



WORSHIP GUIDE | WEEK OF 10.20.19



## CREATION

God made people, places, and things to be glorious and whole.

Our worship service unfolds as a drama that tells God's story



## FALL

But all is not well. We've run away from God, making a mess of ourselves and his good world.



## REDEMPTION

The good news is that God doesn't give up on us. He's come for us in Jesus to reconcile us to himself as sons and daughters and to one another as brothers and sisters. God's weaving together of a diverse family to live as his people is central to his mission of making the world whole again.



## RENEWAL

One day God will fully renew people, places, and things, causing life to flourish like never before.

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## CITY CHURCH KIDS

We provide a safe and loving environment for children to experience the presence of Jesus and be formed in God's story.



**UNDER AGE 3** | Nursery check-in is available from 10:25 a.m. through the welcome at the beginning of the service. Check-in is also available when children are dismissed for City Church Kids later in the service.

**AGE 3 - 4TH GRADE** | Kids check-in takes place during the greeting time.

All children return after the sermon for the conclusion of the service.



## WELCOME

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

"Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for  
joy, for you judge the peoples with  
equity and guide the nations upon  
earth."

— PSALM 67:3-4

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*Early check-in for nursery ends*

***"Come to Us, O Lord"***

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***"Praise the Lord Ye Heavens"***

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God and Father, we repent of  
our refusal to honor your image in  
creation.

We do not treasure the beauty of  
humanity patterned after your vast  
and wondrous creativity. In our  
small-minded, fearful perspectives,  
we stubbornly ignore opportunities  
to imitate your Triune love. We fail  
to strive for the unity in diversity  
that you call us to as your children.

Only Son of God, we repent of our  
arrogance that tramples under foot  
precious people for whom you  
died.

We stand firmly rooted in our  
cultural conclusions. We look down  
on those we deem less than  
ourselves when we should be  
sitting at your feet—never ceasing  
to learn from your life of sacrificial  
servanthood.

Sovereign Lord, we have grieved  
your Holy Spirit in our selfishness.

Our self-absorbed priorities have  
caused us to ignore others rather  
than cherish the life in community  
that you have orchestrated. Please  
forgive us and transform us into a  
more beautiful people—living in  
community and sacrificially loving



## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Jesus was slain, and by his blood he ransomed people for God, from every tribe and language and people and nation."

— REVELATION 5:9

## COVENANT BAPTISM

Elijah James Hobbs

## JOINING GOD'S MISSION

## OFFERING

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*"King of My Heart"*

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## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*Children are dismissed for City Church  
Kids at this time*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

*The passage can be found on page 976 of the Bible in the pew rack.*

## SERMON

*"A Dwelling Place for God"*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*Children should be picked up from City Church Kids at this time.*

*"We Sing as One"*

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God communes with us*

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all Christians who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to share in this meal with us. Each table has one tray of cups filled with wine and another filled with grape juice.

If you are not coming forward to receive communion, we gladly extend room for you to process and dialogue with God. Use the prayers below to reflect on and respond to what God is doing in your life.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*"Beautiful"*

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## BENEDICTION

*If you would like to be prayed for, or to pray with others, post-service prayer is available in the balcony immediately after the worship service.*

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## PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

God, you claim that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

## PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I accept that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Redeemer.

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT CITY CHURCH?

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### ANNUAL FALL FEST

This year's Fall Fest will take place at Tilton Park on **Saturday, October 19** from 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Rain date will be Saturday, October 26.)

We seek to be a church that blesses and serves the neighborhood in which we worship. One of the ways we do this is by co-sponsoring this annual fall festival with both the Cool Spring/Tilton Park Neighborhood Association and West Side Grows, a local community development organization. Volunteer sign-ups can be found at <http://bit.ly/FallFest2019SignUp> or at the Connect Table in the lobby.

Feel free to contact Barb Duszak, [barbaraduszak@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraduszak@gmail.com), with any questions.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry is meeting to determine its future! Please join us to discuss the philosophy of ministry behind all of the activities we will do in the coming years & to be a part of crafting our core strategies and 5 year goals. Join us on **Saturday, November 2**, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at our worship facility. We'll provide the coffee and muffins & you bring your ideas and excitement!

### YOUTH MINISTRY

The City Church youth ministry will be attending Reality Factor, the Heritage Presbytery youth retreat, on the second weekend in November. We will depart from the PAC on the evening of **Friday, November 8th**, and will return to the PAC on the afternoon of Sunday, November 10th. The cost for the retreat is \$50 per student with a maximum of \$100 per family. All meals on Saturday are included in the cost as well as brunch on Sunday morning. Contact Wayne, [wayne@citychurchwilmington.com](mailto:wayne@citychurchwilmington.com), for more information and to RSVP.

### WE'RE HIRING!

Kristina Pansa, who has served as our City Church Kids Coordinator for the past 6 years, will be stepping out of her role due to the responsibilities of her full-time job. We are grateful for all of her hard work in helping to build our children's ministry in recent years.

With Kristina's impending departure from our staff, we are looking to fill the Kids Coordinator position. You can download the job description from the job posting on our blog, [citychurchwilmington.com/blog](http://citychurchwilmington.com/blog). Direct inquiries to Pastor Jason, [jason@citychurchwilmington.com](mailto:jason@citychurchwilmington.com)

### SAVE THE DATE!

- Christmas Candlelight Service  
Sunday, December 15 - 6:00 p.m.

## CITY CHURCH KIDS VOLUNTEERS

### OCTOBER 20

#### UNDER 3 YEARS

Allie Andrews  
Tricia Confalone  
Nicholas Spartz

#### 3 YEARS-PRE-K

Jill Jackson  
Amy Norton  
Olivia Bush

#### K-4TH GRADE

Joel Comanda

### OCTOBER 27

#### UNDER 3 YEARS

Gena Vargas  
Lionel Vargas  
Jesse Comanda

#### 3 YEARS-PRE-K

Laura Williams  
Sara Carty  
Nora Comanda

#### K-4TH GRADE

Josh Gregor

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

BUDGETED GIVING TO DATE      \$203,028.85

ACTUAL GIVING TO DATE      \$167,640.84

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## WAYS TO GIVE

### CASH/CHECK

Offering basket  
during the service

### CARD/BANK

Our website:  
[citychurchwilmington.com/give](http://citychurchwilmington.com/give)

### CHECK

P.O. Box 2504  
Wilmington, DE 19805

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

"CoGros"

YOU BELONG.

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A community group is a group of people who are learning to follow Jesus together by living under God's story, in his family, and on his mission.

The church is not a worship service or a building, but a community of people. We don't want to be isolated individuals who simply go to church. We want to be the church.

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### WITHIN THE CITY

#### COOL SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD

Tuesday nights

Contact:

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[lillyvandyk@yahoo.com](mailto:lillyvandyk@yahoo.com)

#### TRINITY VICINITY NEIGHBORHOOD

Wednesday nights

Contact:

Bethany Gregor

[bethany@urbanpromise.org](mailto:bethany@urbanpromise.org)

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### & OTHER AREAS

#### KENNETT SQUARE

Thursday nights

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Joel Comanda

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#### NEWARK

Thursday nights

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## NOTES

**Diverse stories and backgrounds  
woven together in God's story...**

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### **OUR VISION**

We exist to fill our diverse  
communities with the  
presence of Jesus.

### **OUR MISSION**

We equip people with diverse  
stories and backgrounds to  
embody God's story together  
in the everyday stuff of life.

### **OUR VALUES**

Knowing. Becoming. Doing.

