STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 23
We will not have youth group tonight due to Thanksgiving school break. Plan to join us on November 30th.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING
The church office will be **closed November 24th - 28th** and will **reopen December 1.**

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, NOVEMBER 30
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

WOMEN'S EVENT, DECEMBER 13
Save the date for an upcoming women's holiday gathering. More details to follow soon!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 14
6th - 12th graders are invited to our **annual Christmas party from 5:00 to 8:00 on 12/14**. We will have dinner, carols, and games, including a white elephant gift exchange ($10 limit). Please **RSVP to Matt by 12/5** so he can send you information about some other games we will play. More information to follow soon!

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**

Scan this QR code for Online Giving, Visitor Information and Prayer Requests

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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 23. 2025

Prelude
~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 53:1-6**
~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 - *Great Are You Lord
~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 8:34-38**
~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *My Worth Is Not in What I Own
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, RUF @ KSU and Riverside Community Church, Cartersville
~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus, the King Who Is Mocked
Mark 15:16-32

Song of Response - *The Goodness of Jesus
~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

The Goodness of Jesus

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love
And comfort for your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Oh the goodness,
The goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may,
That I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

Come find what this world
Cannot offer
Come and find your joy
Here complete
Taste the living water,
Never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace
(Chorus)

Come and find your hope
Now in Jesus
He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing
From the Savior's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace
(Chorus)

"Jesus, the King Who Is Mocked"
Mark 15:16-32
Robby Baxter

Key Truth: <u>Jesus is our King who patiently endured the shame of the cross and the mockery of the world so that we may be clothed with His holiness and dignity.</u>

Introduction:

Q: ***How do you handle being mocked or belittled? How do you deal with feeling ashamed or embarrassed?***

Mark 15:16-32: The Glory of the King Who Is Mocked:

"The unity of the Church with Jesus Christ is found only in its dependence. On the strength of what the Church has and represents, it is exposed to all kinds of questioning [from the world]. It is the refuge neither of all the good or better, nor of the knowing or those who know better, nor of activists and those who accomplish great deeds. That the Church's being and activity are valid is not founded on the state in which it exists. [The Church] can only be regarded as legitimate for the faith which responds to its proclamation, and that faith is not directed toward it but to Jesus Christ. It is probably the immense danger in the so-called 'Christian West' that generally the 'Church' or 'Christianity' is regarded as valid [and honorable] on the basis of criteria which are not relevant, while simultaneously practical atheism holds sway."

Otto Webber, ***Foundations of Dogmatics, Vol. II***

Application Questions:

1. ***In what ways are you still seeking to legitimate your life and identity on the basis of criteria that are no longer relevant in light of the cross of Christ?***
2. ***What role is your union with Christ playing in how you think about your identity, your future, and your place in the world?***

Application:

Mark 15:16-32 teaches us that Jesus is our King who patiently endured the shame of the cross and the mockery of the world so that we may be clothed with His holiness and dignity.

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

Call to Worship

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been
revealed?
2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground; he had no
form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man
of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as
one from whom men hide their faces he was
despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our
sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten
by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he
was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was
the chastisement that brought us peace, and
with his wounds we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
turned—every one—to his own way; and the
Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:1-6

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*

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks
Deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate
And friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
God of heaven, I am Thine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith
And winged by prayer
Heaven’s eternal days before thee
God’s own hand
Shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

SONG OF Comfort

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love…
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed…
At the cross

And I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
And I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us…
At the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ…
At the cross
(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid…
At the cross
(Chorus)

SONG OF Praise

Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord
(Chorus)

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry,
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (2x)
(Chorus)

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 have often joined in the doubting and mocking attitude of the world towards Jesus's authority, power, and love **(Mark 15:16-32).**

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

34 And calling the crowd to him with his
disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would
come after me, let him deny himself and take
up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever
would save his life will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will
save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain
the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For
what can a man give in return for his soul?
38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my
words in this adulterous and sinful generation,
of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed
when he comes in the glory of his Father with
the holy angels."

Mark 8:34-38

(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!