



Together In Christ
By His Grace
For His Glory

June 21, 2026
10:30 AM Sunday Mornings

Words of Reflection

“Satan need not convince us that Heaven doesn’t exist. He need only convince us that Heaven is a place of boring unearthly existence.”

Randy Alcorn

Order of Worship

The story of redemption unfolded in the different elements of our worship service every Lord's Day.

Welcome/Invocation

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

Call to Worship

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

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:33,36

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.

How Great is Our God

The splendour of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God,
sing with me: how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing: how great is our God.

song, "How Great is Our God"
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Corporate Confession of Sin

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.

Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit to fill the disciples with willing faith: We confess that we often resist the work of Your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve You, and reluctant to spread the good news of Your saving love. God, have mercy upon us. Forgive our divisions, and by Your Spirit, draw us together. Increase in us a desire to do Your will and to be Your faithful people for the sake of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:13-15

Intercessory Prayer

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. Amen.

Confession of Faith

We join the church in history by confessing the basic statements of what Christians believe.
(Second through Fourth Sundays)

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader: Question. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

All together: Answer.

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

*He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.
Amen.*

Song of Response

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

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me;
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving;
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving;
He is with me to the end.

song, "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"
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Family Time

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

The Reading of God's Word

God speaks to us primarily by His Word through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:1-6

Preaching God's Word

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.

Installation of Jay Delancy as a Ruling Elder

Jay was elected to this office on May 31, 2026. He has been trained and approved by the Session of our church for this office. We will at this time bring him forward for his installation questions, exhortation, and prayer.

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?*
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?*
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?*
- 4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder and of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?*
- 5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*
- 6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?*

The ruling elder or deacon elect having answered in the affirmative, the minister shall address the members of the church the following question: Affirm by the raising of the right hand.

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

After which the minister or any other member of the Session shall give to the ruling elders and deacons and to the church an exhortation suited to the occasion.

- Short Exhortation to Jay (Ralph)
- Laying on of Hands by Session members (Noah, Tom, Harrison, and Randy)

Declaration of ordination and installation:

I now pronounce and declare that Jay Delancy has been regularly elected, ordained and installed a ruling elder in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

- The right hand of fellowship is offered to Jay by the officers and the church after worship.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (First Sunday of Each 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.

The Offering

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.

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.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

song, "In Christ Alone"

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Announcements

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

The Benediction

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

The Sending and Doxology

We close our service with the Doxology, which means "*glory words.*", a short hymn of praise to God, as we are sent out to where we live, work, and play.

"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."

Sermon Notes
Imagining Our Destiny
Investigating the Realities of Heaven

Heaven is a real place perfectly suited for our desires for adventure, work, relationships, and the fulfillment of having a righteous, holy, generous King!

John 14:1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

First, why don't we talk about heaven?

Secondly, we have a difficult time imagining heaven because we haven't studied the reality of Heaven very much!

Thirdly, since Heaven is such a great and inviting place, it makes sense that Satan would fill us with lies and misconceptions about heaven.

Lastly, we must be able to use our imagination...which takes some time and work...but is fueled by concrete images that we can understand.

Conclusion:

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Announcements

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

Church-Wide Splash Pad & Cookout---Join us on Sunday afternoon June 28th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Kiwanis Family Park. The splash pad is open until 7:00 PM and we have the pavilion reserved for grilling and eating. Bring a side and a dessert and the church will supply burgers/dogs, drinks, and paper products!

Anchor Student Ministry---Mini golf and Chick-Fil-A this Tuesday from 2:00-6:00 PM. See Kate for more information and to organize rides. Cost will be \$6 per person plus the cost of dinner.

OCC T-Shirt Decoration Party---July 18th, 5:00-7:30 PM. Location to TBD. Bring your creative gifts to personalize T-shirts for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Pizza dinner & Drinks included. Bring dessert. If weather permits, we will set up the inflatable.

Church-wide Cookbook---Email Sandra at: 2014msmills@gmail.com.

Operation Christmas Child---Please check out the Operation Christmas Child page in the church center app for more information, monthly donation link, as well as an Amazon Wish list link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/VYRSTLL93TXO?ref=wl_share

Men's & Women's Bible Studies---Off for the summer. We will relaunch in August.

LIFE Groups---Off for the summer. We will relaunch in August.

Anchor Student Ministry--- Our Middle and High School students will continue to meet for special events during the summer including a T-shirt Tie Dying party on July 18th from 5:00-8:00 PM for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We will also be heading to the beach July 27-30th. See Kate for an updated calendar with monthly events.

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

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 at the information table. Questions about the Church Center App or Webpage please contact Melanie (910)366-4452.

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For more information about Christ Church Sanford: Check out our webpage at www.christchurchsanfordpca.com. Contact Ralph Johnston at rwjtarheel@gmail.com or 770-530-2714.

Last Week's Attendance: 56---Last Month's Giving: \$15,059 Year to Date: \$64,311

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 worship, special events, and children's membership.

Feel free to utilize our nursery (0-3) 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?

7 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 to the 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. Please escort younger children when using the bathrooms for the safety and security of our kids.
5. We know that sometimes children need to wiggle and cry. If your child becomes distracting towards others, please use the nursery or front foyer as a way for you to continue to enjoy and care for your child while being respectful of others as they worship.
6. We are grateful that God has given us a wonderful facility. We encourage our kids to run, jump, and play, but we ask that they be respectful of others and the building. Children need to stay in the area around the worship space and should not wander the halls at any time. Parents, please enjoy great conversation and a second cup of coffee while keeping an eye on your kids.
7. 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 Ralph at any time.