

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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 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). We would love for you to be there if you're able to make it.

Members' Meeting

Sunday, April 28th @ 5:00 PM
If you're a member of Citizens Church, please plan to attend our members' meetings! Dinner will be provided. Location TBD.



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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 LORD'S DAY

We believe the first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and points to the rest that awaits the people of God. It should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

ADORATION

Prayer of Praise

I AM HAPPY IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer of Confession

SOVEREIGN OVER US
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; **though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.**

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article 15: Of the Lord's Day

SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Letter of James
Robert Kane

James (p.1011)
"Genuine Faith Works"

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper

PRAISE & BENEDICTION

HOW GREAT THOU ART
DOXOLOGY

FELLOWSHIP

We'd love for you to join us for snacks and fellowship after the service!

I Am Happy In The Service Of The King

VERSE 1

I am happy in the service of the King
I am happy, O so happy!
I have peace and joy
that nothing else can bring
In the service of the King

CHORUS

In the service of the King
Every talent I will bring
I have peace and joy and blessing
In the service of the King

VERSE 2

I am happy in the service of the King
I am happy, O so happy!
Through the sunshine and shadow I sing
In the service of the King

VERSE 3

I am happy in the service of the King
I am happy, O so happy!
To His guiding hand forever I will cling
In the service of the King

VERSE 4

I am happy in the service of the King
I am happy, O so happy!
All that I possess to Him I gladly bring
In the service of the King

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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?
- What does it look like to receive God’s Word “in humility”? How are you seeking God’s Word daily and applying it in your life?
- What are some ways in which we can be partial and show personal favoritism? Why do you think we are prone to partiality?
- What important truths have you learned about the relationship between faith and works?

Questions from Grace Life Bible

Ideas for Family Worship

Read James 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 *Sovereign Over Us* (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 12:

What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Answer:

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

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

Sovereign Over Us

VERSE 1

There is strength within the sorrow
There is Beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning
With a love that cast out fears
You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
And beyond our understanding
Your teaching us to trust

CHORUS

Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire
and the flood
You're Faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are Sovereign Over us

VERSE 2

You are wisdom unimagined,
Who could understand your ways,
Reigning high above the heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace
You're the Lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me,
And your promises are my delight

BRIDGE

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You Turn it for our good
and for your glory
Even in the valley you are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
and for your glory

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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.

How Firm A Foundation

VERSE 1

How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say
than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled.

VERSE 2

Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed,
For I am your God,
and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee,
help thee and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand.

VERSE 3

When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee,
thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

VERSE 4

When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume,
and thy gold to refine.

VERSE 5

The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no never no never forsake

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How Great Thou Art

VERSE 1

O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder,
consider all the Worlds
Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
the universe displayed

CHORUS

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

VERSE 2

And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

VERSE 3

When Christ shall come,
with shouts of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim,
My God, how great You are!

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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