



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 28, 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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:3-5

Leader: A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

**UNISON: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Prayer of Invocation

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.

Refrain

*Repeat the sounding joy,
the sounding joy, the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy,
the sounding joy, the sounding joy.*

No more let sins and sorrows 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.

Confession:

UNISON: God of power and mercy,
you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things that hinder love of you, that when he comes,
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Comfort:

Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from
the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come.

UNISON: Thanks be to God!

—based on Psalm 85:9-13, NRSV

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Words & Music: Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, and Matthew Merker, Matt Papa, 2020.

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain:
O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Refrain

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him,
there we will rise to meet the Lord.
Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours forevermore.

Refrain

His Mercy is More

Words & Music: Matt Papa, 2016.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts no their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Refrain (2x)

Apostle's Creed

**UNISON: I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**AND IN JESUS CHRIST, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Tithes & Offerings: Days Of Elijah

*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 1:19-28

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Sermon: Lessons from (His)tory: John the Baptist's Story*Paul Lim*

Grace Will Prevail

Words and Music: Kirk Sauers and Paul J. Ranhelm, 2019.

Grace will prevail
Though the darkness is strong and the burden weighs heavy and long
Grace will prevail
For our God is the light, rending the cover of night
Grace will prevail

Refrain:

*Wait for the Lord our God; Wait for the Lord our God
Wait for the Lord
Our rest and reward and our peace*

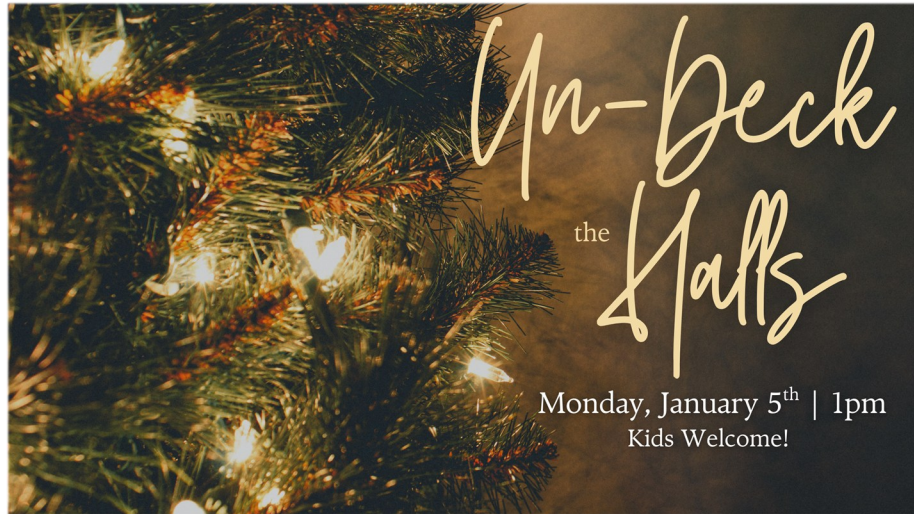
Grace will prevail
In the valleys of shame where the echoes of failure remain
Grace will prevail
With a cry to the Lord; There's a mountain of mercy in store
Grace will prevail
Refrain

Grace will prevail
Through the wreckage and storm and the brokenness washed on the shore
Grace will prevail
Though an ocean we cry; He is with us and weeps by our side
Till the day they forever run dry
Refrain

*Take heart he has overcome the world; He has overcome
(Repeat)*

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.

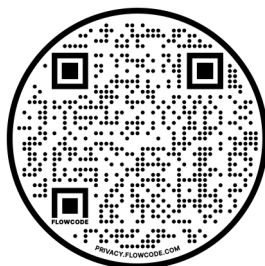
PRAYER NEEDS:

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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