

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 6th, 2019

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

Songs:

[Spotify playlist](#)

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!

REFLECT ON LAST SUNDAY

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Songs:

[Your Grace is Enough](#)

[Revelation Song](#)

[Sovereign Over Us](#)

[Faithful](#)

[How Deep the Father's Love for Us](#)

Readings:

// Call to Worship //

L: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ☰
C: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ☰

L: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,
C: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
—Revelation 7:9-12

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Congregation: Lord, hear us and help us.

Leader: We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Congregation: Lord, hear us and help us.

Leader: We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Congregation: Lord, hear us and help us.

// Assurance of Pardon //

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 John 1:9

Leader: May your soul be at rest. All your sins are forgiven. Your unrighteousness removed, and in its place, by faith, you receive the Righteousness of Christ.

All: Praise God, we are forgiven and loved!
Amen.

// Passing of the Peace //

"walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." - Ephesians 4:1-3

// Benediction //

Leader: May this new year be filled with a deeper love for Christ, closer bond with one another, and many who come to faith in our Savior.
Go 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 4:15–16

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

New City Catechism

Question 46: *What is the Lord's Supper?*

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

This Weeks Theological Word and Definition:

[The Obligations of Church Members](#)

We believe, since this holy assembly and congregation is the assembly of the redeemed and there is no salvation outside of it, that no one ought to withdraw from it, content to be by himself, no matter what his status or standing may be. But all and everyone are obliged to join it and unite with it, maintaining the unity of the church. All therefore who draw away from the

church or fail to join it act contrary to the ordinance of God.

(taken from the Belgic Confession, Article 28)

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Passing of the Peace* we read from Ephesians 4, where Paul tells us to be “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” How has God maintained unity with us? How have you allowed less than unity and peace among others in our church community?
- Pastor Ryan mentioned three descriptions of a spiritual infant—undiscerning, self-centered, and unsteady; which of those do you see most in yourself? What do you do when you notice them?
- What do you think God has blessed you with that can help build up those in our church? How can you start doing that?

Suggested Resources from last week:

Articles:

[The Difficult Call to Promote Peace and Unity in the Church](#) by Curtis Heffelfinger

[The Loneliness of Self-Righteousness](#) by Eric Landry

[Every Member Ministry](#) by Ligonier Ministries

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

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

[The Power of Parental Patience](#) with Paul Tripp

Article: [Parenting in the Power of the Gospel](#) by Tedd Tripp

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

New City Catechism

Question 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

FAMILY BIBLE TIME GUIDE

Read aloud together:

Ephesians 4:15-16 - Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Questions for Children and Parents to discuss:

- What does it mean to "speak the truth in love"? Can you think of an example of when you have experienced this?
- In these verses where does it say the growth of the body comes from?
- If all of us have a role to play, what do you think your role is in our church? How can you help others grow in Christ?

Prayer

God, you are really great. Thanks for not just saving us but also using us to grow one another to be more like Jesus. We thank you for all the people in our lives that have helped us know and love Jesus more.

People like _____ and _____. Show us how we can be part of helping others in our church know and love Jesus. Show us how we can serve and love the others in our church family. And thank you that we know for a FACT that we will all grow because you are faithful to us! Thank you God, we love you. Thanks for loving us no matter what! Amen.

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

Title: "Spiritual Maturity and Unity in the Church"

Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/spiritual-maturity-and-the-unity-of-the-church/>

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

There isn't anything wrong with being an infant, but there is a lot wrong with staying an infant! In our spiritual life we certainly don't want to remain infants for our entire life when God has much more. Paul encourages us not to remain children and those who are "tossed to and fro by the waves and every wind of doctrine". Instead of being children spiritually, Paul calls us to grow up into maturity, and we do that TOGETHER. You get the sense that the spiritual maturity of others *is indeed your concern*. Why? Because we don't merely grow separately, but we grow as we use our gifts to build one another up in Christ! It's an "all hands on deck" sort of idea. If we sit back and don't engage with one another ALL of our spiritual growth will suffer. When we want spiritual growth we don't go after spiritual growth, we should go after building others up, and watch how that actually gets us the growth we were hoping for. Take time to consider these things. Amen.