

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

Church Softball League

We are looking to join the Westerville Church softball league. It starts in April and games would be on Friday nights. A team needs at least 5 women to play. Reach out to Connor Frazier if you are interested in playing.

Membership Class

Today @ 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

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, March 23rd @ 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) on certain Saturday mornings.



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:2-4

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

CHRIST THE TRUE AND BETTER
ROCK OF AGES

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article 14: Of Baptism and The Lord's Supper

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Robert Kane

James 5:13-20 (p.1013)
"The Power of Prayer"

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 BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is a solemn and beautiful emblem that declares our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior as well as our union with him in death to sin and resurrection to a new life. Baptism is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and the Lord's Supper. We likewise believe that the Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby the members of the church, following earnest self-examination, use bread and the cup in a sacred manner to commemorate together the dying love of Christ. The ordinances belong to the gathered church, marking off believers from unbelievers and making the church visible on earth.

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

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 1

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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Reflection Questions

- Why is it so critical to pray when you suffer? In other words, what is so unique and special about prayer when the Christian suffers? Why is it so important to “sing praises” when life is going well?
- What is the point of the elders “anointing” the sick person with oil?
- Why is personal confession to other believers a key to healing?
- What are some practical truths you can apply to your own personal prayer life from the final sentence in v. 16—“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”?

Questions from Grace Life Bible

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 5:13-20 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 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* (page 2) 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 11:

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

Answer:

ixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

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

(vv.13-18)

(vv.19-20)

Christ The True And Better

VERSE 1

Christ the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, He reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head

VERSE 2

Christ the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh what full and boundless love

CHORUS

Amen, amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

VERSE 3

Christ the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood
we pass now through

VERSE 4

Christ the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty King
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered

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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.

Rock Of Ages

VERSE 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood,
from Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure

VERSE 2

Not the labors of my hands,
can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone

VERSE 3

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die

VERSE 4

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

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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