

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, DECEMBER 7

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.

PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please pray for the elders who will meet on Tuesday, 12/9.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA, DECEMBER 13

Ladies and high school girls, join us for a Christmas tea and "Favorite Things" gift exchange on **December 13th from 10 am to 12 pm**. We will gather at **Amanda Maphet's house for food, fellowship, and a gift exchange**. Simply bring your favorite thing (no more than \$10) already wrapped, and you will go home with someone else's favorite thing. **For more details and to RSVP, please see the weekly update or reach out to Amanda Maphet (678-895-7115 or amanda.maphet@gmail.com)**. We hope to see you there!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The holidays are a time when food insecurity is high and this year's needs are particularly acute. In order to maximize our impact we will be **collecting funds through December 14th** in support of MUST Ministries. The deacons have graciously agreed to match any money given up to \$2,500! Funds can be given to **Christmas Ministries Giving**, just please note that it is for the food drive. If you have any questions, **please contact Kelsey Blackman or Anna Eubanks**

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, DECEMBER 14

We will not have **Kindergarten – 5th grade Sunday school classes on 12/14** to allow the children time to rehearse choir and bells before the service.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, DECEMBER 14

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

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 21

College students and young adults are invited to a Christmas party at the **O'Sullivans' at 7:00 PM**. Please see the Sign Up Genius in the Weekly Update to bring a treat to share and **RSVP to Matt by 12/17** to learn about the game we will play together.

REFORMED SINGLES SUMMIT, JANUARY 16-18

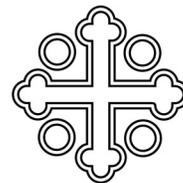
Christ Covenant Church, OPC is hosting the annual Reformed Singles Summit the weekend of **January 16th-18th**. This year's theme is Wisdom and the **cost is \$65**. Matt will serve as one of the speakers. **You can go to reformedsingles.org to learn more and to register!**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON DEACON CANDIDATES

We will hold a congregational meeting on **Sunday, 1/18**, after worship to vote on our current deacon candidates Kenny Joseph, Jared McLeroy, and Scott Searcy. We will send an email out with more information in the next week.

SESSION UPDATE

Marc Start has resigned from the Session, **effective November 30**, to focus on personal matters. Marc and Paula are initiating plans to relocate to Michigan in the second half of 2026. Marc would like to thank the Session and congregation for the opportunity to serve on the Session over the past 10 years.



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH



OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
December 07, 2025

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 43:1-7**

~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 Come Divine Messiah**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 10:13-16**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - O Come, All You Unfaithful**

Tell Me The Story of Jesus

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Grace Potter, RUF @ KSU and

Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus, The King Who Was Buried

Mark 15:42-47

Baptism - Emma Doyle

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - Gratitude**

~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**

Gratitude

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude?

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

*So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arm stretched wide
I will worship You
(Chorus)

[Bridge 2x's]
So come on, my soul
Oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion
Inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Response
SONG OF

“JESUS, THE KING WHO WAS BURIED”

MARK 15:42-47

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: Jesus calls us to grow in our knowledge of Him by seeking His Kingdom above everything else.

Introduction:

Q: *What are you hoping for the coming year to bring?*

Mark 15:42-47: Looking for the Kingdom of God:

“Now faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods. For moods will change, whatever view your reason takes. That is why faith is such a necessary virtue: unless you teach your moods ‘where they get off,’ you can never be either a sound Christian or even a sound atheist, but just a creature dithering to and fro, with its beliefs really dependent on the weather and the state of its digestion. Consequently, one must train the habit of faith. The first step is to recognize the fact that your moods change. The next is to make sure that, if you have once accepted Christianity, then some of its main doctrines shall be deliberately held before your mind for some time every day. We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither this belief nor any other will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Application Questions:

1. *What role is Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom of God playing in how you interpret the world around you?*
2. *In what ways are you feeding your faith in Jesus, the Son of God? What role is this playing in how you view and react to the challenges and difficulties of life?*

Application:

Mark 15:42-47 teaches us that Jesus calls us to grow in our knowledge of Him by seeking His Kingdom above everything else.

Benediction: *2 Peter 3:14, 18*

CALL TO Worship

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Isaiah 43:1-7

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

Tell Me The Story of Jesus

Tell me the story of Jesus
Write on my heart every word
Tell me the story most precious
Sweetest that ever was heard
Tell how the angels in chorus
Sang as they welcomed His birth
"Glory to God in the highest
Peace and good tidings to earth

Tell of the cross
Where they nailed Him
Writhing in anguish and pain
Tell of the grave where they laid Him
Tell how He liveth again
Love in that story so tender
Clearer than ever I see
Stay, let me weep while you whisper
"Love paid the ransom for me."

Tell how He's gone back to heaven
Up to the right hand of God
How He is there interceding
While on this earth we must tread
Tell of the sweet Holy Spirit
He has poured out from above
Tell how He's coming in glory
For all the saints of His love

Tell me the story of Jesus
Write on my heart every word
Tell me the story most precious
Sweetest that ever was heard
Sweetest that ever was heard

SONG OF
Comfort

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken
Come, with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

*He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe*

So come, though you have nothing
Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you
Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

O Come, Divine Messiah

O come, Divine Messiah
The world is longing for the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flies away

*Dear Savior come to tired earth
And bring the grace of dawn
Dispel the night with Thy face
Come, Messiah, Come*

*O come, Divine Messiah, come
O come, Divine Messiah, come*

O Thou whom nations sigh for
Whom priest and prophet long Foretold
Does break the captive fetters
And bring the wayward home

There is hope today
That God Himself might shine
Upon our souls and say
Unto you a Savior comes, and
Everything will change
Everything will change
There is hope today
That God Himself will take
Our wounded world and say
Unto you a Savior comes, and
Everything will change
Everything will change

SONG OF
Comfort

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 have often allowed hopeless feelings to grow in our hearts by our lack of careful reflection on the Kingship of Jesus.
(Mark 15:42-47)

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

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Mark 10:13-16

(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!