



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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When we offer hospitality to strangers, we welcome them into a place to which we are somehow connected—a space that has meaning and value to us. This is often our home, but it also includes church, community, nation, and various other institutions. In hospitality, the stranger is welcomed into a safe, personal, and comfortable place, a place of respect and acceptance and friendship. Even if only briefly, the stranger is included in a life-giving and life-sustaining network of relations. Such welcome involves attentive listening and a mutual sharing of lives and life stories. It requires an openness of heart, a willingness to make one's life visible to others, and a generosity of time and resources.

Christine Pohl

Lord's Day Worship

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126:1-3, 5

Mr. Mark Husband

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

People: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

Leader: Those who sow in tears

People: shall reap with shouts of joy!

*SONG

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently
 The wondrous Gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heaven
 No ear may hear His coming
 But in this world of sin
 Where meek souls will receive Him still
 The dear Christ enters in

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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

The Keating Family 9:30
 The Little Family 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.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. (Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16)

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

Righteous and merciful Father, we confess that we have walked in darkness instead of light; we have not loved You as we ought, and we do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us for the sake of Your Son, who became flesh and dwelt among us that He might reconcile us to You. In this Advent season, help our hearts to prepare Him room, to receive Him with joy, and to rejoice in the hope of His coming again to restore all things. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

9:30

Billy Hollingsworth, Elder
Tony Sok, Deacon

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Hugh Comer 11:00

We pray for the sick:

- For the Keating family as they prepare for Karis' surgery in the coming months. We pray all would proceed well and that the surgery will be brief and successful.

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 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 Jane Pappenhagen (SIL).

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*BIBLE READING

Ruth 2

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor Todd Gwennap

“Leaving Empty, Returning Full”
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

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

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

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

“Leaving Empty, Returning Full”
Advent: Waiting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent

This is the Second 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 is the great-grandmother of King David, and Ruth's story is a story of grief and hope.

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.

UPDATE! Advent Activity for Children:

Parents, the box of books for Advent, "**Prepare Him Room**" by Marty Machowski, that we had previously thought was lost has been delivered! CtK Children's Ministry is so excited to share this resource with you. 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.

Youth Christmas Party on Sunday:

Middle and High School students are invited to a Christmas party Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Greg and Valerie Gorman (215 Katy Lake Dr, Waxahachie). There will be dinner, a fire pit, gift exchange (\$10 maximum), hot chocolate, and an outdoor screening of the movie *Elf*. We'll be outdoors, so dress warmly.

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 hope to find helpful ways of incorporating grief and lament into our worship in its absence this year.

Bridges Safehouse in Cedar Hill

Bridges Safehouse offers short term housing and supportive services to homeless women who are pregnant or have young children. During the months of December, January, and February we will be collecting laundry products for Bridges Safehouse.

Liquid laundry detergent, Laundry stain remover, Liquid fabric softener

Bring your donation to church or talk to Karla Pollock (972-979-8599) or Colton Brewer (469-328-8491)

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS
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