

# WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of last Sunday- February 10th

**Sermon Text:** [Ephesians 5:3-21](#)

**Questions to Prepare:** Where have you gotten your thoughts on the roles in marriage? What did you learn about marriage roles from watching your parents growing up? How have you heard Ephesians 5 taught before? How would you summarize Paul's teaching here?

**Songs:** [Spotify playlist](#)

**Sermon video:** <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/evangelism-through-marriage/>

## **Readings:**

### **// Prayer of Preparation //**

We are very thankful, God, that you want us to come and worship you. We know you are listening to us when we sing and when we pray. And we know that will bless us before we leave. Thank you, God. Amen.

### **// Call to Worship //**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.  
-Psalm 100

### **// Prayer of Confession //**

Awesome and compassionate God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving  
mercy,  
but we have not loved you.  
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from  
neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we  
repent in spirit and in truth,

admit our sin, and gratefully receive your  
forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.  
Amen.

### **// Assurance of Pardon //**

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins  
is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have  
redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of  
our trespasses, according to the riches of his  
grace.  
—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

### **// Passing of the Peace //**

As people who have been transformed by the  
peace of Christ, let us extend that peace by  
greeting one another here this morning.

### **// Benediction //**

Leader: May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who is the source of all goodness and  
growth, pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you, his children,  
that you may use them to his glory and the  
welfare of all peoples.  
Go in the name of the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit.  
Peace be with you!  
All: And also with you

### Reflection Questions:

- In our *Call to Worship* we read from Psalm 100 which commands us to give thanks to the Lord and bless his name! Think back over your life and remember times of the Lord's faithfulness, care, and guidance. As you think about those times, consider Jesus present there with you. How does that change the way you see it? Take some time to thank him for his constant care and oversight in your life.
- What is the purpose of marriage and why is that significant?
- Wives: What's most difficult to you about this call to 'submission'? How can you better reflect the love of the church for Jesus in the way you lovingly respect your husband?
- Husbands: What's most difficult to you about sacrificially loving your wife? How can you better reflect the love of Jesus for his church in the way you sacrificially love your wife?
- If you are married - what is going well in your marriage? Thank God for those things together. What needs work? Commit to regularly asking God's help in those things together. Do you need some help - talking with some friends, a pastor, or a counselor? If so contact Pastor Ryan and he can help.

## FAMILY BIBLE TIME!

### But first, quick video for Parents:

[The Most Significant Lessons I've Learned in Parenting](#) with Michael and Melissa Kruger

READ Together: Ephesians 4:22-25

22 Wives, follow the lead of your own husbands as you follow the Lord. 23 The husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church. The church is Christ's body. He is its Savior. 24 The church follows the lead of Christ. In the same way, wives should follow the lead of their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives. Love them just as Christ loved the church. He gave himself up for her.

### ASK:

- What is Paul telling moms and dads in these verses?
- After reading these verses why would you say marriage is so important?
- How does Jesus love the church? (Then help them see that that is how Jesus loves them! They are part of the "bride of Christ" He loved them so much and wanted to be with them forever that he died to save them!)

**PRAY:** God, you are really great! We are so thankful that Jesus loved us so much he died for us so we could be yours forever and ever! Help mommy to be the wife you want her to be. Help dad be the husband you want him to be. We pray our neighbors will know about Jesus when they see how mom and dad love each other. Thanks for loving us Jesus! We love you! Amen.

### REVIEW

[NEW CITY CATECHISM - Question 40](#)

**Q:** What should we pray?

**A:** The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

## // Prepare for this Sunday- February 17th

**Sermon Text:** [Ephesians 6:1-9](#)

**Questions to Prepare:** Why would Paul talk about the family here? What do family relationships and the gospel have to do with each other? What about work relationships (bosses and employees)?

**Songs:** [Spotify playlist](#)

### **Readings:**

#### **// Prayer of Preparation //**

This is the day that you have made, Lord.  
Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!  
Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it,  
to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.  
Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Amen.

#### **// Call to Worship //**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
– Ephesians 2:4-7

#### **// Prayer of Confession //**

Leader: Holy God, we come to You confessing that we never have enough.  
All: We are never satisfied with what You have given us.

Leader: We look at others with envy and we want more, even when our homes are overflowing with stuff.

All: We think we are in need when really we are just in want.

Leader: We cling tightly to our things, hoping they will bring us security. Help us to realize that our privileged lives are often a burden and a hindrance to Kingdom living. Show us what it means to live in complete submission to You and Your purposes.

All: May we hold tightly only to You. You are everything we need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### **// Assurance of Pardon //**

Taken from *Thoughts that Make Your Heart Sing* by Sally Lloyd-Jones

“Is there anything God CAN'T do?”  
Only one thing - ever stop loving me!

#### **// Passing of the Peace //**

Because God reached down for us, we can reach out and across the aisle to one another... we are those who announce God's grace and peace. Let's enjoy this time of fellowship in God's peace now by greeting one another.

#### **// Benediction //**

May God flood your hearts with light for greater knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the confident hope he has given to those he has called. Go now in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

(Based Ephesians 1:17-18)

**All: And also with you**