



CHRIST THE KING
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday in Advent



“A Growing Promise: A Royal Mess”

Lord's Day Worship

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22:12-21

Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

People: ***The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.***

Leader: *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.*

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

People: ***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!***

Leader: *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

*SONG

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Please stand if you are able

2

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Chorus

3

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thy own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Chorus

4

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

5

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Chorus

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

Rev. Mark Husband

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.

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.

*SONG

O CHRIST, OUR KING, CREATOR, LORD

1

O Christ, our King, Creator, Lord,
Savior of all who trust thy word,
To them who seek thee ever near,
God to our praises bend thine ear.

2

In thy dear cross a grace is found.
It flows from every streaming wound.
Whose power our inbred sin controls,
Breaks the firm bond and frees our souls.

3

Thou didst create the stars of night,
Yet thou hast veiled in flesh thy light,
Hast deigned a mortal form to wear,
A mortal's painful lot to bear.

4

When thou didst hang upon the tree,
The quaking earth acknowledged thee.
When thou didst there yield up thy breath,
The world grew dark as shades of death.

5

Now in the Father's glory high,
Great Conqueror never more to die.
Us by thy mighty power defend,
And reign through ages without end,
And reign through ages without end.

GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

God, be merciful to me;
On thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou,
Blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace,
And provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just;
Speechless, I thy mercy trust.

3
I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4
Broken, humbled to the dust
By thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5
Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee,
Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6
Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dave Lindberg

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*SERMON TEXT

1 King 12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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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.*
- ❖ *Come forward to receive the elements.*
- ❖ *Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.*
- ❖ *If you are not partaking, you may either remain in your seat or come forward and pass by the elements, whichever makes you most comfortable.*
- ❖ *If you are unable to come forward, an Elder will serve you the elements at your seat.*
- ❖ *Once you have been served, please take the elements back to your seat. We will eat and drink together once everyone has been served.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION

HOW LONG?

1

How long? Will you turn your face away?
How long? Do you hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

2

How long 'til your children find their rest?
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?
We go on holding to your promises - How long?

Chorus

'Til you wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?

Jesus, give us hope again!

3

How long 'til your word will still the storm?
How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns - How long?

Chorus

4

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

1

Come thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2

Joy to those who long to see thee.
Dayspring from on high appear.
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse;
Of thy birth we long to hear.
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings, of a birth:
"Go to him your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth".

3

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder;
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. 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
“A Growing Promise: A Royal Mess”
1 King 12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Nominations Open

The session has opened nominations for Deacon from **December 4 through January 8**. Please see the nomination forms that are available at the welcome desk, and are included in this week's churchwide email. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the pastors or any of the elders.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, please join us for a Christmas Brunch on **December 10** from 10 am-12 pm at the home of Katie Blanks (3230 Caleb Ct. E, Midlothian). Please bring a dish to share. All young girls of CTK are welcome to join in the fun.

Youth Group Christmas Party

Youth Group (grades 6 to 12) will be meeting **December 11** for a Christmas Party at the Gormans (215 Katy Lake Dr., Waxahachie 75165) More details coming. Questions? Contact Greg Gorman 214-912-5195 or greg@gorman.fm.

Adult Sunday School

Hugh Comer is leading a new Adult Sunday School series, *Meeting Jesus in the Psalms*, during the 9:30 hour.

Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve

There will be a candlelight service of Lessons and Carols on **December 24** at 5 pm. All children are welcome in the service. No childcare will be provided.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

There will be worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 10:30 am. There will be no nursery or Sunday school.

Communion Set-Up

Do you like to serve behind the scenes? Join the team of folks who set up the communion elements. If this is your type of quiet service to the body, please contact Carla Ellison (carla.evalyn@hotmail.com) for more information.

CTK Budget Update Year-to-Date October 2022

General Fund Contributions and Expenses

Budget	\$250,000
Contributions	\$233,500
Expenses	(\$252,500)

Set Up Team for December:

Tony Sok (unlocking)
Calvin Pitts

Ushers for December 11:

Paul Bush
Carolyn Bush