

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

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.

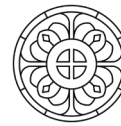
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Women's Bible Study

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 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

CONFESSION
OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS
HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

ASSURANCE
OF GRACE

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT
OF FAITH

Article 4: Of the Way of Salvation

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Robert Kane

James 1:1-18 (p.1011)
"Trials and Temptations"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE &
BENEDICTION

IN THE VALLEY
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 WAY OF SALVATION

We believe the salvation of God's people is completely by grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God. By the appointment of the Father, he freely took to himself our nature but without sin. He honored the divine law by his personal obedience and made a full atonement for our sins by his substitutionary death, satisfying God's wrath. He rose from the dead and is now enthroned in heaven. Jesus, the Son, unites in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections and, as such, is qualified in every way to be a suitable, compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

All Creatures Of Our God And King

VERSE 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

VERSE 2

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

VERSE 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

VERSE 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Reflection Questions

- What is the significance of James identifying himself as a “bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ”? What does that mean for his life and ours?
- How does a trial reveal what’s in your heart? What does that test show you about your desires and loves? As you recall your biggest trial, how have you responded to it? What has your response revealed about your faith in God?
- How have you been tempted in the past and how did you respond to that temptation? Based on your current temptations, what are some specific verses that you can use to fight those temptation?
- What does the phrase, “with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow” mean? Why is this so important when dealing with God’s goodness? What are some practical ways to remember God’s unchanging goodness during difficult trials in your life?

Questions from Grace Life Bible

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 1:1-18 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 *He Will Hold Me Fast* (page 4) 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 1:

What is our only hope in life and death?

Answer:

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 trusts that God uses trials and temptations to perfect His people."

(vv.1)

(vv.2-12)

(vv.13-15)

(vv.16-18)

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

VERSE 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

CHORUS

O What peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

VERSE 2

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

CHORUS 2

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

VERSE 3

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

CHORUS 3

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

OUTRO

We should never be discouraged
For Jesus knows our every weakness
O precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

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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.

He Will Hold Me Fast

VERSE 1

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

CHORUS

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

VERSE 2

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

VERSE 3

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

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In The Valley

VERSE 1

When the path that I feared
is the way He has set
And I long to give in and retreat
Still to Jesus I hold as I face every step
For, the Lord, He will give me His peace

CHORUS 1

Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace
Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace

VERSE 2

When the road that I tread
fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no end
Still to Jesus I hold
who will walk with me there
And the Lord He will give me His strength

CHORUS 2

Bless the Lord!
He will give me His strength
Bless the Lord!
He will give me His strength
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord!
He will give me His strength

VERSE 3

On the road that You walked
with the weight of the cross
All my pain and my sorrow You held
So, to You I shall hold;
You redeem every loss
For, my Lord, You have given Yourself

CHORUS 3

Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself
Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself

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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