

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 10th, 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



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:14-16

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

HOLY HOLY HOLY

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN
COME THOU FOUNT

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Ephesians 2:12-13

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article 8: Of Repentance and Faith

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Book of Nehemiah
Rick Graumlich

Nehemiah 13 (p.408)
"The Pattern of Life"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE & BENEDICTION

ALL I HAVE IS 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 REPENTANCE AND FAITH

We believe repentance and faith are sacred duties as well as inseparable graces. They are produced in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God, who convinces us of our guilt, danger, helplessness, and the way of salvation by Christ. And they consist of turning to God with genuine sorrow, confession, and a petition for mercy; receiving heartily the Lord Jesus Christ as Prophet, Priest and King; and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

Holy Holy Holy

VERSE 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

VERSE 3

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

VERSE 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy name, in
earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Reflection Questions

- What did the Jews learn from Moses' law? Why was this law given (Nehemiah 13:1-3)?
- Where was Nehemiah when this happened? What did he do when he returned (Nehemiah 13:6-9)? What act of Jesus does this remind you of?
- What other sin did the people commit (Nehemiah 13:15)? Who else joined in this sin (Nehemiah 13:16)? What did they do?
- What other sins had some people committed (Nehemiah 13:23)? What was the consequence of this (Nehemiah 13:24)?
- Why does Nehemiah ask God to remember him three times? What does this look like today?

Ideas for Family Worship

Read Nehemiah 13 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 I Have Is 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 5:

What else did God create?

Answer:

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

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

The Power of _____ (vv.4-14)

The Power of _____ (vv.15-23)

The Power of _____ (vv.24-28)

There Is A Fountain

VERSE 1

There is a fountain filled with blood
drawn from Immanuel's vein
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
lose all their guilty stains

VERSE 2

The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day
And there have I, though vile as he,
washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away
And there have I, though vile as he,
washed all my sins away

VERSE 3

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood
shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more
Be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more

VERSE 4

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die

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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.

Come Thou Fount

VERSE 1

Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

VERSE 2

Here I raise my "Ebenezer";
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

VERSE 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

VERSE 4

Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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All I Have Is Christ

VERSE 1

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

VERSE 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

CHORUS

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

VERSE 3

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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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