

# December 13, 2020



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There were plenty of loopholes Boaz could have slipped through and absolved himself of any legal responsibility, had he so wished. But Boaz was not concerned simply with the obligations of the law. He had a heart that had been touched by God's covenant faithfulness, and it overflowed in covenant faithfulness to those around him.

Iain Duguid

# Lord's Day Worship

### GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3 Mr. Mark Husband

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures

forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

Leader: whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered from the lands, **People:** from the east and from the west, from the north and from the

south.

\*SONG HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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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 Gwennap Family 9:30 Hugh and Debby Comer 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:

Leader:

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

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)

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)

The Lord says to his servant: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

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

#### GOD CLEANSES 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

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved –

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Doug Pollock 9:30 Elder Billy Hollingsworth 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.
- · For Meg, the youngest daughter of Kent and Sandy Gordon, as doctors plan a course of treatment for her recently-diagnosed leukemia.

We pray for our place:

 $\cdot$  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 Bret and Taylor Rayl serving with MTW in Japan.

#### GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

\*BIBLE READING Ruth 3

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

SERMON Pastor Todd Gwennap

"Redeemer" 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 THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east, beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

#### Chorus

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Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heavenly Lord; That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought.

#### Chorus

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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

"Redeemer" Advent: Waiting

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Advent

This is the Third 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.

#### **End of Year Giving**

Through November 2020 contributions to CtK are running significantly behind budget. Please consider making an additional gift to the church before the end of the year. Gifts may be made online through the 'Giving' button on the Christ the King website, or by mail to P.O. Box 227281, Dallas, TX 75222, or via the offering box on the welcome table Sunday mornings.

CtK Budget Summary Year-to-Date November 2020 General Fund Contributions and Expenses

> Budget \$293,300 Contributions \$240,000 Expenses (\$267,000)

#### **Advent Wreath**

Would you like to participate in our tradition of having families and individuals do readings and lighting the advent wreath candles each service in Advent? If so, we still have two dates available: December 20 at the 11:00 service and Christmas Eve. Please talk to Margaret or see the **Sign-Up Sheet** on the bulletin table.

## **Advent Activity for Children:**

Parents, if you have not picked up your copy of the Advent activity for children, "**Prepare Him Room**" by Marty Machowski, please do so this week. 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 in the lobby.

# **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)

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