help is found
Your voice fills the night
Raise my head up to hear the sound
Though fires burn all around me
I will praise You, my God
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

*Your goodness and mercy
Shall follow me
All my life
I trust in Your promise*

SONG OF
Praise

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 believe that our lives are within our own control and power, rather than humbly resting in Your sovereign and particular care for us in life and in death (**Ecclesiastes 9:1-6**).

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

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

(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!