



# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship  
Advent 2023

December 10, 2023

### GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me,*

People: ***“You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God.”***

Leader: *And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD—  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says:*

People: ***“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.”***

\*Please stand if you are able

Leader: *Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:*

People: ***“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”***

\*SONG

LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS

1

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of His grace,  
The beauty of His peace.  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him.  
He lifted us to solid ground,  
To freedom from our sin.

*Chorus*

Oh sing my soul,  
And tell all He's done,  
Till the earth and heavens are filled with  
His glory!

2

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our Lord.  
His power in us is greater than,

Is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope,  
To serve with love and grace,  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise.  
*(chorus)*

3

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save,  
Can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown.  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home.  
*(chorus x2)*

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is Love

Christian, what do you believe?

**We believe that God is love—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and that he dwells in eternal love for all time.**

**We believe in the creation of love; that this world is an overflow of God's love, given to his creatures; that our job is to receive that love, participate in it, and extend it to the world.**

**We believe in the corruption of love. We understand that we sinned and chose lesser loves; that we have been exiled from our beloved and disordered in our ability to love. But, we believe in the pursuit of love; that God promised he would come into this world to return us to himself and reorder our loves; and he has done this in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that in the incarnation of Jesus love pursued us; in the ministry of Jesus love served us; in the crucifixion of Jesus love bore our sin and suffering; in the resurrection of Jesus love secured our life; in the ascension of Jesus love governs us in wisdom now; in Jesus' sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost love equips us for the work ahead; and, at the return of Jesus love will overcome.**

**We believe in the triumph of love. We believe that at Jesus' return God will in fact make all things new; he will receive us as his beloved, and he will transform this world into a city of love; where we can dwell together, with him, for all time. Amen.**

—A liturgical confession based on Greg Thompson's, "The Way Forward: Six Practices of Love for Our Time" regarding the practice of confession.

\*SONG

## O THE DEEP, DEEP, LOVE OF JESUS

1  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me  
is the current of thy love.  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
to thy glorious rest above.

2  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus;  
Spread his praise from shore to shore.  
How he loveth; ever loveth,  
changeth never, never more.

How he watches o'er his loved ones;  
died to call them all his own.  
How for them he intercedeth;  
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best.  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing.  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
For it lifts me up to glory;  
for it lifts me up to thee.

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## GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Mark Husband

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 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.*

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SONG

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

God rest you merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Savior  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray

*Chorus*

O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

2

From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came;

And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by Name.  
*(chorus)*

3

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all you within this place,  
and in true love and fellowship  
each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas  
is filled with heav'nly grace.  
*(chorus)*

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\*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 20:20-28

Jonathan Raikes

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Hugh Comer

***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 2:1-16

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

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

“Leading the Way of Jesus”

## 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)*

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

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.

4

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

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.*

\*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  
“Leading the Way of Jesus”  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

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

- **Church-Wide Christmas Potluck at the Lindbergs', Today, 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 to noon,** hosted by Katie Blanks. Bring a dish to share! 3230 Caleb Ct E, Midlothian 76065. Questions? Contact Katie Blanks at 720-469-2584.
- **Reception for the Husbands, December 17** after the worship service.
- **Youth Christmas Party, for grades 6 to 12, December 17 from 5 to 7 pm** at the Fords' 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 to 7:30 pm, Wednesday December 20** at the church office (313 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Midlothian 76065).
- **Men's Bible Study Schedule**  
The men will meet for **Bible Study on Wednesday December 13** at 7 pm at the church office.  
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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