

Christ 
Community Church

Love God. Love People. Love Gainesville.

*Prepare the way of
the Lord*

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.

We are a church that longs to
"joyfully live as reflections of God's love in Gainesville."

We believe that Jesus is the perfect embodiment of that Love.

How do we live joyfully?

We live joyfully by living in union with Christ and our creational intent to **love God** as His adopted children. We also believe that this is done in the community of the church where we **love people** and rest together in his grace, in hope that we might reflect his **love for Gainesville** in seeking His Kingdom in every avenue of our city. We long to see lives, relationships and our city renewed by the redemptive love of Jesus.

We acknowledge that this is a hope,
not at which we have arrived, but by His GRACE
we are closer to this today than we were last week.

We exist to join Christ in his renewal of all things
by experiencing and extending his love
throughout Gainesville and its surrounding communities.
All are welcome at Christ Community Church,
a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

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

Ways to Get Connected

College & Adults - *Chris Musgrove at cmusgrove@christcommunitychurch.com*

Youth - *Jason Peters at jpeters@christcommunitychurch.com*

Children - *Alysa Traylor at kids@christcommunitychurch.com*

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

*All music by permission CCLI #2054302) *Please silence your cell phones at this time.
CCC-Guest WiFi Password: Matthen7:7*

9:00 am - Men's Discipleship Group at the
Church Office

9:30 am - Worship

9:30 am - Children's Church

11 am - Worship

11 am - Children's Sunday School

11 am - Youth Sunday School at the
Church Office

Prelude

Come and Rest

Call to Worship—Psalm 29:1-4

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

UNISON: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.

UNISON: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Our God

Words & Music: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge, 2011.

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain

*Behold our God seated on his throne;
Come, let us adore him.*

*Behold our King—nothing can compare;
Come, let us adore him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Refrain

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign.

Refrain

*Behold our God seated on his throne;
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our King—nothing can compare;
Come, let us adore him.*

You will reign forever (Let your glory fill the earth).

Confession

**UNISON: Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake,
and grant that we might walk in the ways of love and justice,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Comfort: Romans 8:1-2

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Words & Music: Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker and 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:
O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

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

You Are My Vision

Words & Music: Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Rend Collective 2011.

You are my vision, O King of my heart;
Nothing else satisfies, only You Lord!
You are my best thought; by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

You are my wisdom, You are my true word;
I ever with You and You with me, Lord;
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son;
You dwell inside me, together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight;
You are my dignity, You're my delight!
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower;
Come raise me heavenward, O Power of my power.

I don't want riches or man's empty praise;
You're my inheritance, now and always;
You and You only, the first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure You are.

High King of heaven when victory's won;
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Greeting One Another & Children's Dismissal

Please take a couple minutes to stand and greet those around you.

Children are dismissed to Children's Church at this time. 1st Service: Birth - 3rd grade

2nd Service: Birth - 5th grade (Please encourage children to walk calmly to class.)

Tithes & Offerings: Across the Lands

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

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: Esther 4:1-17

¹ When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry. ² He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. ³ And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴ When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them.

⁵ Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. ⁶ Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷ and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. ⁹ And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, ¹¹ "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

¹² And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. ¹³ Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

¹⁷ Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Sermon: For Such a Time is This

Jason Peters

- 1. A Cry: Seeing the Broken**
- 2. A Call: Seeing Hope**
- 3. A Choice: Seeing Purpose**

All Must Be Well

Words: Mary Bowley Peters, Matthew S. Smith. Music: Matthew S. Smith

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor; all is well .
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us.
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation; all is well.
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful if in Christ abiding.
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow; all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well.

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Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well.

Benediction

Dismissed with God's Blessing

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT! 5-7 P.M.

Holy Week at CCC

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6 @ 5:30 p.m.
Communion & worship around
tables, dinner provided.

Easter Sunday

Worship @ 10 a.m.
Egg hunt begins @ 9:30 a.m.
Breakfast @ 9 a.m.



Communicants Sunday

On Palm Sunday, our communicants class will take
their first communion together. Please join us in
celebrating our children!

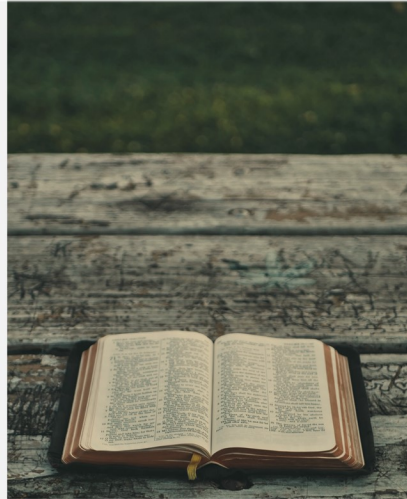
INTRODUCING CCC

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

April 16, 23, & 30

Are you interested in learning more about church membership? Join us for a new members class during the **9:30 a.m. service**.

Please email info@christcommunitychurch.com to sign up!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date for VBS 2023!
Monday, June 5 - Friday, June 9
9:00 a.m. - Noon
All children grades K-5th are welcome
Adult and youth volunteers needed!



Art Camp 2023

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for
A Seed to Sow!**
**Limited spots offered for each week:
July 17-21 or July 24-28**

Counselors are needed! We are accepting applications from high school and college age counselors. Visit artcampforgirls.org to apply!

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WELCOME TO CHRIST COMMUNITY

Please drop this card in the offering basket 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
- 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.

PRAYER NEEDS:

Name: _____

Contact: _____

Please submit my request on the church email prayer chain.

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

DEACONS:

- Kevin Currier
- Chris Dodd
- Brad Patterson
- Frank Stankunas
- Joel Traylor

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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