



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship
First Week of Advent

December 1, 2024

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:5-11
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

People: ***but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.***

Leader: *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,*

People: ***so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

*SONG

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

1
Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

2
He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable,
and His cradle was a stall:

with the poor, and meek, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3
Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see Him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars His children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

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*Please stand if you are able

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.

*SONG

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
 He is my joy, my righteousness,
 and freedom
 My steadfast love, my deep
 and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing
 “All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior he will stay
 I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
 Oh the night has been won,
 and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing,
 “I am free!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to him
 When the race is complete,
 still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.

2

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

3

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong
seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad.

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1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man^[H] in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

*27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.*

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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

*SERMON TEXT

Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

“In The Fullness of Time: God Sent His Son”

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.*
- ❖ *Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION

INSTRUMENTAL
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*SONG

1
O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
born the King of angels!

Chorus
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

2
God of God, Light of Light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created.
(chorus)

3
Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(chorus)

4
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
(chorus)

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BLESSING

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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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
“In The Fullness of Time: God Sent His Son”
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent

We remember with great joy our Lord's first coming as a child in Advent. Join your church family for the following events in December:

❖ **Social Hour Cookies**

Bring your favorite Christmas cookie or pastry to share each Sunday morning in Advent beginning at 9:30 am until 10:15.

❖ **Church-Wide Social at the Lindbergs' Home TODAY**

Dave and Julie are inviting everyone to their home today, Sunday, December 1, from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Food and beverages provided. 5601 Iceberg Court, Midlothian, 76065.

❖ **Youth Christmas Party**

Youth, grades 6 – 12, will meet for a Christmas Party on December 8, 5 until 7 pm at the Thompsons', 645 Summer Grove Rd, Midlothian 76065. (There will be no Youth Group tonight.)

❖ **Women's Christmas Brunch**

Ladies, please join us for our annual Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 14 from 10 am until noon. Bring a dish to share to Katie Blanks home, 3230 Caleb Ct E, Midlothian 76065. Please contact Katie at 720-469-2584 with any questions.

❖ **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols**

Tuesday, December 24 at 5 pm at The Old Gym.

Come Pray Together, Wednesday, December 4

We will meet to pray from 6:30 until 7:30 pm at the church office, 313 N. 9th St., Midlothian 76065.

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