

Let's Pray Together This Week

Sunday, March 6 -- Pray for our High School students as they return from their retreat in the mountains -- that they would be encouraged to both rest in and stand on their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask Him that they will be willing and able to challenge their fellow students in matters of faith.

Monday, March 7 -- Ask the Lord to raise up a buyer for our property at very favorable terms soon. Pray that He would guard our Body from anxiety and dissension during this season and that, instead, He would focus our minds on a vision for body life, missions and mercy, and prayer. Ask Him to give us an abiding love for Him and the people He has joined us with at Christ Community Church.

Tuesday, March 8 -- Pray for our two ministers and two of our elders, Bill Ratchford and Darryl Andrews, who are attending the spring meeting of First Presbytery in Winston-Salem today. There are some vexing matters before the court and each of these four men need wisdom and courage beyond the ordinary. Ask the Lord for both the peace and purity of our presbytery and denomination, as both are being strained by some grave matters being discussed today.

Wednesday, March 9 -- Pray for the unsold houses among our members today. Ask the Lord to bring a buyer soon for each of them. Pray for wisdom and provision, particularly, for the Crofts family as they face moving out of the old Counseling Center house this summer. Ask the Lord to provide a buyer for their house in Huntersville and a good home in which they can settle in Greensboro.

Thursday, March 10 -- Ask the Lord to burden each of us to grow in our understanding of and burden for prayer to the Lord. In other words, pray for our praying! Pray that we would pray without ceasing and that He would increasingly burden our hearts to pray together. If you don't desire that, confess that to Him and ask Him to change your heart.

Friday, March 11 -- Pray today for David Robinson and his son, John, who are in Haiti to determine the shape of a youth and parents June missions trip to the City of Hope orphanage for youth and their parents. Ask the Lord to protect them, bless their time together, and to open the door to our involvement for the Gospel in that troubled nation.

Saturday, March 12 -- Pray for our worship tomorrow. Ask the Lord to prepare our hearts and to help us order our affairs today so that we might call the Lord's Day a delight of worship and restoration. Pray for the launch of new ABF format, too. Ask Him to give us all good rest in our bodies tonight, that He might feed our souls tomorrow with food that will never perish.

Mission Prayer for the week: Pray for Art and Andrea in Southeast Asia. Pray that doors would be open to reach unreached tribes.

For Our Visitors

***We welcome you who are visiting with us today, and we look forward to answering any questions you may have about Christ Community. Please be sure to give us your contact information when the Fellowship Pads are distributed during the offering.**

*Please visit us in the back of the Fellowship Hall at our Information Board. Our board provides information about our church and there will be someone there to answer any questions that you may have. *We would also like to offer to you a special visitor treat at the kiosk in the back.

We offer the following ministries for children during the worship hour:

*0-2 Nursery (B Wing, first floor) *2-3 year old class (B Wing, first floor)

*Children's Church for ages 4, 5, and 6 (B wing, second floor)

*Children's Sermon for 2nd through 4th grades (during sermon time, please depart during the Doxology, toward the front left side of the Fellowship Hall to Room C-105)

Opportunities for Ministry

• **Tonight's Evening Worship**

Starting at 5:30 pm in the D-Wing, James Dickson will be preaching from 2 Timothy 4:9-22

• **Baby Bottles**

Help support Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center. Today is the first deadline for turning your baby bottles. If you would still like to help or forgot to bring in your bottles, please drop it off in the church office. Sometime over the next week. It's not too late to help out such a great cause. The bottles will be located in the back of the Fellowship Hall.

• **Simply Sewing**

If you are interested in learning basic sewing techniques, please respond to Amy Munson (amunson@cccarp.org) so that our fearless seamstresses can know! Proposed gathering dates are March 10th in the evening and March 12th in the morning. Also, you may share requests of specific techniques that you may have so that the teachers can plan ahead!

• **Men's Fireside Gathering!**

If you missed the first gathering of the Men's fireside don't let that stop you from coming on March 14th. **We will be discussing the second section of Douglas Wilson's *Federal Husband*.** Copies of the book can be purchased at the Book Table. Bring your own camping chair.

• **Prayer -Does It Make a Difference? Bible Study**

Joy Harris will be leading her ladies small group in a study on prayer every Tuesday morning at 9:30 in room C-105. The book is by Philip Yancey entitled *Prayer - Does It Make A Difference?* If anyone is interested, or would like to learn more about the group, please call Joy at 656-0032.

• **Friday Morning Book Study**

All ladies are invited to join in a book study each Friday morning at 8:30 until 9:30 in the session room. The book is *The Fruit of Her Hands* by Nancy Wilson. If you would like to join in and/or if you need childcare, please let Karra Harden know at heykarra@gmail.com.

