

WELCOME TO **CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Presbyterian Church in America

There is a time of prayer in Room 7 during the 8:30 AM service open to all who would like to participate. Come experience and be a part of this work of prayer. We are seeking the Lord to impact His people greatly through worship. If you participate, please stay for the 11:00 AM worship service for your good and God's glory!



HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask a Sound Technician for a receiver.

NOVEMBER 2, 2014
8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VIDEO ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

CALL TO WORSHIP - ISAIAH 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

*Shout to the Lord
The Church's One Foundation*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

SCRIPTURE READING - MATTHEW 10:5-8

*These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them,
"Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,
but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.
You received without paying; give without pay.*

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13

PASTOR: People of God, what is the secret of being content?

CONGREGATION: Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*We believe it is right and good for children of all ages to be with the adult community in worship.
Please do not hesitate to keep your child with you. We do offer a children's church for ages 3-5 years during the 11:00 AM service if that would serve you in preparing them further to sit in worship.
You can take them to Room 1 during the song prior to the sermon.*

HEARING FROM THE SAVIOR

SERMON

LETTERS FROM JESUS - Part 4
"DEAR SMYRNA, SUFFER WELL"
Revelation 2:8-11

Rev. Paul Sanders

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOR

BREAD & CUP (Our bread is gluten-free.)
BENEDICTION

Now go forth loving Christ, living for Christ and making disciples that do the same.

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QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES & COMMUNITY GROUPS

LETTERS FROM JESUS - PART 4
"DEAR SMYRNA, SUFFER WELL"
Revelation 2:8-11

1. The believers in Smyrna were suffering in the following ways: Their belongings may have been taken and their income limited causing great poverty; they were being lied about; they were facing prison, brutality and even death. What ways might we be persecuted today as believers? How might we prepare ourselves and our children for more intense persecution that may come in the future?
2. The unbelieving religious Jews were lying and persecuting the Christians in addition to the Romans. How do we experience ridicule from professing Christians in this day and age? How does Jesus view such "religious" people who lie about and persecute His people? (See Rev. 2:9)
3. How might we be those who suffer well?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:2, 9. Discuss this exchange of Christ. His richness for our poverty and our richness in Him. Discuss the many ways we are "rich" in Christ despite our actual financial status.
5. Who are overcomers? See 1 John 5:1-5
6. Pray for the persecuted church together.
7. Look over the insert regarding things we can do for orphans now. Pray also for orphans in the world and our own direction from the Lord in regards to our ministry to them.

GATHERED MINISTRIES OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

*These are the three key organized areas that foster the worship and discipleship of our congregation.
We do hope you will be a part.*

CORPORATE WORSHIP

Sunday's at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM (Fellowship time between services)

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the FIRST Sunday of each month. (Our bread is gluten free.)

Food offerings of non-perishable items are welcome on the FIRST Sunday of each month and will be distributed to local food agencies who serve those in need.

DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday's 10:00 - 10:45 AM

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery	Nursery	Nursery Workers
Toddler Class (2-3 yr olds)	Room 1	Samantha Amick
K4 - K5	Room 4	Aimee McCoy
Lower Elementary (1st-3rd Grades)	Room 3	Ginger Crockett
Upper Elementary (4th-5th Grades)	Room 5/6	Jeanne Sowder
Youth (6th - 12th Grades)	Youth Room	Jim & Carolyn Perry

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP SEMINARS - FALL SEMESTER

FOUNDATIONS	TEACHER: Rev. Paul Sanders - Room 9
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES	TEACHER: Dale Olsen - Room 8
DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE	TEACHER: John Shaw - Sanctuary
ECCLESIASTES	TEACHER: Steve Britton - Room 7
ROMANS - PART 2	TEACHER: Roy Liddell - Room 2
BACK TO THE BASICS - 1 JOHN	Teacher: Rev. Roger Sowder - Library

Women & Men's Discipleship Models Are Being Cultivated.

Let a pastor know today if you are ready for some more intentional life on life discipleship.

COMMUNITY GROUP GATHERINGS

These groups aim to foster deeper relationship within the church, deeper application of Biblical truth, prayer and mission. Each group runs on variant schedules. Call the leader for more details.

SUNDAY

- **Middle School Youth 5:30 PM @ CCC**
- **Heritage Park Group 4:30 PM @ 121 Heritage Point Drive, Simpsonville** (Children ministry offered)
Leader: Paul Sanders 864-431-6688 OR paul@christcommunitychurchonline.org
- **Harrison Bridge Group 6:00 PM @ CCC Library**
Leader: Steve Britton 864-277-9248 OR steve.britton@yahoo.com
- **Lisa Drive, Fountain Inn/ Remington Ranch, Simpsonville Group (Alternating Locations) 6:00 PM @ 110 Lisa Drive, Fountain Inn OR 8 Glenbow Court, Simpsonville**
Leader: Roy Liddell 813-361-2525 or royliddell@bellsouth.net
- **Glen Meadows Groups 5:30 PM @ 609 Whetstone Court, Simpsonville (2nd & 4th Sundays)**
Leader: Randy Gordon 864-237-2733 OR randygordon@expresspros.com
- **Autumn Woods Group 12:15 PM** (following 11:00 AM service) **@ 101 Oakboro Lane, Simpsonville** (Children are welcome & encouraged to participate - this is a time for lunch, fellowship and encouragement)
Leader: Chris Stanley 570-690-4389 OR cstanley12@gmail.com

