



# CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 20, 2020



*Naomi's repentance has brought her God's fullness. At the end of this wonderful story, when Boaz and Ruth have stepped from the stage, Naomi and her grandson are the focus of the attention and the prayers of the women of Jerusalem. 'Blessed be the LORD,' they say, 'who has not left you this day without a redeemer'.*

Sinclair Ferguson, 'Faithful God'

# Lord's Day Worship

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ruth 4:14-15*

Mr. Mark Husband

Leader: Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a redeemer!

**People: May He become famous throughout Israel!**

Leader: He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age.

\*SONG

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

1

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild;  
Jesus Christ her little child.

2

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his bed a cattle stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3

Jesus is our childhood pattern.  
Day by day like us he grew.  
He was little, weak and helpless;  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feels for all our sadness,  
And he shares in all our gladness.

4

And our eyes at-last shall see him  
Through his own redeeming love.  
For that child so dear so gentle  
Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable  
 With the oxen standing by,  
 We shall see him but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
 When like stars his children crowned,  
 All in white shall wait around.

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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 Husband Family 9:30  
 The Raikes 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.**

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)

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:8)

**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

*Psalm 32: 1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Billy Hollingsworth 9:30  
Elder Greg Gorman 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:

- 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 Julian & Christiana Russell serving with MTW in the Bahamas.

## GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

### \*BIBLE READING

Ruth 4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Mr Mark Husband

“A Baby is Born”  
Advent: Waiting

\*SONG

OH LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets 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.

3

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming yet in this world of sin-  
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

4

O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great-glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us; our Lord Emmanuel.

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**GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

\*DOXOLOGY/DISMISSAL

RUTH 4:4

Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a redeemer!

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*

“A Baby is Born”  
Advent: Waiting



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Advent**

This is the Fourth 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.

### **Christmas Eve**

We will gather here for a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Come and celebrate the birth of Christ together with your CTK family.

### **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)

### **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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