• **Precept Bible Study**

The Precept morning class plans to study the books of Lamentations and Esther in the spring. Workbooks will be ordered the first of March. We would like you to join us. If interested, you may call Jean Herndon, 573-3588.

• **Youth Ministries**

MS Retreat: March 18-20th. Join us for a weekend of Bible teaching, fellowship, and Bonclarken fun. Registration is due. See Mackay for info or email msmith@cccarp.org.

Sunday, March 20th. The next in our series of CCC Student Ministry tournaments....

Think ping pong was fun? That was only the beginning! Stay tuned.

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Church Leadership- Our Session

Bill Marsh (Moderator) Bryan Crofts (Vice Moderator)
Mickey McLean (Clerk of Session) Darryl Andrews,
James Dickson, Willis Drew, Robert George, Bill Ratchford

A special thank to our guest musician and vocalists this morning:

Amanda Matthews, violin,

Neal Matthews, Stuart & Kay Fitzpatrick, vocalists in choir

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Our Mission

Communicate the Word of God, model the Grace of God, and advance the Kingdom of God such that people from Greensboro, North Carolina, to the ends of the earth will glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

The Lord's Day March 6, 2011 Order of Worship

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Mission Moment

Greensboro Pregnancy Center

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship

Hymn of Adoration

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

God, all nature sings thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

ODE TO JOY

Ludwig van Beethoven
David Clowney

Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices, Thy commandments to fulfill.

Invocation

Song of Praise

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

CHORUS

*You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

Confession of Sin

Confession and Forgiveness: As a people who continue to sin in this life we become fully aware, especially in the presence of God, of our great guilt and therefore we confess ourselves sinners and look to Christ alone for the ground of our salvation. In worship we do this both privately and corporately. Those truly repentant in faith receive the forgiveness of God.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection

Speak, O Lord	Keith Getty / Stuart Townend
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. <p>Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.</p> Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail—Let their truth prevail over unbelief.	
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us— Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.	

Reading of God’s Word

Confession of Faith	Psalm 21
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Leader:	Westminster Shorter Catechism #98-101
Q. What is prayer?	
Congregation:	
Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God ¹ for things agreeable to his will, ² in the name of Christ, ³ with confession of our sins, ⁴ and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies. ⁵	
¹ Psalms 62:8, ² Romans 8:27, ³ John 16:23b, ⁴ Daniel 9:4a, ⁵ Philippians 4:6	

Leader:	Q. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?
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Congregation:	The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; ¹ but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> .
¹ John 5:14, ² Matthew 6:9	

Leader:	Q. What does the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?
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Congregation:	The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, <i>Our Father which art in heaven</i> , teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, ¹ as children to a father, ² able and ready to help us; ³ and that we should pray with and for others. ⁴
¹ Isaiah 64:9, ² Luke 11:13, ³ Romans 8:15, ⁴ Ephesians 6:18	

Leader:	Q. What do we pray for in the first petition?
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Congregation:	In the first petition, which is, <i>Hallowed be thy name</i> , we pray, That God would enable us and others to glorify him in all in which he makes himself known; ¹ and that he would dispose all things to his own glory. ²
¹ Psalms 67:1-3, ² Romans 11:36	

Offering and Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee	William R. Featherstone/Adoniram J. Gordon
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.	

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.

How I love Thee, Jesus.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
alleluia, alleluia.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Second, third and fourth grade children are now invited to exit at the front left of the sanctuary for Children's Sermon)

Sermon	If God Already Knows, Why Pray?	Rev. Bill Marsh
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1. Reason # 1	<hr/>
<i>Philippians 4:6-7</i>	
⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication ^(c) with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.	

1 <i>Thessalonians 5:17-18</i>	
¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.	

2. Reason # 2	<hr/>
<i>Psalms 40:1-5a</i>	

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.	
² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.	
³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.	
⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!	

<i>Psalms 66:16-20</i>	
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.	
¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.	
¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.	
¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.	
²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!	

3. Reason # 3	<hr/>
<i>Matthew 10:24-25</i>	

²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<i>Luke 5:16</i>	
¹⁶ But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.	

<i>Luke 6:12</i>	
¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.	

<i>Luke 9:18</i>	
¹⁸ Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"	

<i>Luke 9:28</i>	
²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.	

<i>Luke 22:31-32a</i>	
³¹ "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And	

<i>Luke 22:44</i>	
⁴⁴ And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.	

Silent Reflection

Hymn of Assurance	
How Firm a Foundation	FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omniptent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Benediction