



# **CHRIST CENTRAL CHURCH**

Virtual Stream Worship Service  
January 10, 2021

## WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Last Day to Sign Up for Winter Huddles and City Groups

City Groups and Huddles will spend the next eight weeks studying the Apostles' Creed, the most ancient creed which confesses who we believe God to be.

When our emotions are up and down, our circumstances changing rapidly, unknowns still lingering, our anchor as the people of God is "God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." We'll spend time reminding ourselves that "we believe" this to be true of God no matter the circumstances of our lives.

We are thrilled to have Dr. Brent Strawn teach on the Apostles' Creed. Dr. Strawn is Professor of Old Testament at Duke Divinity. He is a phenomenal teacher who brings light to the mind and heat to the heart with a breadth of knowledge and a fun personality.

We will provide 10-15 minutes of teaching each week via video and our podcast. City Groups and Huddles will discuss.

If you were in a City Group or Huddle this fall, you do not need to sign up again. Your groups will continue with the same people throughout the year as the curriculum or study topic shifts. One of the goals for these groups is increased vulnerability in relationships to deepen community, and we believe this will happen by meeting with your group consistently this year.

If you were not in a City Group or Huddle this fall, we'd love for you to join one and dig into the Apostles' Creed together. Today is the last day to sign up! Sign up [here](#).

#### Kris Cooper's Ordination Service

You're invited to attend Kris Cooper's ordination service on Saturday, January 16 at 11am. Sign up online. Congrats, Kris! Let us know you're coming [here](#).

[Complete our online tear-off tab.](#)

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 113:1-3*

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION\*

### SONG OF PRAISE\*

This Is Amazing Grace

(Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, and Phil Wickham)

### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we so often forsake you, the fountain of living waters, and drink from other wells to satisfy our deepest thirst. Security, comfort, money, family, romance, acceptance, careers—these become the wells from which we drink deeply. But they never completely satisfy. They are broken wells, incapable of holding the kind of water we truly need. Only you, gracious God, can truly satisfy us. Only you have the living water we so desperately need. Help us to recognize our broken cisterns, to repent of them, and experience anew your forgiving love and living water.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

*Romans 8:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:17*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

### SONG OF RESPONSE\*

Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)

(Laurel Taylor, Joshua Sherman, Steven Musso, and The Emerging Sound)

### OFFERING

Your tithe and offering goes directly toward helping Christ Central Church follow Jesus in His mission during this time. In lieu of passing the plate, you can give [online](#), via the app, or by mailing a check.

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Church of the week:*

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Dickerson

You can text prayer requests to 919-886-4311, and our pastoral team will receive and pray over them.

### SERMON PASSAGE\*

*Ezra 3:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>When the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in the towns, the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. <sup>3</sup>They set the altar in its

place, for fear was on them because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the Lord, burnt offerings morning and evening. <sup>4</sup>And they kept the Feast of Booths, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the rule, as each day required, <sup>5</sup>and after that the regular burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the Lord. <sup>6</sup>From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.

## SERMON

Reverend Daniel Mason

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

## SONG OF CELEBRATION\*

Wood And Nails

(Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, and Madison Cunningham)

## BENEDICTION\*

*\*Congregation stand as able.*

*\*\*Means universal.*

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