

Weekly

Church Prayer

On Break

Our weekly church prayer will be on break for the holidays. We will start up again the second week of January.

Community Groups

On Break

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

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 13th, 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.

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

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



Citizens
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DECEMBER 31, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 8:34-35

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

JESUS IS ALIVE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US
THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, **to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article 3: Of the Fall of Man

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Book of Exodus
Robert Kane

Exodus 15:1-21 (p.57)
"A Song Of Praise"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE & BENEDICTION

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST
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 FALL OF MAN

We believe humanity is the special creation of God, made in his own image. God created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. The gift of marriage consists of the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime, and this gift models the way God relates to His people. God created the human race in holiness under his law. By voluntary transgression, however, humanity fell from that holy and happy state. As a result, all people are now sinners, not by external compulsion but by choice. They by nature entirely lack the holiness that is required by the law of God and are actively inclined to evil. Therefore, they are under just condemnation to a sentence of eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

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Angels We Have Heard On High

VERSE 1

There is now a hope that
lasts beyond our days
For the One that once
was buried lives again
Now the tomb is bare and empty
And the stone is rolled away
Praise the risen One
who overcame the grave

VERSE 2

All you brokenhearted
all you worn and weak
Come find living water
everlasting streams
To the wandering spirit
Lost and searching
wanting something more
Find the risen King
who overcomes the world

CHORUS

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is alive

VERSE 3

No more condemnation
no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame
they have no power here
In His resurrection
Perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the risen King who stands in victory

BRIDGE

Hallelujah death is undone
Hallelujah Jesus has won
Hallelujah we overcome
Oh in Jesus oh in Jesus

Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is alive

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Reflection Questions

- What is your favorite song melody?
What are your favorite Christian praise or hymn lyrics?
How do good lyrics teach good theology?
- What is the value of singing songs about God?
What is the purpose of singing songs to God?
- How often do you reflect on what God has done in the past?
How does that inform your confidence for the future?

First five questions from Tony Merida,
Exalting Jesus in Exodus: Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary

Ideas for Family Worship

Read Exodus 15:1-21 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 *All Glory Be To Christ* (page 5) 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 52:

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

Answer:

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

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

(vv.1-18)

(vv.19-21)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

VERSE 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

VERSE 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

VERSE 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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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.

The Church's One Foundation

VERSE 1

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came
and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

VERSE 2

Elect from every 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 every grace endued.

VERSE 3

Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her 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.

VERSE 4

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 who hate her,
and false sons in her pale,
Against both foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail.

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All Glory Be To Christ

VERSE 1

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

VERSE 2

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

CHORUS

All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

VERSE 3

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

VERSE 4

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

VERSE 5

When on the day the great I am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

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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