



**EXPERIENCING AND EXTENDING THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

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## Dear pastoral candidate,

Thank you for your service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is a high calling to which you have been called.

Christ Community Church was organized in the spring of 1997 by the North Florida Presbytery as a church plant of Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church to establish a PCA ministry in the heart of Gainesville. She was founded upon the inerrancy of Scripture, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Rob Pendley, along with his wife Kim, faithfully labored as senior pastor to the flock of CCC for 18 years. Rob has recently been called to Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Montgomery, Alabama, where he is serving as pastor of discipleship.

The Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC), consisting of 2 elders, 1 deacon, and 4 members of the congregation at large, has been duly elected by the congregation, has organized itself, and has begun the search process. We are committed to prayer and following the Holy Spirit as we begin our search for the man whom our gracious and good God has already prepared to be our next pastor.

Christ Community exists to experience and extend the grace of Jesus Christ in Gainesville and throughout the world. Grace Abounds. Our mission may be defined by seeking grace, sharing grace, and showing grace.

**We seek to know God through his Word.** Our members participate in corporate worship, weekly Bible studies, community groups and accountability partnerships. We are a center of discipleship, based upon the sound teaching and preaching of the doctrines of grace as expounded in the Westminster standards.

**We share grace in community by caring for each other.** As a place for the broken, the lost, the lonely, the skilled, the intellectual, the rich, and the poor, we desire to equip our people to meet the assaults of contemporary culture and be a place of restoration, peace and hope.

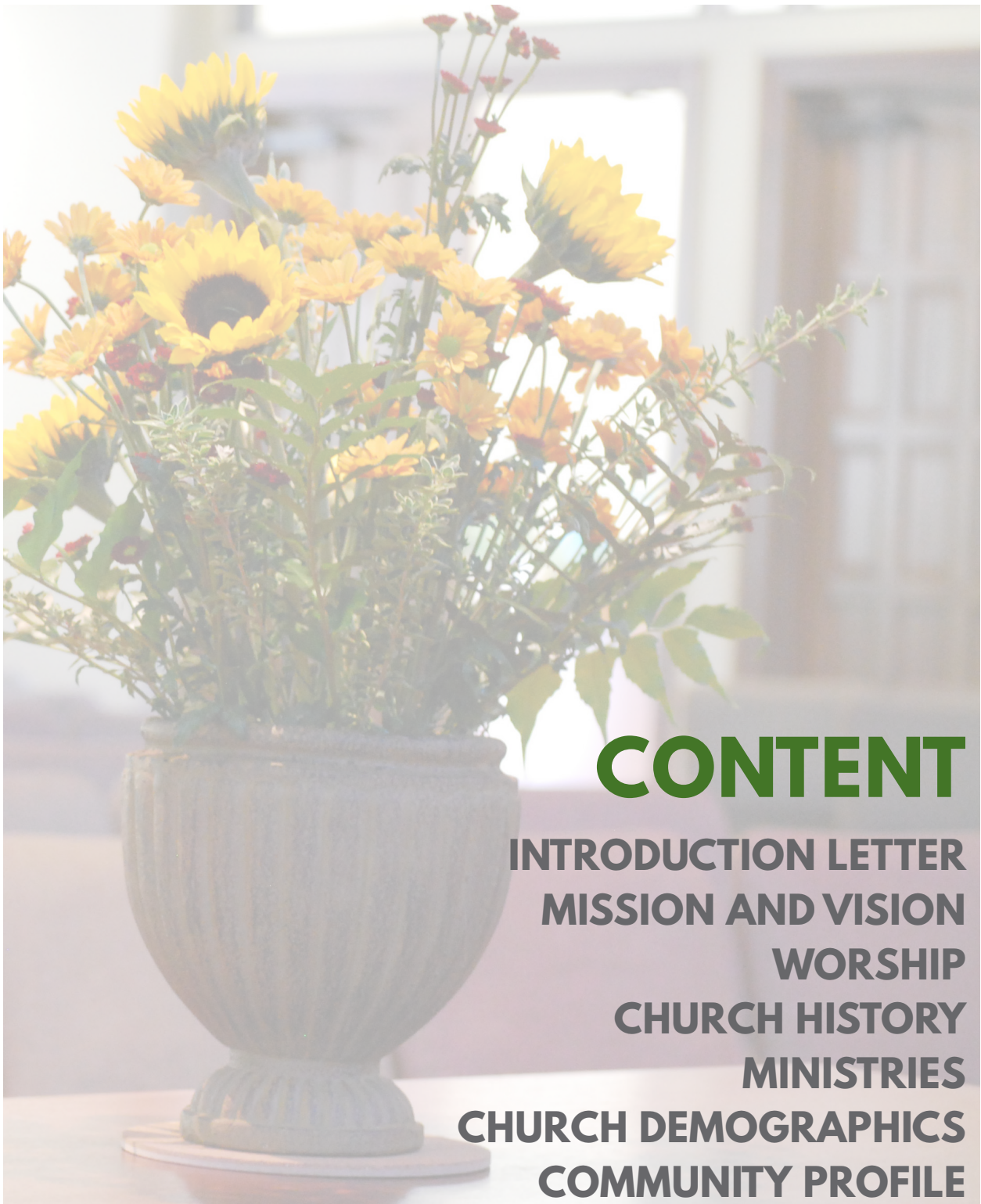
**We long to show grace in community by going into the broken places of Gainesville and the world and bringing shalom.** CCC is highly committed to sharing the love of Jesus with our hurting world both locally and globally. We impact the world for Jesus in Gainesville as we are strategically located near the University of Florida, thousands of new students, foreign and domestic coming our way every year.