TUESDAY

- **Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 PM in Sr. Pastor's office**
- **Neely Farm Group 7:30 PM @ 4 Windchime Court, Simpsonville**
Leader: Pastor Roger Sowder 864-238-9340 or roger@christcommunitychurchonline.org
- **Sr. High Youth - e3 7:30 PM @ CCC/ Leaders:** Jim & Carolyn Perry, Suzanne Sanders
Jim@christcommunitychurchonline.org

WEDNESDAY

- **Main Street Men's Group: 6:45 AM @ Hardee's at Main Street & Hwy. 14**
Leader: Dave Brown 864-414-3648 OR w david0212@gmail.com

THURSDAY

- **Willow Creek/Glen Meadows 2 Group 7:00 PM (Bi-Monthly) @ 333 Crepe Myrtle Drive, Greer OR 114 Pinehaven Way, Simpsonville** (Alternating Locations)
Leader: John Shaw 864-270-6648 OR jshaw29651@charter.net
- **Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM @ CCC**
The Beth Moore Study - **Jesus, The One and Only** **Leader:** Sandra Bever 864-422-0255



MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH



Ornaments4Orphans' vision is to give opportunity to artisans, vulnerable children and their communities across the globe through the sale of handmade, fair trade Christmas ornaments and other products.

Ornaments4Orphans exists to bless these children by connecting their needs with our Christmas traditions, then uses the proceeds to enrich the lives of orphans and vulnerable children.

This year, Christmas begins on **ORPHAN SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2**. One tree can reach hundreds, even thousands of people, multiplying the blessings to vulnerable children and their communities.

**DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL THIS YEAR.
PUT UP A TREE. LIFT UP A CHILD.**



MERCY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES -

MONTHLY: 3rd SUNDAY - Care for the elderly at Patewood Rehab & Healthcare Center at 2 Griffith Road, Greenville @ 2:00 PM

FOOD DONATIONS . . . The Mercy Ministry Team will be collecting food offerings EVERY Sunday during the month of November. **PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!**

MERCY MINISTRY GIVING . . .
Thank you for giving above and beyond your tithes towards our Mercy Ministry Fund. There are envelopes in the Friendship Pads to serve you as you give as the Lord leads.

COATS FOR KIDS OF THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS
Donate new or gently used coats of all sizes. They will be cleaned and then distributed to the children by Dove Broadcasting, Channel 16. There will be a box in the hallway (outside the kitchen) from **November 1 thru December 1**. Thank you! Fran Turek (915-6487) is the chairperson.



DEACON'S WINDOW	NEWS <i>from our Deacons . . .</i>	FINANCIAL REPORT: Please note that the SEPTEMBER, 2014 report of CCC finances is available for members in the Atrium.												
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NURSERY & TODDLER CARE and CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE	
<p>This Sunday, November 2nd:</p> <p>NURSERY: 1st Service: Frank & Sandra Bever ADS Hour: Rob & Alice Eddy 2nd Service: Jim Kirtz & Pearl Barton</p> <p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH (ROOM 1) During Worship Service NOVEMBER: Suzanne Sanders</p>	<p>Next Sunday, November 9th:</p> <p>NURSERY: 1st Service: John & Carrie Shaw ADS Hour: Robyn Armstrong & Felicia Liddell 2nd Service: Lindsay & Michelle Terrell</p> <p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH (ROOM 1) During Worship Service NOVEMBER: Suzanne Sanders</p>

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesday, November 19th
6:00 PM at the church

SALT SHAKERS . . .

Hosts for **NOVEMBER & DECEMBER** are:

Andrew & Bethany Woodford
 Roger & Jan Bass
 Cal & Laura Gilvin
 Jim & Pearl Barton

HAVE A FUN TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please contact Linda Smith at 377-5230.

UPCOMING PRAISE TEAMS . .

<p>Sunday, November 9th</p> <p>Ryan Damell, Mark Tilley Kathleen Sowder</p>	<p>Sunday, November 16th</p> <p>Andrew Woodford, Phil Pearson Bethany Woodford</p>
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CHURCH HOURS	OFFICE SECRETARY HOURS
Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 5:00 PM	Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 PM

STAY IN TOUCH - WHERE TO TURN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR MINISTRIES . . .

