

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 22

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.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON WITH THE PASTORS

College students are invited to join us for lunch with the pastors today, immediately following the worship service. The lunch will be at the Skeen's house at 985 Kennesaw Due West Rd, Kennesaw.

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, MARCH 29

We will not have Sunday school classes on March 29th due to Children's Choir and Bells practice.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, MARCH 29

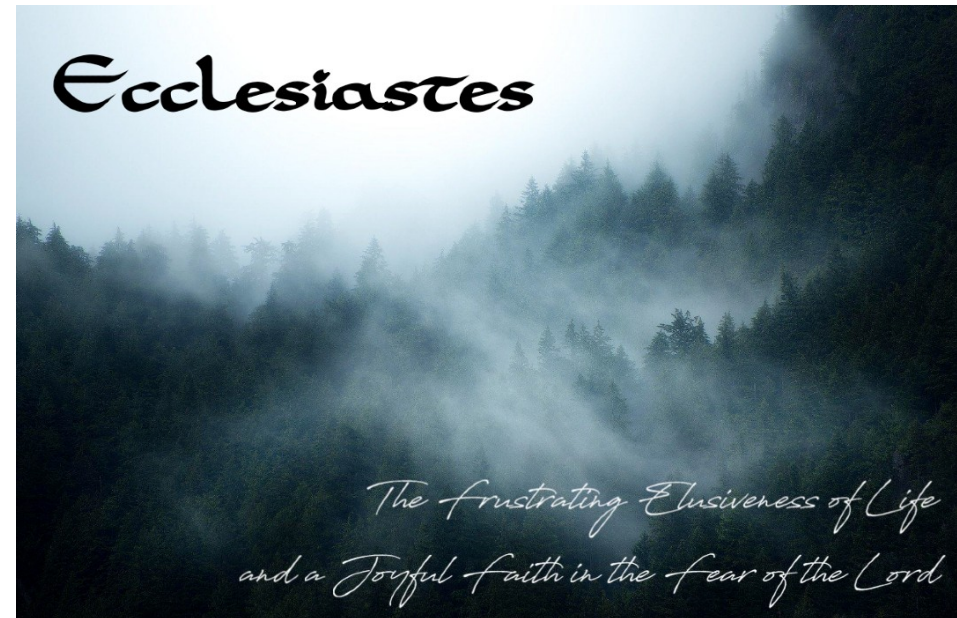
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 3

Join us at KCC on Friday, 4/3, at 6:30 pm for our Good Friday Service. No childcare provided.

WORSHIP SERVICE LOCATION, APRIL 26

Join us for worship at 8:45 a.m. at RTS Atlanta (1580 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta 30067). Please note that there will be no children's or youth classes that morning.



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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
March 22, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 9:1-10**

~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 - A Mighty Fortress**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Revelation 7:9-17**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - A Prayer for the Brokenhearted**

How Long?

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Tim & Rhianna Mills, MTW Thailand and
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Dallas**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Gatherer's Wisdom for Living in an Unjust World, Part 2
Ecclesiastes 4:1-6**

***Song of Response - Comfort, Comfort, Now My People**

~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.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Comfort, comfort
Now my people
Tell of his peace with no end
Comfort, comfort
Those in darkness
Tell them that God's pardon
Waits for them

*The Glory of the Lord
Now on earth is shed
In deserts far and near
He will raise what's dead
His peace has now
Been spoken
His word is never broken
The Kingdom of our God
Is now here*

Straight shall, straight shall
Be what's crooked
Making all the rougher
Places plain
Let your, let your
Hearts be humble
Befitting our God's glory
And his reign
(Chorus)

Let the valleys
Rise to meet him
The hills all will bow down
Let the valleys
Rise to meet him
The hills bow down
In Praise
Let the valleys
Rise to meet him
The hills bow down
In Praise...
(Chorus)

Response
SONG OF

“THE GATHERER’S WISDOM FOR LIVING IN AN UNJUST WORLD,
PART 2”

CAMERON BARHAM
ECCLESIASTES 4:1-6

Key Truth: God calls us to live wisely in an unjust world by mortifying our envy of what others have and vivifying our joy in what He gives us in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: *What / Who do you envy? Why?*

Ecclesiastes 4:1-6: The Making of a More Just World Begins in the Heart:

“(The Gatherer’s) goal is to urge his readers, in view of the wickedness, oppressions, and envy in the world, not to slave away in ruthless competition with their neighbors but to enjoy their work and its fruits with quietness.”

Sidney Greidanus, *Preaching Christ from Ecclesiastes*

Application Questions:

1. *What helps you to mortify your envy of what others have?*
2. *What helps you to not be lazy or frenetic in the work God has entrusted to you?*
3. *What helps you to vivify your joy in God’s gifts for you?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 4:1-6 teaches us that God calls us to live wisely in an unjust world by mortifying our envy of what others have and vivifying our joy in what He gives us in Christ.

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

CALL TO Worship

- ¹ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- ² I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- ³ When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence.
- ⁴ For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
- ⁵ You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- ⁶ The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.
- ⁷ But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,
- ⁸ and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.
- ⁹ The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
- ¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 9:1-10

CONGREGATIONAL
Response

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

SONG OF
Comfort

How Long?

How long
Will You turn Your face away?
How long
Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on,
Still we walk this pilgrim way
How long?

How long
'Til Your children find their rest?
How long
'Til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on
Holding to Your promises
How long?

*'Til You wipe away the tears
From ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending From the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long
'Til Your word will still the storm?
How long
'Til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan
'Til You snatch us from the thorns How long?

How long?
Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long?
Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on...
Great that cloud of witnesses!
How long?

SONG OF
Comfort

A Prayer for the Brokenhearted

No day in my life has past
That hasn't proved me guilty
Prayers are uttered too fast
From a heart that's cold and empty

*Oh Blessed Jesus,
May we find
A covert in thy wounds
Though our sins,
They rise to meet us
How they fall next to the merits
Of you*

All in me calls for this
It calls for my rejection
This heavy unrighteousness
Oh is there no protection?
My best services are rags
My best deeds are filthy

Grant me hear thy shoring voice
That in thy wounds is pardon
Grant me see thy willing choice
To make my hard heart softened
Keep the broken-hearted sure
Clinging to thy cross, our cure

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not His equal

If we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name,
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world
With devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
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*A mighty fortress is our God
His kingdom is forever (4x's)*

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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 too often envy what others have causing us to doubt Your love for us through what you give us in Christ **(Ecclesiastes 4:1-6)**.

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

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 7:9-17

(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!