We desire that the man that God has chosen to be our next pastor has proficiency and excellence in preaching, with a firm grasp of the Gospel, proclaiming and applying the redemptive power of Jesus from all of Scripture. We desire that he would be committed to the spiritual development of his flock and have a shepherd's heart. He would long to be servant leader, willing to come alongside and develop leaders. We long for a pastor whose heart breaks for the lost.

If you discern the Lord leading you to pursue this call, we invite you to participate in this process with us, with the assurance that we will keep your interest in strictest confidence.

We have compiled the following information to enable you to become familiar with Christ Community Church and answer further questions you may have about us as a congregation. All correspondence should be directed to [PNC@christcommunitychurch.com](mailto:PNC@christcommunitychurch.com).

**Respectfully,  
The Pulpit Nominating Committee,  
Christ Community Church**



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## OUR MISSION

**WE EXIST TO EXPERIENCE AND EXTEND THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST IN GAINESVILLE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

**OUR VISION** As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), we are a part of a faith family who has been impacted by the Gospel. We emphasize grace as the good news of God's unconditional love and transforming power, and the primary message of the Church for all people. We desire to exalt Christ by seeking grace from God, sharing grace in community and showing grace to all.

### **CCC IS A...**

**Worshipping Community.** Adoration and thanksgiving are heartfelt expressions to our God in our gatherings on Sunday morning and throughout the week in small group fellowships. Our worship services are designed to enable us to experience God's presence as a body and to glorify Him through corporate confession, praise and exposition of scripture. "We are committed to the Reformed faith in our doctrine and practice yet respectful of other Christian traditions."





**Welcoming Community.** No one earns favor with God by anything they do. We are loved and embraced by Him because of the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, given to us undeservedly. As a result, we extend this same grace to one another and to all people in our relationships. We have a welcoming orientation toward secular people who don't believe in Christianity. The Gospel removes any sense of superiority toward those who don't share our beliefs. We are accepting and respectful of those who may feel uncomfortable in church.

**Growing Community.** Grace and the Gospel change people from the inside out. Christ gives us a radically new identity, freeing us from both self-righteousness and self-condemnation. With this new identity, we seek obedience to God by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit as He works to change our desires and actions toward Him and others. Our ultimate goal is the glorification of God in all pursuits and endeavors of life and the enjoyment of Him forever. This is carried out by discipleship in community and by reaching people for Christ and equipping them to know Him through His Word.



**Serving Community.** Though we joyfully invite every person to faith in Jesus, we are committed to sacrificially serving our neighbors whether they believe as we do or not. We do this by ministering to the needs of others in our community. We serve best as we accept our vocation as a holy calling to live out our faith in the workplace. In addition, we serve and support those wounded among our fellowship in times of need. We serve a risen Lord of second chances.

**Missional Community.** From Genesis to Revelation, the scriptures reveal to us God's glorious redemptive plan, and He has called us to be a part of it. We want to obey His command to make disciples of all the nations, and eagerly participate in sending and taking the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ to every tribe, tongue, people and nation in our generation. We do this by embracing our calling to serve a university community and by supporting local and worldwide missions.



