

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!

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 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.

Columbus Ligonier Conference

Friday, February 16th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Saturday, February 17th, 9:00 AM
Ligonier Ministries is coming to Grace Polaris Church for a conference on Romans 12. Please reach out to Tyler Law at tyler.law77@gmail.com before February 7th if you're interested in attending.

Members' Meeting

Sunday, February 25th, 5:00 PM
If you're a member of Citizens Church, please plan to attend our members' meetings! Dinner will be provided, and it will be held in the gymnasium where we currently meet.

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



Citizens
CHURCH

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CALL TO
WORSHIP

Psalm 89:11-12

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

OH GREAT IS OUR GOD

CONFESSION
OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

BUILD MY LIFE
ALL PRAISE TO HIM

ASSURANCE
OF GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT
OF FAITH

Article 7: Of Grace in Regeneration

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Robert Kane

James 2:14-26 (p.1012)
"Faith that Works"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE &
BENEDICTION

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME
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 GRACE IN REGENERATION

We believe sinners must be regenerated, or born again, in order to be saved. Regeneration consists of God's gift of a holy inclination to the mind. It is accomplished in a way that is beyond our comprehension. It is carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit using divine truth to obtain our voluntary obedience to the gospel. The proper evidence of regeneration appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith, and newness of life.

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

Oh Great Is Our God

VERSE 1

Oh, Great is our God
So we should worship greatly!
No song is too loud
No orchestra too stately

BRIDGE 1

To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing

VERSE 2

Oh, Great is our God
So let our songs be endless!
So awesome His ways,
how could we comprehend them?

BRIDGE 2

So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about
the gracious gifts you give

CHORUS

We will sing your praise,
and pour forth your fame
We will bless your name
Let every one give thanks,
because our God is great!

VERSE 3

Oh, Great is our God
And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls,
affected by His greatness!

BRIDGE 3

His mercy covers all that He's made
Showing His glory and His grace

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Reflection Questions

- Based on this passage, how would you define “works”? What are some of the good works that you think you are doing? What is your motivation for doing good works? If you question whether or not you’re really saved, that is not a bad thing! Read 2 Cor 13:5. What do you think you should do now?
- How does James describe and define a “dead faith”? What would be some clear indicators of this kind of “dead/demon faith”? What is a “useless” faith? Based on this entire passage, what important truths have you learned about the relationship between faith and works?

Questions from Grace Life Bible

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 2:14-26 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 *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* (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 4:

How and why did God create us?

Answer:

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his 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 is identified by action."

(vv.14-17)

(vv.18-26)

Build My Life

VERSE 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

VERSE 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

CHORUS

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
to those around me

BRIDGE

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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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.

All Praise To Him

VERSE 1

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars,
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him Who reigns in love,
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

VERSE 2

All praise to Him Whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
to pay the ransom for His own
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise,
the all-sufficient sacrifice

VERSE 3

All praise to Him, Whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the Triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of praise

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

VERSE 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness,
and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep
and boundless peace

CHORUS 1

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

VERSE 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

CHORUS 2

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

VERSE 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

CHORUS 3

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

VERSE 4

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that
He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

CHORUS 4

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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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