

SUNDAY RECAP | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The *Sunday Recap* is a review of our worship together on Sunday and a quick look ahead to next Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week long. Enjoy!

RECAP FOR: Sunday, January 13th, 2019

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PREPARE FOR THIS SUNDAY [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

Songs:

[Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Call to Worship //

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,
if you are struggling and you desire victory,
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need
a Savior, God welcomes you here in the name
of Christ.

To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
and to whoever will come,
this congregation opens wide its doors
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus
Christ

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: O God, we confess that the sin of racial
hatred and prejudice
distorts your divine character.

You created us in divine likeness, diverse and
beautiful:

In every person, every race, is your image.

**All: But too often we fail to recognize your
image in all: Forgive us.**

Leader: You created us to be a picture of the
unity of your diversity.

Our call is to fight for justice for all, but we have
focussed on ourselves and left others to fight for
themselves, seeing it as “their problem”.

**All: We fail to choose to advocate for your
justice for all: Forgive us.**

Leader: You created us for unity, yet we have only
looked at life through our own eyes.

We don't have compassion for those fighting
injustice because we refuse to put ourselves in
their shoes.

**All: For our ugly individualism and neglect:
Forgive us.**

Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil
Open our hearts to desire good over evil
Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil,
Keep us from being part of the problem, and
make us part of the solution.

Create among us your beloved multi-colored and
mutually dependent community of love.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Hear the good news: God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives us and sets us free to live full human lives in community. We may go forth confident of the grace to see with new eyes beyond racial prejudice; to imagine with renewed fervor justice and mercy for all, and to create with a new will a community where all are given access to God's abundant life.

All: Thanks be to God!

// Passing of the Peace //

We are all here because of God's hospitality. We share the privilege of extending that hospitality to each other.

Let's take a moment and greet one another in the hospitality of Christ.

// Benediction //

Leader: You are united together. You are the children of the God of the universe. Go live like it. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

REFLECT ON LAST SUNDAY [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

Songs:

[Come Ye Sinners](#)

[Jesus Messiah](#)

[10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\)](#)

[Awake My Soul](#)

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)](#)

Readings:

// Call to Worship //

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

—Psalm 92:1-4

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Lord, when we look at our heart, we see callousness, we see impurity, we see greediness, we see selfishness, pride, and all sorts of unrighteousness. We see a lot of our "old self".

All: Lord, hear our prayer and forgive us!

Leader: We have not sought to keep the unity we have in the Spirit. We have ignored each other.

We have gossiped about each other. We are holding grudges instead of extending forgiveness.

All: Lord, hear our prayer and forgive us!

Leader: Our great God, may you forgive us and help us. We need holiness and a desire for it.

All: Create in us a clean heart, we pray.

// Assurance of Pardon //

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

—1 Peter 2:24

// Passing of the Peace //

Jesus came to give light to those who sit in darkness and to guide us to the path of peace. As God's people who have been led to God's peace, let's greet each other with Christ's peace. -from Luke 1:79

// Benediction //

Leader: Go from here and love people with the love of Christ that is within you.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

FURTHER REFLECTION & STUDY [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

Ephesians Series Resources:

[Ephesians Scripture Journal](#) (available on Sundays for \$2)

[Alive in Him](#) by Gloria Furman (available on Sundays for \$5) and downloadable [Study Guide](#)

Ephesians Resources from Bible Project: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/ephesians/>

Scripture to Meditate On:

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

New City Catechism

Question 48

What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

This Weeks Theological Word and Definition:

Sanctification: the 'fruit' of justification (our being made right with God). It is the gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works. Sanctification never reaches perfection in this life (believers continue to struggle with sin), but by virtue of the believer's union with Christ, real conformity to the image of Christ occurs by means of the Word and sacraments.

-Adapted from Louis Berkhof's Systematic Theology

Reflection Questions:

- For our *Assurance of Pardon* we read from 2 Peter 2:24- "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness." How does the death of Christ allow us to live to righteousness?
- If someone really knew you well and was going to speak the truth in love to you what would they say?
- In what ways are you currently "putting off the old self" and "putting on Christ"? In what ways do you need to start doing that?
- How is your presence benefiting others in our church community?

Suggested Resources from last week:

Articles: [Yes, God Requires Obedience for Salvation](#) by Michael Horton

[Putting Sin to Death](#) by Ligonier Ministries

[Put Off and Put On](#) by Jerry Bridges

RESOURCES FOR KIDS (and Parents) [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

5-minute Video (because we know that's all the time you have) ;)

[Forgiveness Doesn't Compromise Authority](#) with Paul Tripp

New City Catechism

Get the New City Catechism App: <http://newcitycatechism.com/mobile-apps/>

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FAMILY BIBLE TIME GUIDE

Read aloud together:

Ephesians 4:20-24

20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Questions for Children and Parents to discuss:

- What do you think Paul means when he tells us to put off our old self and put the new self?
- How would you describe the old self?
- How would you describe the new self?
- Why is it important that we look like God in his righteousness and holiness?

Prayer

Awesome God, that you for creating us and saving us. Thank you for giving us your righteousness so we can now live in it. Help us to love others in the same way you loved us. If we need to forgive someone, help us to do that today. Teach us to serve the needs of others in our church and not always just think of ourselves. We know your Holy Spirit is with us and guiding us every day and we thank you! We love you God. Thanks for loving us so much. Amen.

Sermon Review [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

Title: "Spiritual Transformation"

Text: Ephesians 4:17-32

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/spiritual-transformation/>

Podcast: <https://cccplainfield.org/subscribe-to-podcast>

Spiritual transformation happens from the inside out. It starts by giving us a new heart and implanting the Holy Spirit within us, guiding us and helping us to live our new life. The renewal brought by the gospel does not hinge on our actions, but it does produce new actions. These new actions build others up and put our needs behind others. The language Paul uses here is we "put off the old self" and "put on the new self". Not an easy process, but one Paul instructs us to practice daily (maybe even hourly). Because we find ourselves "in Christ" it makes sense that we would live like that is a reality!