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CHRIST
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

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.

VISION

Why do we exist?
To join Christ in his renewal of all things.

MISSION

How is our mission realized?
Love God, Love People, Love Gainesville.

Luke 10:27

²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

John 13:34-35

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

College & Adults

If you are looking for ways to get connected,
contact *Chris Musgrove* at cmusgrove@christcommunitychurch.com.

Youth

If you have middle school or high school kids that want to get connected, contact *Jason Peters* at jpeters@christcommunitychurch.com.

Children

If you have children that are elementary age or younger and want to get connected, contact *Ahysa Traylor* at kids@christcommunitychurch.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

*All music by permission CCLI #2054302) *Please silence your cell phones at this time.*

CCC-Guest WiFi Password: Matthew7:7

10:45 am - Worship (One Service Today)

10:45 am - Children's Sunday School

Call to Worship:

Leader: The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;

**UNISON: on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is our life and light.
In his name and in his power, let us worship God!
—based on Isaiah 9:2, NIV

Prayer of Invocation

O Immanuel,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Lord of might,
O Branch of Jesse's stem,
O Key of David,
O Bright and Morning Star,
O King of nations,
We rejoice and are glad
on this bright Christmas morning,
for truly you have come,
full of grace and truth.
Even now, come into our hearts again.
Show us the path of knowledge.
Comfort us in our mourning.
Save us from our sin.
Open wide our way to heaven.
Turn our darkness into light.
End our sad divisions
and be our King of peace,
so that every creature in heaven and on earth
will join in a chorus of praise,
and shout with joy to you, our Lord. Amen.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840;
Arr. William H. Cummings, 1855.*

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Refrain

Confession

**UNISON: O God, in the beginning you spoke,
and creation was born, the object of your loving care.
In the fullness of time you spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.
This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.
We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Comfort - John 1:14-18

Leader: 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; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus 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.

"Fear not" then said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Saviour
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

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.

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 his 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 men 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 the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living 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.

Tithes & Offerings: Away From The Manger The Refugee King

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.

Visit cccgainesville.com/give

Sermon Text: Matthew 1:19-24, 2:13-15

¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,

Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Sermon: Joseph

Tim Hayse

1. Jesus

2. Emmanuel

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



HAPPY
new year

JOIN CCC FOR
WORSHIP AT 10:45 A.M.
JANUARY 2, 2022

Two services will resume (9:00am a.m. &
10:45 a.m.) on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

CCC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
SUNDAY SCHOOL

UNTIL JANUARY 9, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WILL NOT HAVE
SUNDAY SCHOOL. ONLY CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH
(INFANT - 5TH GRADE)



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A men's bible study on I Peter will begin on January 11. The group will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:45 a.m. at CCC. It will conclude on Tuesday, April 12.

Led by Mark Searby.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

We will be sending out **2021** Annual Giving Statements in January and want to be sure our records are up-to-date. As a reminder, IRS regulations require year-end gifts to be received or postmarked by **December 31**.

If your mailing address and/or other contact information has recently changed, please notify info@christcommunitychurch.com.

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WELCOME TO CHRIST COMMUNITY

Please drop this card in the offering basket as it comes by you. 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
- Joining the Church
- Church Events
- Youth
- College
- Men's/Women's Ministry
- Local Missions/Service
- Music and Tech

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I want to receive weekly emails.

