



WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. No matter what your previous experience with church may be, it is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and power for your life. This folder will guide you as we worship together.

Welcome to Christ Community Church!
If you are visiting with us today,
please stop by the welcome desk in the foyer.



Seeking Christ's Kingdom in West Gainesville

Our construction project continues to progress! We are building an addition that includes a new, 600-seat sanctuary, expanded lobby and meeting spaces, an expanded children's area, offices and additional classroom space. The project will also include a second entrance and more parking. We praise God for his provision and honor the hard work, leadership, and sacrificial giving of so many that have brought us this far. Thank you!

Defining Moments is a two-year strategic giving initiative for the future of Christ Community Church and the kingdom in Gainesville. We are developing the rest of our property and building an addition to our current building. We want to create a space for others to be invited to Christ's banquet while also holding on to the distinctives that have made Christ Community such a beautiful place to belong.

To learn more, or to give towards this initiative,
visit cccgainesville.com/defining-moments.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

*All music by permission CCLI #2054302) *Please silence your cell phones at this time.
CCC-Guest WiFi Password: Matthew7:7*

9:30 am - Worship

9:30 am - Children's Sunday School

11 am - Worship

11 am - Children's Sunday School (Birth -5th)

Prelude

Joy to the World

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:6-7

Leader: For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**UNISON: Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

Prayer of Invocation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa, 2013.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry; in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ who condescended; took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: He the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment; of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord he is alive.
What a foretaste of deliv'rance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected; as we will be when he comes.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Words: Traditional French Carol, translated by James Chadwick, 1860.

Music: Traditional French melody, arranged by Edward S. Barnes, 1937.

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

Refrain

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
sing with us our Savior's birth.

Refrain

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth....For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We light these candles as a sign and symbol of the coming light of Christ.

UNISON: Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Trisagion

Words: Early Church, year unknown. Music: Fernando Ortega, 2004.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us

Silent Confession

Comfort: Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

UNISON: ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Words & Music: English carol, 18th century, Arr. CCC, 2016.

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.

Refrain:

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

Refrain

“Fear not” then said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan’s pow’r and might

Refrain

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The blessed babe to find.

Refrain

Tithes & Offerings: Deliver Us

*The offering is a time to not only give of your possessions but also to give yourself to God.
Use this time to reflect, meditate and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

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Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1674.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon Text: John 1:14-18

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Sermon: The Word Became Flesh

Tim Hayse

1. Beholding Glory**2. Receiving Grace**

Joy to the World

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: Lowell Mason, 1836.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Benediction

Dismissed with God's Blessing



~Year End Giving~

Thank you for your generous support of our church!

As a reminder, for tax deductible donations,
all mailed checks must be postmarked before Dec 31st and
all online donations must be made before Dec 31st.

If you would like to drop off a donation, it needs to be received by
Monday, December 29th
due to the office being closed for the New Year holiday.

For ways to give, please check-out our website at:
www.cccgainesville.com/give

Annual Giving Statements for **2025** will be mailed in January.

If your mailing address and/or other contact information has changed,
please notify us at office@christcommunitychurch.com to ensure receipt
of your contribution statement.



Next Step & Communicants Class

February 1st & 8th

Attendance at all classes is required.



Summer 2026 Save the Date

June 8-13 - High School Camp

June 15-19 - VBS

July 6-10 - Middle School Camp

July 13-17 - Art Camp for Girls Week 1

July 20-24 - Art Camp for Girls Week 2

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WELCOME TO CHRIST COMMUNITY

**Please drop this card in the offering
box as you leave today.**

**We would love to help you get
connected at Christ Community!**

Tell us about yourself!

Check the box that applies to you.

- ☐ Local Guest
- ☐ Member/Regular Attendee
- ☐ Out of Town Guest

How can you get connected?

*I would like more information
about...*

- ☐ Children's Ministries
- ☐ Community Groups
- ☐ Next Steps Class
- ☐ Church Events
- ☐ Youth
- ☐ College
- ☐ Men's/Women's Ministry
- ☐ Local Missions/Service
- ☐ Music and Tech
- ☐ Set-up & Tear-down Team

**Please provide us with your
information so we may contact you
with further details.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ I want to receive weekly emails.

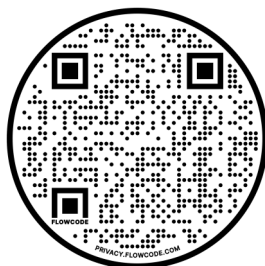
PRAYER NEEDS:

Name: _____

Contact: _____

- ☐ Please submit my request on the church email prayer chain.

*Use this code
if you would like more information
on how to get connected
OR if you would like to
make an online donation:*



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Elders are ordained leaders elected by this congregation to provide direction, oversight and pastoral care to Christ Community.

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Deacons serve the congregation in its physical needs and encourage us toward love and service for others in need. You can contact our deacons at deacons@christcommunitychurch.com.

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