# WORSHIP

## CHRIST COMMUNITY

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Our Sunday gatherings are designed to orient us toward the cross. We desire that our worship would convey the Gospel clearly and creatively, rooted in sound Biblical principles and informed by our faith's rich heritage. Our liturgy guides the worship director and pastor in preparation for each service, with varied service components and forms articulating each aspect of our services:

**Holiness of God.** We begin worship with a recognition of who God is and that shapes our whole approach to Him. He invites us to worship Him and He enables us to do so through the mediation of His Son.

**Sin of Man.** We confess our sins together.

**Assurance of Pardon, through Christ.** We are reminded weekly that Christ's redemptive work was complete.

**Praise and Thanksgiving.** In gratitude to God, we give praise. We also affirm our beliefs (creeds, corporate prayers, reading of scripture), hear testimony and place strong emphasis on prayer.

**The Word.** Our worship is guided and inspired by the very Word of God in all elements of the worship service. Weekly sermons engage and inspire.

**Sacraments.** We baptize infants of believers as a sign of God's covenant with his people, or we baptize adults upon profession of faith, as we acknowledge one baptism. On the first Sunday of each month, the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

**Our Response.** We respond to the Word with the giving our tithes and offerings, and with corporate singing.

Our Sunday mornings are led almost entirely by volunteers. Musicians, vocalists and tech volunteers work together as lead worshipers, under the direction of the worship director. A song leader provides direction each Sunday, working closely with the pastor and encouraging participation by ruling elders and deacons.



# HISTORY

## CHRIST COMMUNITY

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Located in Gainesville, FL, Christ Community Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Founded in 1997 upon the inerrancy of Scripture, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, the Lord's blessing has been evident in the growth of membership, facilities, and ministries.

Christ Community was organized in the spring of 1997 by the North Florida Presbytery as a missional church plant of Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church. Rob Pendley was called to Gainesville to serve as our first senior pastor. Our church began by going door to door and inviting residents to a Bible study. The first worship service met at the local Shrine Club with 35 people present. One year later, CCC moved to a local high school



where our congregation worshipped and grew in the Lord for 10 years. It was during this time that God blessed CCC with growth in members, ministries, leaders, staff and missions. We continued to grow in experiencing and extending the grace of Jesus. In the spring of 2010, with over 200 members, we moved into our current site on Parker Road and dedicated a beautiful new sanctuary, educational wing, and church office to the Lord.

From its inception the church has been established on the authority of Scripture as the Word of God. Corporate worship is central to the life of CCC. Preaching is expository, worship is joyfully liturgical, music is Christ-centered and engaging, and communion is observed monthly. Many small-group Bible studies are held weekly. Through the years, youth and children's ministries have experienced significant growth. D-groups, Youth group, Club 45, VBS, service projects and mission trips highlight these ministries. Additionally our men's and women's ministries, led by qualified volunteers, serve as wonderful opportunities for people to grow in grace and knowledge of our Savior. Rob Pendley, along with his family, faithfully labored as senior pastor to the flock of CCC for 18 years. In the summer of 2014, Rob was called to Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Montgomery Alabama.



Christ Community is proud of her past but, more importantly, as a body we are faithfully looking forward to what God has in store for us. We are growing in grace and truth and continuing to serve and bless our community at large with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# MINISTRY

