

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

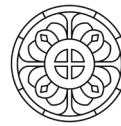
Women's Bible Study

Saturday, February 24th, 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.

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

GATHERED
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

CALL TO
WORSHIP

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

CONFESSION
OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

HIS MERCY IS MORE
MAN OF SORROWS

ASSURANCE
OF GRACE

Hebrews 9:27-28

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT
OF FAITH

Article 10: Of Sanctification

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Buzz Kocher

James 3:13-4:12 (p.1012)
"Two Ways to Live"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE &
BENEDICTION

AMAZING GRACE
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 SANCTIFICATION

We believe sanctification is the process by which we are made partakers of God's holiness, according to his purpose. Sanctification is a progressive work. It begins in regeneration and continues in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and by God's appointed means. These means include the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, prayer, and the oversight and fellowship of the visible church.

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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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.

Reflection Questions

- How do you feel you're doing with these marks of God's wisdom? What marks do you struggle with? How can you be a peacemaker in your marriage, family, and the church?
- Are you aware of the areas of worldly struggle in your heart? And if so, what are you doing to combat worldliness in your life?
- What does it mean to "speak against" and "judge" others? How is sinful judgment different from righteous judgment? (cf. 1 Cor 5:12)

Questions from Grace Life Bible

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 3:13-4:12 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 *His Mercy Is More* (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 7:

What does the law of God require?

Answer:

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

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*)

Sermon Notes

"How you live defines the genuineness of your faith."

Regarding _____ (3:13-18)

Regarding _____ (4:1-10)

Regarding _____ (4:11-12)

His Mercy Is More

VERSE 1

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

VERSE 2

What patience would wait as we
constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

VERSE 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

CHORUS

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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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.

Man Of Sorrows

VERSE 1

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

VERSE 2

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

CHORUS

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

VERSE 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

BRIDGE

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

VERSE 4

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

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Amazing Grace

VERSE 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

VERSE 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

VERSE 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

VERSE 4

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

VERSE 5

Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace

VERSE 6

When we've been there
ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

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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