



# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 2020



*Earthrise*, taken December 24, 1968 by Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders

*It is St. John's Spirit-appointed task to supplement the work of St. Matthew and St. Luke so that the nativity can not be sentimentalized into coziness, nor domesticated into drabness, nor commercialized into worldliness...It is St. John's genius to take Jesus in a manger attended by shepherds and wisemen and put him in the cosmos attacked by a dragon.*

Eugene Peterson

# Lord's Day Worship

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6*

Mr. Mark Husband

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**People:** **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth!**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**People:** **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

\*SONG

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

1.

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

2.

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side  
The Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus it is He  
The Lord of Hosts His name  
From age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

3.

And though this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

4.

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thru Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

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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

*Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who, at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil. That he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in Heaven, not a hair can fall from my head. Indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on, to live for him.**

## **GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN**

### **CONFESSON OF SIN**

*Based on Isaiah 53:6; Deuteronomy 6:12, 8:11, 8:19; Colossians 3:5*

**Almighty and Merciful God, we all like sheep have gone astray. We have all turned – everyone – to our own way. We readily forget your mighty acts of salvation on our behalf, and so we fail to keep your commands. We cling instead to lifeless idols of power, approval, success, and money. Forgive us, we pray.**

### **SILENT CONFESSON**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*1 Peter 2:24*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Elder Mark Kull 9:30  
Elder Hugh Comer 11:00

We pray for the sick:

- For the Keating family as they care for Karis and for her doctors as they determine best courses of treatment. We pray for continued nursing care for Karis.
- For Don Hutchisson as he recovers from COVID-19. We pray his symptoms would continue to be mild and that Sharon would be protected from the virus.
- For Eloise Pitts, for her continued healing and ongoing recovery from eye surgery.

We pray for our place:

- That the upcoming national election would yield clear results and a peaceful outcome.
- 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 our church:

- That we will love one another well even amidst continuing challenges of the pandemic.
- For good analysis and correct solution to the DeVries' rental home's plumbing problems.

We pray for the Kingdom:

- That God would make us people who listen well and speak graciously in a polarized time.
- For our sister churches in North Texas Presbytery, that they would proclaim the gospel faithfully.
- For our home missionary Jan Van Staalduin (SIL).

## GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

\*BIBLE READING

Revelation 12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Todd Gwennap

“The Greatest Theological Question”  
Revelation

## GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

- *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

ABIDE WITH ME

1

Abide with me; falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

4  
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victor?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

5  
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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

\*BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-27*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon 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*  
“The Greatest Theological Question”  
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
8. Scripture interprets Scripture
9. Revelation was written to a specific group of people at a specific time in a specific place who were experiencing a specific set of historical circumstances.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Revelation Q&A**

Our sermon series on the book of Revelation continues next Sunday (November 8). 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 a second Q&A session about Revelation. In the meantime, please feel free to email questions to Todd or Mark as they arise!

### **Communicants' Class**

Communicants' Class, a class for children who desire to take communion and become members of the church, **starts today after the 11:00 service!** For more information please contact Mark Husband or Emily Brewer.

### **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!

### **Congregational Meeting TODAY!**

Congregational Meeting **today** (November 1st). The congregational meeting will begin 3 minutes after the end of the 9:30 a.m. worship service and will end 3 minutes before the 11:00 a.m. service. At any point in this time window, **communing members may vote** (by ballot) for our officer candidates. Pick up your ballot at the table by the entrance.

### **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.

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

**CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS**  
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