

## Sermon

Rev. Bill Marsh

## Looking for Everything in All the Wrong Places

Acts 7: 1-53 (Page 914)

1. Misplaced hope in \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-36)

2. Misplaced hope in \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 37-43)

3. Misplaced hope in \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 44-50)

## Hymn of Response

### Amazing Grace

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John Newton

## Benediction

### Visiting Today?

We welcome you and look forward to answering any questions you may have about Christ Community Church. Please be sure to give us your contact information when the Fellowship Pads are distributed during offering. We offer several ministries for children during the worship hour. A greeter or usher can assist you in locating the class rooms.

**Nursery:** Ages 0-2

**Toddler Class:** Ages 2-3

**Children's Church:** Ages 4, 5 & 6

**Children's Sermon:** Grades 2nd - 4th. Join parents for worship.

Children will be dismissed during the Doxology to follow their teacher to their class room.

### Our Church Leadership:

**Pastor and Moderator:** Bill Marsh

**Associate Pastor and Vice Moderator:** Bryan Crotts

**Elders:** Kent French (Clerk of Session),  
Eric Bolton, Robert George, Bill Ratchford, and  
Bill Sykes.

### Christ Community Church

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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.

January 29, 2012

### Order of Worship

## Greeting and Announcements

## Silent Preparation

## Call to Worship

## Hymn of Adoration

### A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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Luther

## Invocation

## Song of Praise

### Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley/ Twit

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise.*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood, the Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.  
(Repeat chorus)

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.  
(Repeat chorus)

## Confession of Faith

Hebrews 1 and Philippians 2

I believe that in the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word.

I believe that Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

## Reading of God’s Word

Psalms 60  
(p. 477)

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*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.*

## Song of Reflection

### Not What My Hands Have Done

Bonar/Twit

Not what my hands have done  
Can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do  
Can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers,  
And sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me O God,  
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee  
Can rid me of  
This dark unrest,  
And set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone, O God,  
To me can pardon speak;  
Thy power alone O Son of God,  
Can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save Thine,

## Pastoral Prayer

### Offering and Offertory

### Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

*(At this time, second through fourth grade students may exit the Fellowship Hall and follow their teacher to class.)*

## Let's Pray Together This Week

## Ministry Opportunities and Events

### Sunday, January 29

Pray for our hearing the reading and preaching of God's Word today. Pray for the Lord to bring His Spirit's scalpel to bear on our hearts. Ask Him to bring conviction of sin where needed, comfort where needed, and confidence in Christ for us all. Pray that we would be not only hearers of the Word, but also doers of the Word. Finally, ask Him to work in those alienated from Christ; pray that He would draw them to Himself and that they would respond to His royal summons.

### Monday, January 30

Pray for favor for our sanctuary's and narthex's building permit with the City of Greensboro. Ask the Lord to prompt building code officials to view our plans favorably and to grant us permission to begin construction soon. Thank the Lord for our Future Facility Team's plans and efforts to get us this far. Pray that

### Tuesday, January 31

On their first full day back home in the United States, Lord willing, pray for David, Rachael, Ben, and Hannah Carter's adjustments, beginning with the time zone changes and recovery from 24+ hours on planes and in airports. Pray for their re-acclimation to life in Greensboro. Ask the Lord to give them rest in this upcoming year. Pray for a safe delivery this March of the child Rachael is carrying.

### Wednesday, February 1

Pray for all the remaining work to be done on the staff house these next few days ahead of Saturday's move-in day. Thank the Lord for the dozens of volunteers who have cleaned, sanded, painted, hammered, and lifted in order for our pastors and staff to have permanent and adequate work space. Pray for a safe day on Saturday as we unload the final four pods and celebrate another milestone in the Lord's provision on Jefferson Road.

### Thursday, February 2

Pray for Rob, Karen, and Lucy Kimmons as they consider the next steps in returning to the mission field in North Africa. Ask the Lord to give Rob good and steady health, as well as skill in his Bible translation work. Pray that the Lord would grant them the resources they need and joy in this next season of ministry.

### Friday, February 3

Pray today for our praying. Ask the Lord to burden us for the hard work of diligent, consistent prayer. Pray that we would see our great helplessness apart from His provision and prayer as the means He has established for taking hold of His provision. Ask the Lord to burden us increasingly to pray together.

### Saturday, February 4

Pray for our worship service tomorrow. Ask the Lord to make us eager to meet with Him. Pray that we would prepare well today, ordering earthly matters and doing what we can to ensure a slower, more relaxed day away from worldly work. Ask Him to give us a hunger to hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of the Word and a rich experience of being together as we do that.

### Brief Meeting Today

Please stick around for a few minutes after today's service for a brief congregational meeting. The purpose will be to approve a proposal for the memorial garden to be constructed outside our main entrance. Funds for this project were given in past years and are all in hand, so no new giving is needed. The Session believes the project will enhance our facility and create a warmer approach to the building.

### Staff House Move In Day - Saturday, February 4th

Thanks to the incredibly hard work and dozens of hours contributed by so many of our congregation, The Staff house is just about ready for furniture. The staff is anxious to get back to a more structured schedule and are so thankful for the wonderful new office space. The final task for this phase is to move in the furniture and supplies that are stored in our 4 remaining PODS. Please join us this Saturday morning for a quick move in.

#### Saturday, February 4th

**9:00 a.m.** for larger furniture items (Strong arms and backs)

**10:00 a.m.** for smaller supplies and items

### Save the Date: Sunday Night Worship begins Sunday, February 12th

#### Young Adult Get-Together - Sunday, February 12th

Join Jeremy and Tricia Goad for a relaxing afternoon of getting to know one another over a delicious lunch.

Young Adult Get-Together

#### Sunday, February 12 after morning worship at the Barbour Home

**9 Stonecreek Court, Greensboro, NC 27455**

Lunch served at 1 PM from Zoe's Kitchen. (free food!)

Questions? Contact Jeremy Goad at [jgoad@cccarp.org](mailto:jgoad@cccarp.org)

### Sanctuary Foyer Renovation

We have almost reached our goal! \$32,000 have been raised toward the \$38,000 needed for the Sanctuary Foyer Renovation! If you would like to contribute, please write Sanctuary Foyer Reno on the memo of your check and place in the offering plate. For other options, please contact Stacey Barbour at [thebarbours4@msn.com](mailto:thebarbours4@msn.com).