



Christ
Community
Presbyterian
Church

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Church Profile

Christ Community Presbyterian Church was planted in south Lakeland, FL in 2005 by Trinity Presbyterian Church. Located between Tampa and Orlando, Lakeland has a small town community feel with easy access to the fun things bigger cities provide (www.laltoday.com). Led by Lyle and Luchrysta Caswell, we started with 11 families and now average over 300 for Sunday morning worship with approximately 130 of those being kids. After meeting at Highland City Elementary for 8 years, we remodeled an existing facility on South Florida Ave (a main thoroughfare) in 2013. We currently have 3 pastoral staff, 1 part-time youth staff and an administrator. Our vision statement is: *We exist to be a worshipping community to the glory of God, perpetually spreading the gospel to ourselves and throughout our city resulting in a movement of churches, ministries and equipped members that will change Lakeland and the world.*

Being a church plant ourselves, we desire to plant church-planting churches as an essential way of reaching unbelievers with the gospel (Acts 14:21-23). In January of 2018, Jeremy and Sarah Kemp, along with several families, were sent out to plant Good Shepherd Church on the southeast side of Lakeland. What a huge blessing it has been to receive God's grace and engage in his mission to make disciples of Jesus through the local church! Undergirding much of this is a unique friendship and network we partner with called Renew Polk (501c3) (www.renewpolk.org). Our hope is to be a family of churches who plant 20 churches in 20 years throughout Polk County. We currently have 7 established church plants with 2 more in the planning phases.

At Christ Community, we hope to implement our vision through 4 major ministry structures that utilize the simple means of grace (Acts 2:42): Corporate Worship, Community Groups, Discipleship (small groups of 3-4 men or 3-4 women doing life on life ministry) and Ministry Teams (women's, children's, men's, international missions, etc.) We gather at 9:30 on Sunday mornings for worship and meet in homes for Community Groups throughout the week. Children ages 3-5th grade participate in worship until the sermon when they exit for Kids Worship. We are currently utilizing the Gospel Story Bible (by Marty Machowski) as our root children's curriculum. We are also part of a Nicaragua and a Bangladesh partnership that seeks to take the gospel to the nations.

Our church is often characterized by good community and an ongoing, ever-present emphasis on the transforming power of the gospel. The following 5 outcomes give a further summary of what we hope God will do in and through us:

1. *Communion with God:* We want to equip people for vibrant, God-centered worship corporately, with their families and privately.
2. *Community with Others:* We want to equip families and individuals to live in healthy, authentic and Christ-centered community with one another.
3. *Commission to the City and World:* We want to equip our members to make disciples and have a ministry mindset where they live, work and play here and abroad.
4. *Gospel Dynamics:* We want to equip our people to know Jesus through the gospel & the means of grace so they live a lifestyle of repentance and faith that bears the fruit of holiness and love.
5. *Biblical & Reformed Worldview:* We want to equip people with a Biblical worldview founded on a robust Reformed theology.