



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 28, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1:14
Rev. Dave Lindberg

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*SONG

*Please stand if you are able.

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

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Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Refrain

Verse 2

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

*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.

*SONG

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

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Verse 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 pow'r
when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 2

From God our heav'nly 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.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 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.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

"Joy To The World"

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Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-21

(please follow along in your Bible)

Amy Joy Olivo

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Doug Pollock, Ruling Elder Emeritus

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

Luke 2:21-40

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King”

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light, and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*DOXOLOGY

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
“Good News of Great Joy”
Luke 2:1-40

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Elementary or Adult Sunday School on January 4th; Sunday School will resume on January 11th.

Men's and Women's Bible Studies which meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays will begin again in the new year. Stay tuned for up-coming studies in Joshua!

Bridges Safe House and Family Resource Center, a ministry in Cedar Hill, provides an excellent way to serve in our broader community. If you would like to learn more about ways to volunteer at the resource center, please check out the table near the welcome desk and/or reach out to Karla Pollock (pennypig_tx@msn.com) or Penny Embry (penny.embryple@gmail.com). The **January collection** will be diapers (size 4, 5, and 6) and wipes.

CTK Financial Update Through November 30th

General Fund

Budget \$383,167

Contributions \$283,128

Expenses (\$358,709)

ABOUT CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King is a church community that seeks to LOVE GOD AND LOVE NEIGHBOR in our WORSHIP, RELATIONSHIPS, AND SERVICE in Midlothian and beyond!

OUR CORE BELIEFS

We believe that the Bible is God's word of self-revelation to the world in which all that we need for salvation and godly living in communion with the Triune God is revealed.

We believe that in love God created everything out of nothing by merely speaking, that he delights in his good creation, and that he rules and reigns over all things as one who is perfectly good, holy, and just.

We believe that God has always related to his people covenantally (relationally) through appointed representatives (e.g. Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, and Jesus).

We believe that all of salvation comes to us in Christ Jesus, who is the gospel, and that the greatest need of all people is communion with God in Jesus!

CTK Community Groups: Upcoming Meetings

Duncanville meets in the home of Calvin and Katie Pitts (contact: calvinedgarpitts@gmail.com). Stay tuned for their next meeting in January!

Cedar Hill meets in the home of Jim and Janet Gilchrist (contact: janet.gilchrist@sbcglobal.net). Stay tuned for their next meeting in January!

Ovilla meets in the home of Nate and Amy Ford (contact: jonathanraikes@gmail.com). Stay tuned for their next meeting in January!

Midlothian meets in the home of Dave and Julie Lindberg (contact: dave@ctktexas.com). Stay tuned for their next meeting in January!

Community Groups are designed to foster our Love of God and Neighbor as we gather to eat and pray together. We hope you find a group that works for you.

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