



**CHRISTLUTHERAN**  
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# Against - the - Grain

*Following Jesus*

Contemporary

January 25, 2026



## WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

If you would like to learn more about the church, contact Kathy Hofmann, our Guest & Hospitality Director [khofmann@christelca.org](mailto:khofmann@christelca.org)

-or-

Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

### OFFERING

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in the pew racks, and drop in offering plate. For online giving, text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

### CHRISTKIDS

During the sermon, children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to rooms M241/242 for a special ChristKids children's message.



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## GATHERING SONG

**My Jesus**

Nitz, Phillips

Lorrie Mauney, solo

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING SONG (stand)

**As We Pray**

Beach

Shannon Todd Jones, solo

## CONFESION & ABSOLUTION

## GREETING & SHARING THE PEACE

Please greet those around you with the peace of the Lord.

## SONG OF PREP

**The Healing Has Begun**

arr. Phillips

Lauren Ratcliffe, solo

## PRAYER

## READINGS (sit)

**Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32 (NIV)**

**Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV)**

## CHRISTKIDS DISMISSAL

## SERMON

**Against the Grain**

**Just Say the Word**

Pastor Scott Suskovic

## MUSICAL OFFERING

**He Is**

arr. Rouse

Bobby Mauney, solo

## SONG OF PRAYER (stand)

**I'm Surrounded**

Smith

## APOSTLES' CREED

## PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING & BENEDICTION (stand)

## CLOSING SONG

**I'm Changed**

arr. Cottrell

Shannon Todd Jones, solo

## DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

# McPIE Programs Coordinator

part-time position



Seeking candidates aligned with the mission of McPIE to support MMS students, families and staff through program coordination. Responsibilities include Family Night, McPIE communication material for e-news and newsletters, and being a liaison for science camp and Freedom School.

**If interested in learning more, contact  
Angela Davis at [adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)**

Re-Membering Event

## Sunday, February 1

**12:15-2:00 p.m. in Forum A&B**

If you have joined CLC within the past year, we invite you to a special lunch gathering to connect with others and share how your journey has been so far.

**Scan/Click for Info & to Register**

Please RSVP by January 26

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## NEW MEMBER CLASS

### Sunday, February 8 & 15

12:15 - 2:30 p.m. in the Forum

Join us for our upcoming New Member class! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our pastors & staff while delving into the Lutheran faith & the history of CLC. Lunch will be provided.

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MORE INFO: [khofmann@christelca.org](mailto:khofmann@christelca.org) or [mparker@christelca.org](mailto:mparker@christelca.org)

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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Sunday, January 25 • 12:15 p.m.

in the Sanctuary -or- Christ Online

FOR LIVESTREAM LINK:  
[christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

**Tuesdays • 6:00-7:15 p.m.  
at McClintock Middle School**

Help is needed to watch babies - PreK siblings during McPIE Family Night. There is a dedicated class with toys & supplies.

McClintock PARTNERS in Education

**If interested, contact Angela:  
[adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)**





**Wednesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.**  
in the Church Office Great Room

This Christ-centered, grief support group helps those who have lost loved ones find healing and hope. Open to members & nonmembers.

Griefshare follows a 13-wk. curriculum - Cost: \$20  
For questions, please email [cpmengel@gmail.com](mailto:cpmengel@gmail.com)



**Scan/Click to Register**

An Introduction to  
Centering Prayer Program

**Saturday, February, 21**  
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

at St. John's Episcopal Church  
(1623 Carmel Rd. in Charlotte)

**Click/Scan QR Code for  
More Info & Registration**  
or go to <https://t.ly/5g5Pf>



hosted by Contemplative Outreach of Piedmont NC



**Valentine's Day  
Soiree!**

**Saturday, February 14**  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**RSVP & More Info in the  
Ignite Group in REALM**  
or contact Laurie Carter  
([laurie.carter57@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.carter57@gmail.com))



**\$7.50 pp**  
Bring Heavy  
Appetizer or  
Dessert &  
A baby  
picture!

# **SOUP KITCHEN**

**3rd SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH**  
at Roof Above

Serve up a warm meal  
for those in need!  
Limited volunteer capacity.

**To get Involved, contact:**  
Liza Snow (704) 806-0064



**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
IN THEIR 20s & 30s**

**Bible Study**

**Meets every other Thursday  
6:30 p.m. in the Pit**

Young adults are invited to join with others in  
their 20s-30s for a time in the Word.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

Jan. 29 • Feb. 12 • Feb. 26 • March 12 • March 26



National Alliance on Mental Illness

**Become a NAMI Navigator Volunteer**  
NAMI Charlotte is seeking adult volunteers  
for their Navigator Call Line to respond to  
incoming calls and offer mental health  
information, types of services available and  
encouragement. No professional mental  
health experience is required.

**To learn more & apply, scan/click**  
or go to <https://t.ly/46NVf>



**Family Nights at McClintock**  
every Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

**To get involved, contact Angela:**  
[adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)

**Starts January 27**

**SERMON SERIES**  
January 4 - February 15

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- the -  
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[christelca.org/sermon-series](https://christelca.org/sermon-series)

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QUEEN CITY POPS presents

# Defying Gravity

BLOCKBUSTER BROADWAY

## Friday, March 20

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

DIRECT FROM BROADWAY - STARRING!

Scott Coulter Jessica Hendy Kelli Rabke John Boswell

**\$30 GENERAL ADMISSION**

**\$15 STUDENT | \$40 VIP**

**Scan Qr Code for More Info and RSVP**



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*Celebrating 20 Years!*

This Spring, McPIE will celebrate our 20-year partnership between Christ Lutheran and McClintock Middle School! Currently, we are putting together a celebration committee and need YOUR help.

If you would like to be included in the planning and have a part in this event, please contact Angela Davis ([adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)).

## McPIE Amazon Wishlist

Items from this list will benefit MMS teachers & students, fulfill our Family Night incentives, snacks & supplies, and help with our weekly grocery bags. This list will be updated frequently! You can decide which supplies you want to donate, pay for the items and they will be shipped straight to the church!

**Scan/Click for Amazon Wishlist**  
or go to <https://t.ly/zxmcZ>



## WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)  
To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 7 - APRIL 29

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:  
[christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze](http://christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze)



PASTOR SCOTT'S CLASS:  
**Experiencing God**  
Wednesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.  
Forum A&B -or- Online

How do you know the will of God for your life? This 13-wk course will walk through the seven steps to consider as you submit your will to God's. Purchase your book at Amazon.com. Led by Pastor Scott & Leigh Ann Harris.

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Thursday Morning  
**Women's Bible Study**  
meets weekly from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
in the Forum A&B

Starting January 8th, join Margaret Feinberg in a joy-filled study of James, the book of the Bible that sounds more like Jesus than any other letter in the New Testament. Book can be purchased from Amazon.com.

MORE INFO: [julia.edelson@gmail.com](mailto:julia.edelson@gmail.com)



**Brothers in Faith Book Study**  
**Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.**  
**at the South Land**  
(315 Reid Dairy Rd. in Waxhaw)

Adult men are invited to join this new, weekly book study as we delve into *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. We look forward to seeing you there!

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
David Dietert ([dietert0103@gmail.com](mailto:dietert0103@gmail.com))

*Clothing Donations for Crisis Assistance*

Bring new or gently used clothing (cleaned & in bags please) to donate to our neighbors in need!  
Drop off **CLOTHING ONLY** at the Outreach Office Mon-Fri. On Sunday, the blue bins will be outside the Outreach Office doors.  
PLEASE, NO TOYS OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS  
Questions? [nealmann@bellsouth.net](mailto:nealmann@bellsouth.net)

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\$75 • [SIGN UP IN REALM>>](#)





**peer** ministry leadership

**Sunday, January 25**  
**1:00–3:00 p.m. in the Pit**

All high school students are invited to come learn some important life skills that can be used to help their peers get through tough life problems.

