

Weekly

Community Groups

Fall Community Groups have come to a close! The Winter term will be starting the week of January 21st. All groups will be going through *Titus For You* by Tim Chester.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM

We will be meeting in room 114. All kids aged 12 and under are welcome to attend!

citizenschurch.net/serve

Tithes & Offerings

We joyfully worship God through giving.

Members can give online at citizenschurch.net/give

or by dropping their offering in the black box in the back.

If you're a guest, please know we do not expect you to give.

Coming Up

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 20th @ 7:00 AM

Every 3rd Saturday of the month the men meet for breakfast and fellowship at Bob Evans (23 Huber Village Blvd, Westerville, OH 43081).

Membership Class

Sunday, January 21st @ 12:00 PM

If you have any interest in membership at Citizens Church, please consider attending our Class! Lunch will be provided! Please sign up if you plan to attend.

citizenschurch.net/registrations

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 27th, 8:00 AM

All women are welcome to join a weekly Bible study at the Gilbert's house (5929 Big Walnut Rd, Galena, OH 43021) most Saturday mornings.

You can find all of our upcoming events at citizenschurch.net/calendar



Citizens
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CALL TO
WORSHIP

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

10,000 REASONS

CONFESSION
OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL
CORNERSTONE

ASSURANCE
OF GRACE

Ephesians 1:7-10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, **which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT
OF FAITH

Article 5: Of Justification

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Robert Kane

James 1:19-27 (p.1011)
"Doers of the Word"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE &
BENEDICTION

I SURRENDER ALL
DOXOLOGY

FELLOWSHIP

We'd love for you to join us for snacks and fellowship after the service!

Serving at

CITIZENS CHURCH

One of the ways we glorify God is by serving one another and our community with a glad and joyful heart. Not from a place of guilt or obligation, but out of a love for Christ.

If you are interested, you can talk to a pastor, or visit citizenschurch.net/serve

Current Serving Needs:

Setup & tear-down, Hospitality, Nursery, Music, Audio Tech

The Bible Teaches

OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe the great gospel blessing that Christ secures to those who believe in him is justification. Justification includes the pardon of sin, righteous standing before God and his people, and the promise of eternal life founded on principles of righteousness. It is not given because of any works of righteousness we have done but only through faith in the Redeemer's blood. By virtue of this faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us by God. Justification immediately brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing we need for time and eternity.

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

10,000 Reasons

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

VERSE 1

The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing
when the evening comes.

VERSE 2

You're rich in love,
and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great,
and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.

VERSE 3

And on that day
when my strength is failing,
The end draws near,
and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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Reflection Questions

- What does it look like to receive God's Word "in humility"? How are you seeking God's Word daily and applying it in your life?
- Why don't we actively obey God's Word when we hear it? What are some of the reasons why we forget it and don't apply it? In what way is God's Word "the law of liberty?" How does obedience to God's Word give freedom to the Christian?
- What's the correlation between an unbridled tongue and worthless religion? What does true religion look like?
- How can you be a consistent doer of God's Word? What are some practical steps/commitments that you can make?

Questions from Grace Life Bible

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 1:19-27 and identify one or two things that it tells us about God and ourselves. Consider reading this week's catechism question as well (see below).

Sing *It Is Well With My Soul* (page 3) together as a family.

Pray specifically thanking God for what he has revealed in his word and asking for the Holy Spirit to help your family live faithfully in light of it.

Walking Through the Catechism

Question 2:

What is God?

Answer:

God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

Pray for Our Missions Partners

- Lazarus Life Ministries (*gospel-centered drug rehabilitation ministry in Ohio*)
- Out of Darkness (*anti-human trafficking ministry in Westerville*)
- Alex & Lauryn Follett (*Bible translation among unreached people in West Africa*)
- Proclamation Church (*church plant in Mount Vernon, OH*)
- Salt & Light Church (*church plant in downtown Columbus, OH*)
- Kory Martin (*Director of Athletes In Action at Otterbein and Ohio Dominican*)
- "George & Judy" (*church plant among unreached people in the Middle East*)
- Jeremy & Suheily Garcia (*missionaries in Barcelona, Spain*)

Ongoing Discipleship

- Join a Community Group (citizenschurch.net/groups).
- Regularly meet with church members for discipleship and prayer.
- Read a book with another Christian and meet to discuss it.
- Faithfully attend Sunday gatherings (Heb. 10:24-25).
- Cheerfully & sacrificially give of your firstfruits (Prov. 3:9; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).
- Joyfully serve your church family.

Sermon Notes

"Genuine faith humbly receives God's word and does what it says."

of faith (vv.19-21)

of faith (vv.22-25)

of faith (vv.26-27)

It Is Well With My Soul

VERSE 1

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

CHORUS

MEN: It is well
WOMEN: It is well
MEN: with my soul
WOMEN: with my soul
ALL: It is well, It is well with my soul

VERSE 2

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

VERSE 3

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

VERSE 4

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

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New Here?

If you're a guest at Citizens,
we would love if you filled out a Guest Form at
citizenschurch.net/guest

When we receive it, we'll make a \$5 donation in your honor to
Out of Darkness, a local ministry fighting against human trafficking.

Membership & Baptism

AT CITIZENS CHURCH

Publicly proclaiming one's faith through church membership and baptism is what Christians have done throughout the centuries. If you're ready to be baptized and/or become a member, a pastor would love to talk with you about what that looks like.
Email info@citizenschurch.net for more information.

Cornerstone

VERSE 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

CHORUS 1

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all

VERSE 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

INTERLUDE

He is Lord, Lord of all

VERSE 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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I Surrender All

VERSE 1

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust him,
In His presence daily live

VERSE 2

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

CHORUS

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

VERSE 3

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

VERSE 4

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

VERSE 5

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame.
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

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Becoming a Christian

Christians are those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you're interested in becoming a Christian or have any questions about Christianity, a pastor or church member would love to talk with you about what that looks like. Learn more at citizenschurch.net/gospel

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen