



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Whichever he adopts, your main task will be the same. Let him begin by treating the Patriotism or the Pacifism as a part of his religion. Then let him, under the influence of partisan spirit, come to regard it as the most important part. Then quietly and gradually nurse him on to the stage at which the religion becomes merely part of the “cause”, in which Christianity is valued chiefly because of the excellent arguments it can produce in favour of the British war-effort or of Pacifism. The attitude which you want to guard against is that in which temporal affairs are treated primarily as material for obedience. Once you have made the World an end, and faith a means, you have almost won your man, and it makes very little difference what kind of worldly end he is pursuing. Provided that meetings, pamphlets, policies, movements, causes, and crusades, matter more to him than prayers and sacraments and charity, he is ours—and the more “religious” (on those terms) the more securely ours. I could show you a pretty cageful down here,

*Your affectionate uncle
Screwtape*

C.S. Lewis *The Screwtape Letters*

Lord's Day Worship

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 2:1-6

Mr. Mark Husband

Leader: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord saying,

Leader: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

People: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Leader: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

People: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my Holy Hill!"

*SONG

COME THOU FOUNT

1.

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

2

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be
 Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee
 Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
 Prone to leave the God I love
 Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it
 Seal it for Thy courts above

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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 27 & 28

Q 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q 28. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his had that without his will they cannot so much as move.

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 10:9-11

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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Greg Gorman 9:30
Elder Doug Pollock 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 rejoice that Don Hutchisson has recovered from COVID-19. We pray for Sharon as she continues in quarantine, that she would be patient and safe from the virus.

We pray for our place:

- That the 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.
- We are thankful that repairs to the DeVries' rental home are nearly complete.

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 missionaries Kevin and Julie Calcote (SIL).

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*BIBLE READING

Revelation 13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Todd Gwennap

“The Eternal City”
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

IN CHRIST ALONE

1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2.

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Zephaniah 3:20

At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD

DOXOLOGY/DISSMISSAL

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 Eternal City"
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

Communicants' Class

Communicants' Class, a class for children who desire to take communion and become members of the church, continues today. For more information please contact Mark Husband or Emily Brewer.

Youth Group Meeting

Youth Group is meeting **tonight** at the **Husband's** (7274 Zuni St, Dallas 75236) from 5 to 7pm. Dinner will be served. All 6th – 12th graders are welcome to join us for some good food, fellowship and fun!

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.ctktexas.com, or by mailing your gift to the church address.

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS
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