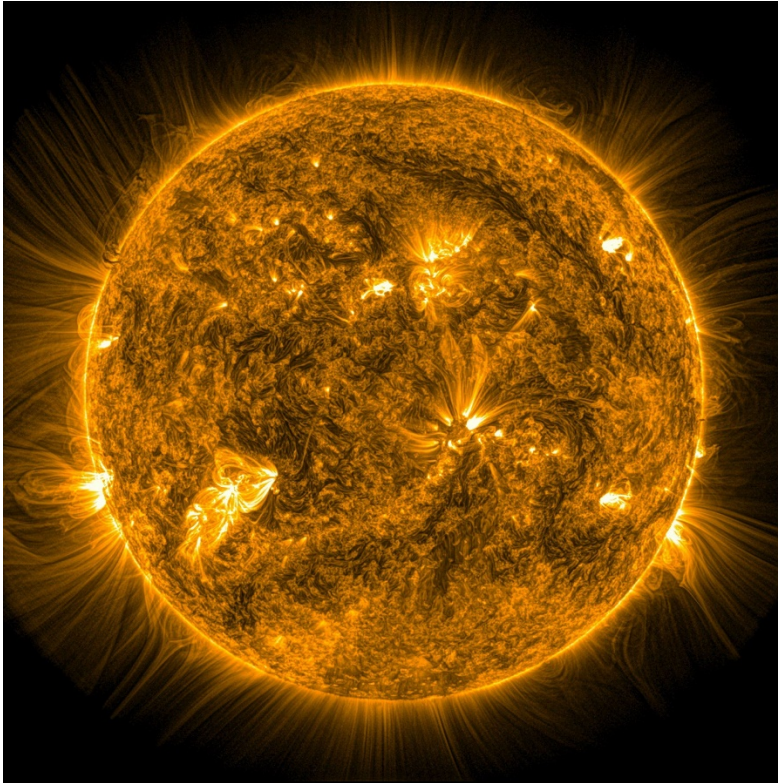




# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4, 2020



Northumbria University, Newcastle

*The moment you begin looking at the sun, you start to develop a sunburn on your eyeball. Of the three types of light that the sun produces—visible, infrared, and ultraviolet—UV is the most damaging to structures within the eye. The cells of the cornea will blister and crack when overexposed to UV light. Symptoms of this condition, known as photo keratitis are identified by excessive tearing, tissue inflammation, and the feeling that you've rubbed your eyes with fine grit sandpaper.*

Andrew Tarentola, Gizmodo Science

# Lord's Day Worship

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 27:1,4,13*

Pastor Todd Gwennap

Leader: The LORD is my Light and my Salvation – whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I ask from the LORD, this is what I seek:

**People: That I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life!**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

**People: Wait for the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait for the LORD!**

\*SONG

BEFORE THE THORNE OF GOD ABOVE

1

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

4

I bow before the cross of Christ  
And marvel at this love divine  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
To make me righteous in God's eyes  
This river's depths I cannot know  
But I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low  
And poured on me His glorious love  
And poured on me His glorious love

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Exodus 20:4-6; Colossians 1:15, 2:9-10*

Leader: Christian, what is the Second Commandment?

**People: You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.**

## GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

*DANIEL 9:5*

**We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 10:9*

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Greg Gorman

We pray for the sick:

- For the Keating family as they continue to care for Karis.
- We rejoice that Eloise Pitts's scan showed no growth or spread of the cancer.

We pray for our church:

- That we will love one another well even amidst continuing challenges of the pandemic.
- For our officer nominees as they undergo examinations in the coming weeks.

We pray for the Kingdom:

- That God would make us people who listen well and speak graciously in a polarized time.
- That God will give us his heart for the poor and marginalized.
- We lament ongoing violence, unrest, and injustice in the world, and we pray that the church would be a place of healing and reconciliation.
- We pray for students, teachers, and administrators as the new school year begins, especially as they deal with accommodations required by the pandemic.
- For our sister churches in North Texas Presbytery, that they would proclaim the gospel faithfully.
- For the proclamation of the Gospel around the world.

## GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

\*BIBLE READING

*Revelation 1*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

“This Book is a Blessing”  
Revelation

**GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Pastor Todd Gwennap

- *CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.*
- *Ushers will dismiss you by rows to come forward and receive the elements.*
- *The bread and the cup are stacked together in cups. The outer ring of each tray contains gluten-free bread.*
- *If you are not partaking, you may either remain in your seat or come forward and pass by the elements, whichever makes you most comfortable.*
- *If you are unable to come forward, an Elder will serve you the elements at your seat.*
- *Once you have been served, please take the elements back to your seat. We will eat and drink together once everyone has been served.*

\*SONG

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2

In every condition, in sickness, and health  
In poverty’s vale, or abounding in wealth  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea  
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be

3

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

4

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake

## **GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD shine His face on you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His face toward you, and give you peace.

**DOXOLOGY/DISMISSAL**

Praise God from Who All Blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*SERMON NOTES*  
“This Book is a Blessing”  
*Revelation*

1. Revelation is the Book of Revelation, not the Book of Revelations.
2. Revelation is a picture book, not a puzzle book.
3. Revelation is a book to be mastered by, not a book to master.
4. Revelation is Jazz, not Morse Code.
5. Revelation must be interpreted literarily, not literally.
6. Revelation is revelation, not obscuration.
7. Revelation is victory for God’s people, not defeat.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sermon Series on Revelation**

Our sermon series on the book of Revelation will continue next Sunday (October 11th). We recognize that you may have many questions about how to read and understand this beautiful, image-rich part of the Bible. Todd and Mark will host at least one Q&A session about Revelation this fall. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please feel free to email questions to Todd or Mark as they arise!

### **Youth Group Meeting**

Youth Group is meeting **tonight** at the **Hollingsworth's** from 5 to 7pm. Dinner will be served. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us for some good food, fellowship and fun!

### **The Youth Retreat is ON!**

Rocktober, our North Texas Presbytery annual youth retreat will be October 24 from 9am to 9pm! We trust this will be a great time of refreshment and fellowship for our students. Mark Husband has more details.

Sign up By October 10<sup>th</sup> (You must register!)

Speaker: Noah Wiersema

### **Wednesday Night Study at 7:00pm.**

Our discussion group will meet again this Wednesday from 7:00-8:00pm, utilizing Scott Sauls's book, *Jesus Outside the Lines*. All are welcome to join us for good fellowship and discussion! Check Todd's Friday email for the link.

### **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 1st**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 1st for the purpose of electing men to the offices of Elder and Deacon. There will be more information about the candidates and the process in the coming weeks. We are also working on safety protocols for the meeting. Those will be communicated in the coming weeks as well.

You may contribute to CTK using the collection box found on the Welcome Table, by giving online at [www.ctktexas.com](http://www.ctktexas.com), or by mailing your gift to the church address.

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