



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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God loved his children too much to let the story end there. Even though he knew he would suffer, God had a plan—a magnificent dream. One day, he would get his children back. One day, he would make the world their perfect home again. And one day, he would wipe away every tear from their eyes.

You see, no matter what, in spite of everything, God would love his children—with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.

And though they would forget him, and run from him, deep in their hearts, God's children would miss him always, and long for him—lost children yearning for their home.

Sally Lloyd-Jones, *Jesus Storybook Bible*

Lord's Day Worship

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:1-3

Mr. Mark Husband

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

People: Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live;

People: and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David.

*SONG

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1.

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2.

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3.

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4.

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)

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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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 37 & 38

Q. 37 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in
your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 12:2-3

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Mark Kull 9:30
Elder Greg Gorman 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.

We pray for our place:

- We pray for wisdom for governing officials as they seek to deal with a new surge in COVID-19 cases.

We pray for our church:

- We rejoice that Gloria Farrah is now at home with you. We join her family in grieving her loss.
- That we will love one another well even amidst continuing challenges of the pandemic.

We pray for the Kingdom:

- For our sister churches in North Texas Presbytery, that they would proclaim the gospel faithfully.
- For our home missionary Lillian Louie (SIL) as she prepares to move to California.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*BIBLE READING

Revelation 21:1 – 22:5

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

“Further Up and Further In”
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

JOY TO THE WORLD

1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

2.

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

3.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

4.
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

REVELATION 22:20-21

The one who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

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
“Further Up and Further In”
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

Advent

Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, a season of longing and yearning for the world to be made right. This Advent, we will be looking together at the **Book of Ruth**. Ruth, as you may know, is the great-grandmother of King David, and Ruth's story is a story of grief and hope. It is, I believe, the Advent text we need in 2020, and I'm looking forward to our time in the Scriptures together.

Advent Wreath

We will be continuing our tradition of having families and individuals do readings and lighting the advent wreath candles each service in Advent. If you or your family would like to do a reading and light a candle during a service please let Margaret know which date (11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/24) and which service (9:30 or 11, except for 12/24, which will have only one service). **There is also be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin table.**

Advent Activity for Children:

This Advent season the CtK Children's Ministry will be providing families with the devotional book "**Prepare Him Room**" by Marty Machowski. This is a great study that also includes ideas for projects to do as a family as well as songs to sing together. We have purchased copies for every family with school-aged children. They will be available on Sunday, November 29th. If you have any questions contact Emily Brewer.

Update on Liturgy in Blue:

Due to ongoing realities with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Session has decided not to hold the Liturgy in Blue service this year. We recognize that this service has been a meaningful part of Advent at CTK for many years. We hope to find helpful ways of incorporating grief and lament into our worship in its absence this year.

Youth Group Meeting

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

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

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS
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