

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.

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

Coming Up

Members' Meeting

Today, 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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 16th @ 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, March 17th @ 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



Citizens
CHURCH

GATHERED
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 4:8

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

ABIDE WITH ME
BE THOU MY VISION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

1 Peter 1:22-25

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, **but the word of the Lord remains forever.**" And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article 11: Of the Perseverance of the Saints

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Robert Kane

James 4:13-17 (p.1013)
"Faithful Planning"

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 PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

We believe all genuine believers endure to the end. Their persevering obedience to Christ and attachment to his people are the primary mark distinguishing them from superficial professors. A special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith to salvation.

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

VERSE 1

Marvellous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was
spilt

CHORUS

Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin

VERSE 2

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater yes grace untold
Points to the refuge the mighty Cross

VERSE 3

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away
Look there is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow you may be today

VERSE 4

Marvellous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive

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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 can you consciously take account of who you are and who God is in your planning?
- Are there ways in which your plans don't really reflect God's will? What needs to change?
- Why is it great news that God is in control of the future?

Questions from James for You by Sam Allberry

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 4:13-17 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 8:

What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

Answer:

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

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

"God is sovereign; therefore, genuine faith submits its future to God."

(4:13-14)

(4:15-17)

Abide With Me

VERSE 1

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me

VERSE 2

Thou on my head,
in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

VERSE 3

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace,
can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
abide with me.

VERSE 4

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

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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.

Be Thou My Vision

VERSE 1

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

VERSE 2

Be Thou my wisdom,
and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

VERSE 3

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart
High King of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

VERSE 4

High King of heaven, my vict'ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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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

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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