



CHRIST THE KING  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 2022  
Third Sunday in Advent



“David’s Royal Branch”

# Lord's Day Worship

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 13:11-12

Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.*

People: ***For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.***

Leader: *The night is far gone; the day is at hand.*

People: ***So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime...putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, and making no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires.***

\*SONG

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

1

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

2

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

3

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

4

O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

\*Please stand if you are able

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

Rev. Mark Husband

***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

Question 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe that my only comfort in life and in death is:**

**That I am not my own,  
but that I belong, body and soul,  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins  
with his precious blood,  
and has set me free  
from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way  
that without the will of my Heavenly Father  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
in fact, all things must work together  
for my salvation.**

**Therefore, because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready,  
from now on,  
to live for him. Amen.**

1

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

2

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy. (Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy. (Live alone by mercy)

3

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience. (Wait for it with patience)  
I wait for it with patience. (Wait for it with patience)

4

What though I wait the live-long night,  
And 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
And wait 'til God appeareth. (Wait 'til God appeareth)  
And wait 'til God appeareth. (Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
 His grace much more aboundeth;  
 His helping love no limit knows,  
 Our upmost need it soundeth.  
 Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
 Who will at last His Israel free  
 From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)  
 From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)

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## GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. 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.*

**Leader:** In Christ you are forgiven.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

JOY HAS DAWNED

1

Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation  
God's salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for every nation.  
Not with fanfares from above,  
Not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love  
Jesus born of Mary.

2

Sounds of wonder fill the sky,  
With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
Shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast,  
Vuln'erable and helpless.

3

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,  
Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophecy the story.  
Gold – a King is born today,  
Incense – God is with us,  
Myrrh – His death will make a way,  
By His blood He'll win us.

4

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,  
Given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and Man,  
Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior, what a Friend!  
What a glorious mystery!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
Now the Lord of hist'ry.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Hugh Comer

## GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

\*SERMON TEXT

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

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### 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.*
- ❖ *Come forward to receive the elements.*
- ❖ *Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.*
- ❖ *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 DURING COMMUNION

HOW LONG?

1

How long? Will you turn your face away?  
How long? Do you hear us when we pray?  
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

2

How long 'til your children find their rest?  
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?  
We go on holding to your promises - How long?

Chorus

'Til you wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye  
'Til we see our home descending from the sky  
Do we wait in vain?  
Jesus, give us hope again!

3  
How long 'til your word will still the storm?  
How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?  
How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns - How long?  
Chorus

4  
How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.  
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.  
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

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\*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 all my 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.



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 3:17

*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 whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON NOTES  
“David’s Royal Branch”  
Jeremiah 23:1-8



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Deacon Nominations Open

The session has opened nominations for Deacon from **December 4 through January 8**. Please see the nomination forms that are available at the welcome desk and are included in this week's churchwide email. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the pastors or elders.

### Youth Group Christmas Party TONIGHT

Youth Group (grades 6 to 12) will be meeting **TONIGHT, December 11**, for a Christmas Party at the Gormans (215 Katy Lake Dr., Waxahachie 75165)  
Questions? Contact Greg Gorman 214-912-5195 or greg@gorman.fm.

### Adult Sunday School

Hugh Comer is leading a new Adult Sunday School series, *Meeting Jesus in the Psalms*, during the 9:30 hour.

### Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve

There will be a candlelight service of Lessons and Carols on **December 24** at 5 pm. All children are welcome in the service. No childcare will be provided.

### Christmas Day and New Year's Day

There will be worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 10:30 am. There will be no nursery or Sunday school on those days.

### Communion Set-Up

Do you like to serve behind the scenes? Join the team of folks who set up the communion elements. If this is your type of quiet service to the body, please contact Carla Ellison (carla.evalyn@hotmail.com) for more information.

### CTK Budget Update Year-to-Date October 2022

#### General Fund Contributions and Expenses

Budget	\$250,000
Contributions	\$233,500
Expenses	(\$252,500)

### Set Up Team for December:

Tony Sok (unlocking)  
Calvin Pitts

### Ushers for December 18:

Layne Olivo  
Connor Olivo