



# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship

December 31, 2023

### GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 2:1-14  
Rev. Dave Lindberg

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, **“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

***“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”***

\*Please stand if you are able

\*SONG

JOY TO THE WORLD

1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Christians, what do you believe?

**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.

## GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

AND CAN IT BE

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1  
And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
*Chorus*  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2  
No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown,  
through Christ, my own.  
*(chorus x2)*

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\*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 24:36-51  
Anna Garmon

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 4:13 – 5:11

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

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

“The Baby Who Will Return Like a Thief”

## 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

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

1

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

2

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

\*SONG

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

1

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain, its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
Amist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

*Chorus*

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

2

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ  
*(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

“The Baby Who Will Return Like a Thief”  
1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Returning Next Week, January 7:

**Sunday Morning Sunday School** from 9:30 to 10:20 am:

- *Lower Elementary* class (age 4 through 2nd grade)
  - *Upper Elementary* class (grade 3 through 5)
- Each Elementary Sunday School class will be going through the Gospel Story Curriculum. **Parents, please make sure you pick up your kids from Sunday School no later than 10:20** so our teachers can make it to their various other activities and responsibilities.
- *Adult* class – Hugh Comer will resume his teaching on the Sermon on the Mount.

**Youth:** There will be no Youth Sunday school on January 7. Parents of youth, grades 6 – 12, please join the youth Sunday school class on **January 14**. Pastor Dave will be laying out the plan for youth in 2024.

Youth Group will resume on January 14. More details to come.

**Corporate Prayer** 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Wednesday January 17 and 31 at the church office (313 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Midlothian 76065).

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