**Scan/Click to Register>>**



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# Parent's Time Out

**Sunday, February 8**  
12:15 - 2:15 p.m. in the Pit

Parents, do you need a break or a chance to set up your Super Bowl party without your children being underfoot? Then mark your calendars and drop off children aged 3 through middle school. Lunch provided.

**Scan/Click to Register>>**

PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 1



## SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP **August 3-7**



Rising 2nd-5th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by CJ Michael & Jessica Luedeman.

Performance: Fri, Aug. 7th - 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

**\$300 • Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP**

## Stepping Stones

FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION CLASSES • SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 22 • Meaning of the Meal • 1-3 p.m.

March 14 • Story Day • 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

March 29 • Livin' Forgivin' 1-3 p.m.

First Communion will take place during Maundy Thursday's service on April 9th (after the completion of the Seder Meal). Prep classes are for 2nd graders & their parents to attend together.

MORE INFO: [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org)

## High School graduates

Class of 2026

**ATTENTION** If you have a HS senior, email Caroline ([cdiffley@christelca.org](mailto:cdiffley@christelca.org)) or Natalya ([nlegvold@christelca.org](mailto:nlegvold@christelca.org)) to receive graduate information.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

March 15: Childhood & current pic of grad due

June 7: Quillow Sunday for grads & parents

## CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP **August 3-7**



Rising 6th - 12th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by Aj Calpo & Lamar Davis.

Performance: Fri, Aug. 7th - 7pm (The Pit)

**\$300 • Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP**

## Lutheridge

CONFIRMATION CAMP  
for current 6th-8th graders

**July 5-10**  
at Lutheridge

Click/Scan for More Info & RSVP>>  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 5

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## XPERIENCE

SUMMER TOUR FUNDRAISER

**Sunday, February 1**  
**5:00 p.m. in the Pit**

The Xperience will host a fundraiser dinner to support their summer tour to Texas. Chef Mike & Alicia will provide a Tex-Mex style dinner (dine in or to go). Proceeds will support our fundraising goal of \$10,000.

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# Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders  
† People of Russia and Ukraine  
† Israel and Palestine War  
† Conflict in the Middle East  
† Remove fear and bring peace in our community  
† Chris Simmons  
† Donna Emmans  
† Natalie Brown  
† Kim Sciacero  
† Kristen Kilpatrick  
† Lois Witham  
† Fred and Janet Reddel  
† Evie King  
† Chris Wrenn's father, Dave  
† Mark Johanson and Elizabeth Marquardt on the birth of their baby boy, Isaac Jens Johanson  
† Jane and Randy Satterfield on the birth of their grandson, Walker Reed  
† Kristy Eddleman  
† Linda Cagley  
† Tony Hyde's father, Larry  
† Robin Tonelli's father, Roger Thompson  
† Bruce Voelker's brother, George



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## — Our Ministry Leaders —



**Dr. Scott Suskovic**  
Senior Pastor



**Pastor  
Ryan Ritzmann**  
Evangelism  
& Faith Formation



**Pastor  
Adrienne Ladd**  
Family Ministries



**Alexis Williams**  
Christ Online  
Minister



**Mark Johanson**  
Minister of  
Music & Worship



**Angela Davis**  
Director of  
Outreach

## — Serving in Worship —

**Philip Biedenbender** Minister of Music

**Shelby Johns** Tech Director

**Kevin Lane** Associate Tech Director

**Olivia Gerik** Media Producer

**Dennis Contreras** Music Associate

**Craig Cole** Music Associate

**Noah DePalma** Tech Associate



**FREE WI-FI** NETWORK: CLC-Guest PW: OneChurch!

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## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**January 18, 2026**

Traditional: 216

Bridge: 89

Contemporary: 238

Christ Online: 583 (Sun - Tue)

4519 Providence Road  
Charlotte, NC 28226  
(704) 366-1595

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