

Weekly

Community Groups

Winter term Community Groups are here! All groups will be going through *Titus For You* by Tim Chester. If you would like to join a group, sign up at the link below.
citizenschurch.net/groups

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

Membership Class

Today @ 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



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:10

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

JESUS THANK YOU
ANCIENT OF DAYS

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved, and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article 6: Of the Freeness of Salvation

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Robert Kane

James 2:1-13 (p.1011)
"Partiality"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE & BENEDICTION

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE
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 THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

We believe the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel. It is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a heartfelt, penitent, and obedient faith. Preventing this salvation is every sinner's inherent depravity and rejection of the gospel, a rejection that aggravates a sinner's condemnation.

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

Nothing But The Blood

VERSE 1

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

CHORUS

Oh, precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

VERSE 2

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

VERSE 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Je-sus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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Reflection Questions

- What are some ways in which we can be partial and show personal favoritism? Why do you think we are prone to partiality? What are some of the “evil motives” behind partiality and discrimination? How does God treat the “poor of this world”? What promises has He made to them?
- What sins do you consider to be small or lesser than others? Why do you think this way? How merciful are you in your heart, at home, at work? Is there someone you’re unwilling to forgive? If so, how do these verses confront and help you to change?

Questions from Grace Life Bible

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 2:1-13 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 *Nothing But The Blood* (page 2) 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 3:

How many persons are there in God?

Answer:

There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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 strives to display God's fairness to all people."

(vv.1-7)

(vv.8-13)

Jesus Thank You

VERSE 1

The mystery of the cross
I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One
crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

CHORUS

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy,
now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You

VERSE 2

By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of
Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness
know no end

BRIDGE

Lover of my soul
I want to live for You

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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.

Ancient of Days

VERSE 1

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

CHORUS

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall
remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

VERSE 2

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

VERSE 3

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

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Christ Is Mine Forevermore

VERSE 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

VERSE 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from Heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

VERSE 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

VERSE 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

BRIDGE

Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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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