Church Office
 700 Harrison Bridge Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680 967-2815
 Website - www.christcommunitychurchonline.org

Staff and Session	The Deacons
Paul Sanders, Sr. Pastor & Teaching Elder 431-6688	Greg Coggins 349-1223
Roger Sowder, Assoc. Pastor & Teaching Elder 238-9340	Cal Gilvin 901-4744
Jim Perry, College & Youth Dir. & Ruling Elder 449-5609	Larry Taylor 243-2630
Steve Britton, Ruling Elder 277-9248	David Terrell 640-9190
Tom Davies, Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session 757-4791	Andy Wallace, Treasurer 575-2853
Randy Gordon, Ruling Elder 228-3982	
Roy Liddell, Ruling Elder 862-7376	
John Shaw, Ruling Elder 270-6648	

General Information

Jim Perry, Administration - Business 449-5609	
Linda Smith, Church Secretary 377-5230	

Ministry Areas

Children's Ministry - Roger Sowder 238-9340	Nursery Coordinator 421-5795
College & Youth Ministry - Jim Perry 449-5609	Lauren Lunsford 627-1675
Floral Ministry - Mary Alice Heinz 990-5504	Resource Center Coordinator (Library) 862-7376
Good News Club - David Brown 399-9914	Senior Adult Ministry - Felicia Liddell 575-2628
Hospitality Coordinator - Judy Shelato 962-8079	Women's Ministry - Robyn Armstrong
Kitchen Coordinator - Fran Turek 915-6487	Worship Coordinators
Mercy Ministry - Paul Sanders 431-6688	Jeanne Sowder 962-0572
Missions - Roger Sowder 238-9340	Ryan Damell 309-945-7927

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC - NOVEMBER 2, 2014

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength.
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

Repeat Verse and Chorus

*Nothing compares to the promise I have
nothing compares to the promise I have
nothing compares to the promise I have
in You.*

“The Church’s One Foundation”

SING: The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word;
From heav’n he came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life he died.

SING: Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

SING: Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up “How long?
And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

READ ONLY: The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against a foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

SING: Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war;
She waits the consummation, of peace for evermore.
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest.
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

SING: Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them,
the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish ev’ry fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like man, untrue;
And, while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends may shun me; Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, ‘twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me, heav’n will bring me sweeter rest.
O ‘tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;
O ‘twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain;
In thy service pain is pleasure, with thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee;
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation, rise o’er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear;
Think what spirit dwells within thee, think what Father’s smiles are thine;
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heav’n’s eternal day’s before Thee, God’s own hand shall guide Thee there.
Soon shall close Thy earthly mission, swift shall pass Thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

***Why Do We Do That?
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper***

Not all churches handle invitations to the Lord's Table in the same manner. Please understand that while we are not so dogmatic as to condemn those with other practices, we do have convictions for why we administer the Supper in the way we do. What follows is our Church and Denominations view on the just who the Lord's Supper is for.

First, the Lord's Supper is for ***believing people***. It is a family meal for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have repented of their sins and trust in Christ alone for forgiveness and eternal life. It is a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God.

The Supper is also for a ***prepared people***, those who have examined themselves concerning their sins before partaking. 1 Corinthians 11:18, 27-32 warn all participants to carefully examine their heart and life to make certain you are participating in a worthy manner. Are you converted? Is there any sin that you continually live in and refuse to repent from? Is there someone that you have not done all you can to be at peace with by offering and/or requesting forgiveness? These are indications that you have business to attend to before you can come to the table in a worthy manner. If you discern you should not participate, we encourage you to deal promptly with the sin that is keeping you from such a gift from our Lord that you may with joy participate next month.

Finally, the Supper is also for an ***informed people***, those who are able to discern the body rightly, that is to understand the significance of the holy mystery of Christ crucified and of His body the church. Thus, while we do not require that a person be a member of Christ Community Church to participate, we do ask that each participant be a baptized member of an Evangelical (i.e. Bible believing) Church and that you are in good standing (i.e. you are not running from Church discipline!).

Let us also remember that, though we believe, prepare and are informed, our faith is never perfect, our preparation never flawless, and our understanding is never complete. We do not come to the Lord's Table to claim that we are righteous in ourselves, but we come only because God regards us as righteous on the basis of the work of Christ through His incarnation, redemptive death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession in our behalf. Therefore, we encourage weak Christians, struggling disciples, and doubting believers to receive this Sacrament to gain spiritual strength and renewed hope.

NOTE TO THOSE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME: If you are not coming to us from a Bible believing church, yet you desire to connect soon to one but realize it may take a while; and if you have interest in being invited to the Lord's Table with us while you discern your future church home; please see an Elder today to talk more about that possibility.

NOTE TO PARENTS: To receive communion, a child must be formally examined and received by the governing body of the church to which you belong (that would be the Session in our context). This will assure that your child has been baptized, professes faith in Jesus and understands the Sacrament. From time to time, we offer a Communicants Classes for older children to help them understand the essentials of the gospel and Sacraments. Please take advantage of those classes when offered. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.

NOTE TO NON-CHRISTIANS: If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal (see 1 Cor. 11:18, 27-32), please use this time to reflect on one of the following prayers.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.