## CHRIST COMMUNITY







**The body of Christ Community Church serves to advance the kingdom in many ways.**

**Worship Arts** - Music, Sermons, Sound & Media, Art Camp, Christmas Musical

**Men** - Bible Study, Monthly Breakfast

**Women** - Bible Study, Fellowship, Service

**Adults** - Community Groups, Education, Crossroads (Young Adults), Seasoned Gators (Friends over 55)

**College** - Adoption Program, Bi - Annual Lunches

**Youth** - Education, Fellowship, D - Groups

**Children** - Education, Club 45, VBS

**Missions** - Local Ministry and Global Support

**Usher-Greeters Team**

**Financial Team**



# DEMOGRAPHICS

## CHRIST COMMUNITY

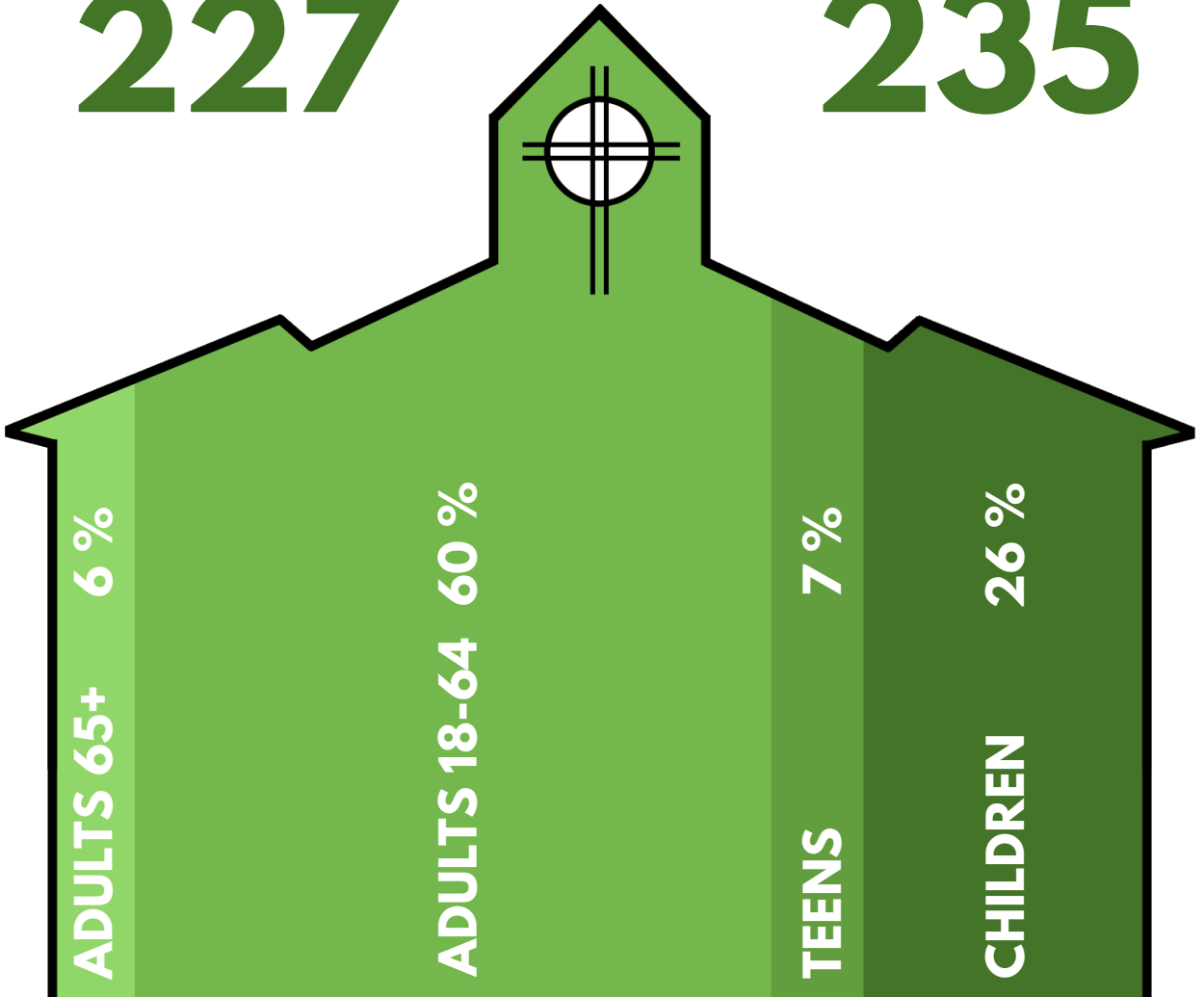
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CHRIST  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
MEMBERS

227

SUNDAY  
MORNING  
AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE

235



# GAINESVILLE

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

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Gainesville is one of the state's centers of education, medicine, cultural events and athletics. Known for its preservation of historic buildings and the beauty of its natural surroundings, Gainesville's numerous parks, museums and lakes provide entertainment to thousands of visitors. Because of its beautiful landscape and urban "forest," Gainesville is one of the most attractive cities in Florida.

