



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship

March 2, 2025

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67:1b-7
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,*

People: ***that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.***

Leader: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

People: ***Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.***

Leader: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

People: ***The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!***

*SONG

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING

1

Come Christians join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice
Alleluia! Amen!

2

Come lift your hearts on high
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend
Our cry He will attend
His love shall never end
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore
Alleluia! Amen!

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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

SONG OF CONFESSION

LORD HAVE MERCY (FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE)

1

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies.
For sins that are known and those
unknown,
We call on Your name so holy.

For envy and pride, for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor;
In thought, word and deed,
we've failed You, our King.
How deeply we need a Savior.

Chorus

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on us.

2

For hearts that are cold, for seizing control,
For scorning our very Maker;
In thought, word and deed,
we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior.
chorus (x2)

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers and sisters, that through Christ Jesus forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

3

For what You have done, Your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise You.
Though tempted and tried,
You fixed Your eyes
You finished the work God gave You.
And there on the tree, a King among
thieves,

You bled for a world's betrayal.
You loved to the end, our merciful Friend;
How pure and forever faithful.
chorus (x2)

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*SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-13
Amy Joy Olivo

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ⁹ And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

*“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”
¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull,*

*and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”*
¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”
And he said:
“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste,
¹² and the LORD removes people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.
¹³ And though a tenth remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak,
whose stump remains
when it is felled.”
The holy seed is its stump.

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

Matthew 13:1-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

““You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”
¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

“Kingdom Stories”

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

*SONG

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

1
For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

Chorus

Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
This, our sacrifice of praise.

2
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
chorus

3
For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

chorus

4
For each perfect Gift of Thine,
To our race so freely giv'n:
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.

chorus

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:16-19

May God our Father “*according to the riches of his glory...grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*” Amen.

*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
Matthew 13:1-23
“Kingdom Stories”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group Tonight

Youth Group, grades 6 – 12, meets on the first and third Sundays of every month, from 5 to 7 pm at the church office, 313 N. 9th St., Midlothian 76065.

Exploring CTK

All who are interested in knowing more about CTK and/or church membership are invited to join us on Saturday, March 22, from 9 am to 12 pm for our Exploring CTK Class. We will meet at our church office (313 N 9th St., Midlothian 76065) and will finish with lunch together. Please RSVP to Margaret Doria by Thursday, March 20 at noon so that we can plan for your participation. See you there!

Items for Bridges

We are collecting individually wrapped **toothbrushes and toothpaste** for Bridges in February. You may place them in the basket provided between the nursery and Welcome Table. Thank you for helping local families in need.

Come Pray Together

Join your brothers and sisters for Corporate Prayer every first, third and fifth Wednesday. We will meet to pray from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the church office.

March 5
March 19
April 2

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