



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19, 2026

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

**please stand if you are able*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

*SONG

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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

*SONG

“In the Valley”

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Verse 1

When the path that I feared
Is the way He has set
And I long to give in and retreat.
Still to Jesus I hold
As I face every step
For the Lord, He will give me His peace.

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace.
Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace.
And if I should remain in the valley today,
Bless the Lord, He will give me His peace.

Verse 2

When the road that I tread
Fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no end.
Still to Jesus I hold
Who will walk with me there
And the Lord, He will give me His strength.

Chorus 2

Bless the Lord! He will give me His strength.
Bless the Lord! He will give me His strength.
And if I should remain in the valley today,
Bless the Lord, He will give me His strength.

Verse 3

On the road that You walked
With the weight of the cross,
All my pain and my sorrow You held.
So to You I shall hold,
You redeem every loss
For my Lord, You have given Yourself.

Chorus 3 (x2)

Bless the Lord! for He gives me Himself.
Bless the Lord! for He gives me Himself.
And if I should remain in the valley today,
Bless the Lord! for He gives me Himself.
Bless the Lord! for He gives me Himself.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Please pause for silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Based on Psalm 32:5

We acknowledged our sin to our God, and we did not cover our iniquities; we have each said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and he has promised to forgive the iniquity of our sin. Therefore, in Christ you are forgiven. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SONG

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

“His Mercy Is More”

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Verse 1

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum.
 Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Chorus

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
 new every morn;
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait

as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender,
 is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest,
 the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Chorus

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
 He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford;
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Chorus (x2)

*SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 14:24-15:15, 19-21
Liesl Raikes

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, 26 and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they remained no little time with the disciples.

15:1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. 3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. 4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. 5 But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them,

by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, **9** and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. **10** Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? **11** But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

12 And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. **13** After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. **14** Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. **15** And with this the words of the prophets agree...”

19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, **20** but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. **21** For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 READINGS

Romans 1:1, 7

*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God...
7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:1-2

*Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
2 To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 John 1:1-3

The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, because of the truth that abides in us and will be in us forever: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

The Word of the Lord. / **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

“Psalm 27 (The Lord Is My Light)”

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Verse 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
Of whom shall I be afraid?

Chorus

Lord, You are my shelter;
God of my salvation, I am not forsaken.
Lord, my shield and protector;
Waiting on Your promise,
I will see Your goodness, O Lord.

Verse 2

When troubles arise,
no foe can harm me.
You are my peace, You are my peace.

You lift me above the raging storm.
You conquer my enemies.

Chorus

Verse 3

One thing I have asked: to see Your beauty.
This I will seek, this I will seek.
To dwell in Your house, to walk in Your
ways;
Your presence is all I need.

Chorus

Bridge

I wait, wait for the Lord
In faith, trusting Your word.
I wait, wait for the Lord
In faith, trusting Your word.
(repeat)

Chorus

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.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“Intro to Membership at CTK: Second, The Church Particular”

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

“In sum, ***Christian life is a response to the life and love of God as it flows from God toward us, drawing us back into communion with the Creator.*** When we examine this love against the backdrop of the biblical story, we discover that it doesn’t merely bring an emotional change in us nor only have consequences for our relationship with God. Instead, flowing from the Triune God’s inner life, this love constitutes God’s working plan for shalom and his response to the problems that sin introduces. ***God’s love draws us back into communion with him, and receiving his love enables us to love our neighbors and the rest of creation.*** As sinners, we receive God’s love and enter his kingdom not by our natural standing or faithfulness but by Christ working in and for us. Jesus the Messiah is the gift of God: As Mediator between God and humanity, the incarnate Son is God’s grace given to us. He is not only God, worthy of worship, but also our Priest, King, and Prophet, who leads our worship.... Christ[, therefore] is central to Christian life. We enjoy life, love and fellowship now with God by the Holy Spirit, the eternal divine person who is the bond of love between the Father and Son, so even now the same Spirit is the bond of love, connecting us and God in Christ.... ***Objectively, the church is created from the love of God, secure through the grace of Christ, and sealed by the fellowship of the Holy Spirit***” (*emphasis added*).

—Kelly Kopic, *Christian Life*, pp. 27-28, 36-37

1. PARTICULAR BRANCHES OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC

A. Non-Protestant Branches

B. Protestant Denominational Branches

2. PRESBYTERIAN DISTINCTIVES

3. PCA DISTINCTIVES

4. CTK DISTINCTIVES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date: April 25 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Christ the King will have a booth at the annual MidloFest. Please see the sign-up sheet at the welcome table for opportunities to participate.

Christian Education classes resumed today; the **elementary** class will continue through May 17th and the **adult** class will continue through July 5th and will focus on questions and answers about our current sermon series (elementary students can join their parents in the adult class on May 24 and 31). All classes meet at 9:15 am.

Bible Studies — The **Women's Study** will resume on **Thursday, April 23 from 9:30-11:00 am** at 1846 Coffee Shop in Cedar Hill; they will be discussing Kathleen Nielson's book *Bible Study: Following the Way of the Word*. Ladies are encouraged to come prepared to discuss the introduction and chapters 1 & 2. See Penny Embry for a book. The **Men's Study** will meet next on **Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm** at Bearded Axe Brewery in downtown Midlothian.

Bridges Safehouse 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 **April collection** is laundry detergent (less than 50 oz) and fabric softener (sheets are preferred).

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:

Duncanville meets 4:30 to 6:30 pm two Sundays a month in the home of Calvin and Katie Pitts (for more information contact: calvinedgarpitts@gmail.com). Next meeting: **April 26**

Cedar Hill meets 4:00 to 6:00 pm two Sundays a month in the home of Jim and Janet Gilchrist (for more information contact: janet.gilchrist@sbcglobal.net). Next meeting: **April 26**

Midlothian meets 5:00 to 6:45 pm two Sundays a month in the home of Dave and Julie Lindberg (for more information contact: dave@ctktexas.com). Next meeting: **April 26**

Ovilla meets 6:30 to 8:30 pm two Tuesdays a month in the home of Nate and Amy Ford (for more information contact: amyrford@gmail.com). Next meeting: **April 28**

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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