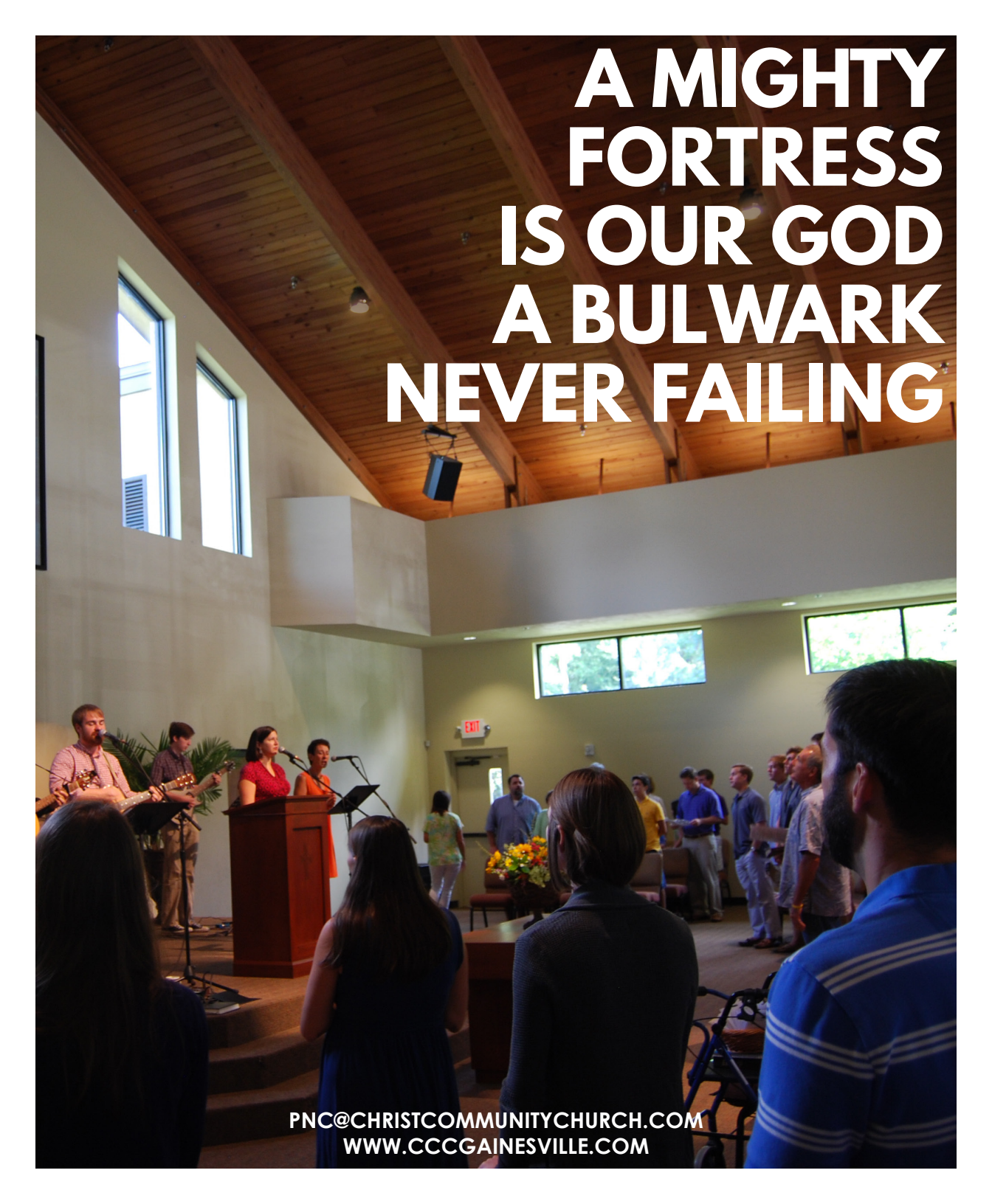
Gainesville is the largest city (pop 125,000) and county seat of Alachua County (pop 250,000). It is located on the I-75 corridor halfway between Atlanta and Miami. Jacksonville, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa and St. Augustine are all within a two-hour drive of Gainesville.

Gainesville offers 44 public schools/centers and is considered one of the state's top-performing school districts. These schools include one of the largest and most successful international baccalaureate programs in the world, as well as magnet programs at the elementary, middle school and high school levels.

Gainesville is known for mild winters and warm summers with an average of 2,800 hours of sunshine annually.



**As a college town, Gainesville is truly a crossroads city in which people's lives are greatly influenced by many national and international cultures. Christ Community Church has the opportunity to pour into the lives of those who make Gainesville their home for only a short time. We eagerly befriend those new faces coming through our doors and then expectantly pray that as they move on from our community they will continue to grow and bear fruit for God throughout the world.**

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of several people's heads are visible as they watch the service. On a raised platform, a band is performing. From left to right, there is a man playing an acoustic guitar, another man playing a guitar, a woman in a red dress singing into a microphone at a wooden podium, and another woman in an orange top singing. In the background, a group of men in blue shirts are standing and singing. The church has a high, vaulted wooden ceiling and large windows. An "EXIT" sign is visible above a doorway in the background.

**A MIGHTY  
FORTRESS  
IS OUR GOD  
A BULWARK  
NEVER FAILING**

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