



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Lord's Day Worship

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-2

Pastor Todd Gwennap

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: **Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story – those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.**

*SONG

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1

Come thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art.
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high appear.
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse;
Of thy birth we long to hear.
O'er the hills the angels singing,
News, glad tidings, of a birth.
Go to him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth.

3

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder;
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver.
 Born a child and yet a King,
 Born to reign in us forever;
 Now thy gracious Kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal Spirit,
 Rule in all our hearts alone.
 By thine all sufficient merit,
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

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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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Doug and Karla Pollock 9:30

Sheri McMillan and Margaret Doria 11:00

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

People: **We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**
 (Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father of Mercy, you created us to feast on your goodness and glory. But we have rebelled and now there is famine in our hearts. We ignore your Word and Law, and sin has infected us. Left to our own devices, we would choose our own way over yours every time. Without your mercy, we would remain in our misery and famine. Without your grace, we would remain in our sorrow and grief. Without your Redeemer, our family would remain broken. But you have given us your Son, Jesus, to redeem us from our sin and misery with his blood. In Jesus, the true Son of David, our famine is turned to feasting, our grief to joy, and our loss to gain. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 1:18-21

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Doug Pollock 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 Farah is now at home with you. We join her family in grieving her loss.
- We pray for all those in the church who are grieving in this Advent season.
- 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 Sheri McMillan (DIU).

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*BIBLE READING

Ruth 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Todd Gwennap

“Shattered Expectations”
Advent: Waiting

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

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until and Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel

2

O come o come thou Lord of might
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Chorus

3

O come thou Rod of Jesse free
Thy own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell thy people save;
And give them victory over the grave.

Chorus

4

O come thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

5

O come thou Key of David come;
And open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high;
And close the path to misery.

Chorus

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

HEBREWS 13:20

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal Covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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
“Shattered Expectations”
Advent: Waiting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent

This is the first Sunday in Advent, a season of longing and yearning for the world to be made right. This Advent, we are 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, there are a few dates still open. Please talk to Margaret or see the **Sign-Up Sheet** on the bulletin table.

Advent Activity for Children:

This Advent season the CtK Children's Ministry is 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 are available beginning today. 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.

No Youth Group Meeting Tonight

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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