



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 26, 2026

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

**please stand if you are able*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 1:3-6
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

*SONG

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“Come, People Of The Risen King”

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Verse 1

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing,
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O church of Christ, rejoice!

Verse 2

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Verse 3

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all.'

Chorus (x2)

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe that my only comfort in life and in death is:

That I am not my own, but that I belong, body and soul, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that without the will of my Heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready, from now on, to live for him. Amen.

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

*SONG

“God of Every Grace”

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Verse 1

Oh, let not this world of sorrows
steal my only hope away,
For the power of Your gospel
shines within this jar of clay.
In affliction You bring wisdom
that my comforts can displace.
How my true and greatest treasure
is in You, the God of grace.

Chorus

Now to the God of ev'ry grace
Who counts my tears, Who holds my days.
I sing through sorrow, sing with faith.
Oh, praise the God of ev'ry grace.

Verse 2

Weary with the weight I carry,
give me wings of faith to rise;

For You know each grief that lingers
through the watches of the night.
Surely You have borne our suff'rings,
at the cross took up our pain;
And You lead us unto glory
as we trust You, God of grace.

Chorus

Verse 3

There's a dawning hope before us
that I know is soon to break,
As I wait upon Your mercy
which will swallow ev'ry ache.
Cries of joy and songs of vict'ry,
when we enter Heaven's gates,
All Your children home together,
all with You, the God of grace.

Chorus (x2)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer

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.

(Please pause for silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:24

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. Therefore, in Christ you are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God.

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

*SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

Jane Peterson

To the Choir Master: According to the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your

glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things

under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Genesis 1:1, 26-29, 31

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.... 26 Then God said, "Let us make man 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.... 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.

*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

“This Is My Father’s World”

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Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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 heaven 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!
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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: Created In Love”

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. THE GOD WHO CREATES

A. *Who God is*

B. *Why created*

C. *The goodness of creation*

D. *The goal of creation*

2. THE CREATURES MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

A. Human dignity

B. Human vocation

C. The realization of God's plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education classes have resumed; the **elementary** class will continue through **May 17** and the **adult** class will continue through **July 5** 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 meet on **Thursday, May 7 from 9:30-11:00 am** at 1846 Coffee Shop in Cedar Hill; they are discussing Kathleen Nielson's book *Bible Study: Following the Way of the Word*. See Penny Embry for a book and to know which chapters will be discussed next. The **Men's Study** will meet next on **Wednesday, May 6 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 **May collection** is deodorant and body wash.

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.

ELDERS

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Next Session Meeting: TBD

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