



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship
Advent 2023

December 3, 2023

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 19:1-5
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,*

People: ***“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”***

Leader: *Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”*

People: ***And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” And from the throne came a voice saying,***

Leader: *“Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”*

*SONG

COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY

1
Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

*Please stand if you are able

Chorus

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

2

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

(chorus)

3

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

(chorus x2)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

*SONG

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

2

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee.

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GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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SILENT CONFESSION

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

(chorus)

3

O come, thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

(chorus)

4

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

(chorus)

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*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:1-15
Brittany Thompson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

“The Imitators”

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

GOD OF EVERY GRACE

1

O let not this world of sorrows steal my only hope away
For the power of Your gospel shines within this jar of clay
In affliction You bring wisdom that my comforts can displace
How my true and greatest treasure is in You the God of grace

Chorus

Now to the God of ev'ry grace Who counts my tears, Who holds my days
I sing through sorrow, sing with faith, oh praise the God of ev'ry grace

2

Weary with the weight I carry, give me wings of faith to rise
For You know each grief that lingers through the watches of the night
Surely You have borne our sufferings, at the cross took up our pain
And You lead us unto glory as we trust You, God of grace
(chorus)

3

There's a dawning hope before us that I know is soon to break
As I wait upon Your mercy which will swallow ev'ry ache
Cries of joy and songs of vict'ry when we enter Heaven's gates
All Your children home together, all with You, the God of grace
(chorus x2)

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*SONG

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

1

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie.

2

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day.
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

Chorus

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land (x2)

3

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
(chorus)

4

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?
(chorus)

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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*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.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these events and scheduled changes through December:

- **Church-Wide Christmas Potluck at the Lindbergs', Sunday, December 10 from 3 to 6 pm.**
Last name starting with 'A to H' bring sweets, last name starting with 'J to Z', bring savories. 5601 Iceberg Court, Midlothian, 76065
- **W2W Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 16 from 10 am-noon,** hosted by Katie Blanks. Bring a dish to share! 3230 Caleb Ct E, Midlothian 76065. Questions? Contact Katie Blanks 720-469-2584.
- **Youth Christmas Party, for grades 6 to 12, December 17 from 5 to 7 pm** at the Ford's home, 100 Robin Glen Lane, Ovilla 75154.
- **Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24; Morning Service, at 10:30 am Lessons and Carols, at 5 pm**
- **Corporate Prayer 6:30 – 7:30 pm December 6 and 20 at the church office.** 313 N. 9th St, Midlothian 76065
- **Men's Bible Study Schedule**
The men will meet for **Bible Study on Wednesday, December 6 and 13** at 7 pm at the church office (313 N. 9th St, Midlothian).
For questions on Men's Ministry contact Billy Hollingsworth at 469-570-9553.
- **No 9:30 am Sunday School or Evening Youth Group in December.**
- **No Nursery during Sunday School or Worship in December.**

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