



# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship  
Advent 2023

December 17, 2023

### GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:10-12  
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,*

**People:** ***and all your saints shall bless you!***

Leader: *They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,*

**People:** ***to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.***

\*SONG

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1  
O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

2  
My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

3  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

4  
He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,  
he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

5  
He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

6  
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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\*Please stand if you are able

People of God, what do you believe?

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

\*SONG

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)*

## GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**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.**

Book of Common Prayer

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17

*We have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised...Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.*

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SONG

### LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENT

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1 (Choir)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

2 (Choir)

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood;  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

3 (Congregation joins)

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

4 (Congregation joins)

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

THE COVENANT SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Receiving the sacrament of baptism is **Josiah David Husband**,  
son of Reverend Mark and Rachel Husband.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE HUSBANDS

\*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103:1-5  
Elder Greg Gorman

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Greg Gorman

***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 2:17-3:13

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

SERMON

Rev. Mark Husband

“Our Glory and Joy”

## 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

1  
The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

2  
Elect from every nation,  
Yet one over all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

3  
Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

### THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

4  
The church shall never perish,  
Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish,  
Is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her,  
And false sons in her pale  
Against a foe or traitor,  
She ever shall prevail.

5  
Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
'Til, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

6  
Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

\*SONG

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

2

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

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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  
“Our Glory and Joy”  
1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

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

- **Reception for the Husbands, today** after the worship service.
- **Youth Christmas Party**, for grades 6 to 12, **today from 5 to 7 pm** at the Fords' home, 100 Robin Glen Lane, Ovilla 75154.
- **Corporate Prayer 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Wednesday December 20** at the church office (313 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Midlothian 76065).
- **Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24:**  
**Morning Service at 10:30 am**  
**Lessons and Carols at 5 pm**
- **No 9:30 am Sunday School or Evening Youth Group in December.**
- **No Nursery during Sunday School or Worship in December.**

CTK Budget Update Year-to-Date November 2023  
General Fund Contributions and Expenses  
Budget \$367,000  
Contributions \$327,000  
Expenses (\$366,000)

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