



Together In Christ

By His Grace

For His Glory

10:30 AM Sunday Mornings

October 4, 2026

Words of Reflection

“Things are not as they appear. Our Father is more at work for our good, healing, and freedom than we realize. Rest, trust, anticipate.”

Scotty Smith

Order of Worship

Welcome/Invocation---Harrison VanGalder

We ask God's Spirit to make the presence and promises of God real to us.

Call to Worship---Harrison VanGalder

God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters our busy lives to speak to us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Psalm 89:8-9, 11, 14

Song of Praise

We sing praises to God and proclaim His glory for what He has done for us through the ministry and work of Jesus Christ. Singing helps us feel the reality of God, connect with Him, and express His truth.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our Helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of hosts His name, from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Traditional Song, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
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Corporate Confession of Sin---Harrison VanGalder

God cleanses us and restores us through Jesus' death and resurrection. We willingly acknowledge our sin openly to God, considering God's grace that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through the shed blood of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession---Harrison VanGalder

Intercessory Prayer---Harrison VanGalder

We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray. The Lord's prayer is our model.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Assurance of Forgiveness---Harrison VanGalder

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Confession of Faith---Harrison VanGalder

We join the church in history by confessing the basic statements of what Christians believe.

(Second through Fourth Sundays of the Month)

Philippians 2:5-11

Read Together: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Song of Response

We respond with thanksgiving and praise for God's redemptive work through Jesus Christ.

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.

The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

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Traditional Song, "The Love of God"
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Family Time---Harrison VanGalder

We celebrate how God is working in and through us in our families, community, and world.

- Announcements
- Greet One Another

The Reading of God's Word

A Song of Ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121

Preaching God's Word---Eddie Brown

The truth of God's Word is explained and proclaimed so that we can respond, delight in it, and seek to be more fully shaped into God's image.

Sermon Notes
When We Need Help
Eddie Brown

Psalm 121

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The Offering---Harrison VanGalder

Generosity and stewardship are two of the ways that we respond to God's Word and grace. We invest in God's Kingdom as a step of faith, trusting that He will supply all of our needs. You are also invited to give to Christ Church online through your "Church Center" application or at <https://christchurchsanford.churchcenter.com>. Feel free to use our offering box in the foyer for direct giving on Sunday mornings.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Celebrated the First Sunday of every month)

The Lord's Supper is not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. Those who receive the Lord's Supper in the right way share in His body and blood with all His benefits, not physically but by faith, and become spiritually stronger and grow in grace.

Departing Song of Worship

God blesses us and sends us out to be a part of His mission to Lee County, surrounding areas, and the World.

Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take
my moments and my days; let
them flow in endless praise, let
them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King. Take
my lips and let them be filled with
messages from thee, filled with
messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it
shall be no longer mine. Take my
heart it is thine own; it shall be
thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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The Benediction---Eddie Brown

The people of God are sent out into the world to love God and love others where we live, work, and play.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25

Singing of the Doxology

Doxology means “*glory words*.” We acknowledge who God is and all that He has done for us as we go out into the world.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

Announcements

Our announcements remind us of ways that we can connect with and support one another as we go.

Pulpit Committee Meeting TODAY!

Women's Retreat October 23-25. Please register in the Church Center App. Registration deadline 10/6. For questions and more information please contact Lauren @ (910)603-1499

Men's & Women's Bible Studies---Meet the First and Third Weeks of Each Month. Women meet on Thursday nights at Marla's home. Contact Marla for more information @ (469)767-5057. Men meet on Tuesday nights at Harley's home. Contact Harley for more information @ (610)333-5816.

LIFE Groups---Meet Second and Fourth Weeks Each Month. Dinner, short Bible study, and prayer. Please visit the Church Center App to find a group that you would like to join and for more information.

Anchor Student Ministry---Our Middle and High School students will meet every other Wednesday for fun games, Bible study, prayer, and snacks. They will also host special events. Please grab a flier for more details or contact Kate Blackburn @ (919)530-9270.

Operation Christmas Child ---Please check out the OCC page in the Church Center app for more information and an Amazon shopping link. Donations are still being accepted! Shoeboxes will be available October 11th to pack on your own. **SAVE THE DATE!** Our Annual Packing and Pizza Party will be November 8th after the Worship Service. Stay tuned for more info.!

Church Wide Prayer---We will meet for prayer at 10:00 AM every Sunday morning before church. Feel free to join us!

Church Center App---To access more information about Christ Church, view calendar/events, announcements, giving, join groups, volunteer sign-ups, directory, etc. please scan the Church Center QR code on the information table. Questions about the Church Center App or Webpage please see or contact Melanie @ (910)366-4452.

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For more information about Christ Church Sanford please check out our webpage at www.christchurchsanfordpca.com

Last Week's Attendance: 50---Last Month's Giving: \$10,769---Year to Date Giving: \$108,401

Children in Worship

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:13-14

We value worship.

We value worshipping as a whole family together.

We value worship in the context of a community of families known as the local church.

We believe in additional training and discipleship for our children which begins in the home and is supplemented by the church through special events, children’s membership, and Backyard Bible Club.

Feel free to utilize our nursery (k-3) until your children are ready and able to sit quietly in the worship service.

For those of us who have small children, how can we include our children in worship while respecting others who may or may not have children?

9 Steps to help your children worship well on Sundays.

1. Train and teach your children about the value of worship and clarify your expectations for them ahead of time. Saturday evenings are a great time to rehearse these values and get prepared as a family.
2. Arrive early enough to get bathroom and snack breaks out of the way before worship begins.
3. We ask that kids arrive on Sunday mornings with an attitude of worship. We want them to connect with their friends, but we ask that they be respectful in anticipation of the beginning of the worship service.
4. Feel free to bring additional resources for your children if you feel that would help them enjoy and participate in our worship service. We may reintroduce our children’s bulletin at a future time.
5. Since the bathrooms are in the foyer, please escort younger children to the bathroom for the safety and security of our kids.
6. We know that sometimes children need to wiggle and cry. If your child becomes distracting for others, please use the foyer as a way for you to continue to enjoy and care for your child while being respectful of others as they worship. The worship service can be heard in the hallway and foyer.
7. We are grateful that God has given us a wonderful facility. We encourage our kids to wiggle, move, and play, but please be respectful of the adults who are trying to catch up. Parents, please enjoy great conversation and a second cup of coffee while keeping an eye on your kids.
8. If you are looking for great resources for investing in your kids and for helping them worship well, please check out “*Shepherding a Child’s Heart*” by Tedd Tripp.
9. We value honest and open communication, and this is a wonderful area of community where we can work together as families and love one another. If you have any questions or concerns, let’s apply Matthew 18:15-17, the Peacemakers Pledge, and feel free to contact an Elder at any time.



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