

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 5, 2023

*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 Church*

9:30 am - *Men's Discipleship Group at the
Church Office*

11 am - *Worship*

11 am - *Children's Sunday School*

11 am - *Youth Sunday School at the
Church Office*

Prelude

His Mercy Is More

Call to Worship - Psalm 84:1-4

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

UNISON: **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest**

for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Prayer of Invocation

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

Confession:

By Thy Mercy

Words: James J. Cummins, 1839. Music: Greg Thompson, 2004.

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, From the pride that lurks within.

Refrain
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling, In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, In the day of health and peace.

Refrain

In the weary hours of sickness, In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, When all human help is vain,

In the solemn hour of dying, In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee re-lying, Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

Refrain

Comfort: Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Living Hope

Arranged by: Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham, 2017.

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Refrain

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory!

Refrain

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: Trinity Song

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: Colossians 4:2-18

²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

⁷Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Sermon: The Mystery of Christ

Tim Hayse

1. Pray

2. Walk

3. Grace

Grace Will Prevail

Words and Music: Kirk Sauers and Paul J. Ranbelm, 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

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.

