



GATHERED WORSHIP

CHRIST THE KING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We believe that gathered **worship is the central event in our church's life together** and that it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In worship, God gathers us together to serve us and strengthen us, and we have the great privilege to respond to him with our praise, thanks, confession, and commitment.

If you are visiting Christ the King today, we can't wait to get to know you! We know it is a big leap to meet new people and enter a new space. We want to welcome you with open arms, listen to your needs and concerns, and serve you as best we can. Head to the website and fill out the form on connect tab (www.ckpca.com/connect) and one of the pastors will be in touch with you.



Scan the QR code to download the Church Center app or view the website to get connected at CTK. In Church Center, you will be able to access your giving, church calendar, directory, updates, and check-ins.

Search "Christ the King" in the Church Center app or view it on a desktop here: ckpca.churchcenter.com

Here are some options if you have children:

1. Leave children ages 0-3 with our capable nursery workers during all or part of the service. The nursery is right next to the front door.
2. Have your children participate in our Children's Worship time that will begin just before the sermon. See the time noted later on page 6.
3. Keep your children with you through the entire worship service. Many of our families see worship as one of the most unifying times of their week as a family. If your children are a bit wiggly or make a little noise, don't worry; it will not bother us!
4. If you have an infant with you please feel free to use our Family Room. Infants and their mothers are welcome to continue in worship in the Family Room (if needed), located in the rear of the sanctuary.

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April 21, 2024

A WORD OF WELCOME

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE - A MOMENT OF QUIET CONTEMPLATION

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise;
and to know "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
will be with me to the end.
(chorus 2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 PETER 2

Liturgy led by Araceli Cisneros

As you come to Jesus, a living stone rejected by men but chosen and precious in the sight of God, you yourselves are being built up like living stones as a spiritual house, so that we might be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people.

O Lord, open our lips...

*...and our mouths shall proclaim Your Praise! Once we had not received mercy, but now we **have received mercy. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that we might proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Hallelujah!***

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (*chorus*)

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
And we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy When Christ is ours forevermore (*chorus 2x*)
*Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION FOLLOWED BY PRAYER TOGETHER:

Our great God and Father, we give You all praise, honor and glory, for You alone are worthy of our worship. Truly Lord, there is no one like You in heaven above or the earth beneath. You alone are God, the Creator and Upholder of all things. Father, thank you that You did not leave us hopeless, dead in our sins, but You sent Your only Son to live a perfect life, die on the Cross in our place and rise from the dead to bring eternal life to all who trust Him. Fill us with Your blessed Holy Spirit that we might worship You in Spirit and in truth and hear us as we pray together saying...

To You I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if You remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into the grave; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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.

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone, my Rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. **(chorus)**

***O praise Him, hallelujah, my Delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.***

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am His forever. **(chorus)**

**O praise Him, o praise Him, Hallelujah, hallelujah!
O praise Him, o praise Him, Hallelujah, hallelujah!
O praise Him, o praise Him, Hallelujah, hallelujah! (chorus 2x)**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

At this time, children age 4 thru 5th grade are invited to join our Children’s Ministry volunteers in the back of the Sanctuary. They will return following the sermon.

1 Samuel 26

¹Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is not David hiding himself on the hill of Hachilah, which is on the east of Jeshimon?" ²So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. ³And Saul encamped on the hill of Hachilah, which is beside the road on the east of Jeshimon. But David remained in the wilderness. When he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness, ⁴David sent out spies and learned that Saul had indeed come. ⁵Then David rose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, with Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Saul was lying within the encampment, while the army was encamped around him.

⁶Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Joab's brother Abishai the son of Zeruiah, "Who will go down with me into the camp to Saul?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you." ⁷So David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay around him. ⁸Then Abishai said to David, "God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice." ⁹But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?" ¹⁰And David said, "As the Lord lives, the Lord will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. ¹¹The Lord forbid that I should put out my hand against the Lord's anointed. But take now the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go." ¹²So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

¹³Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. ¹⁴And David called to the army, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered, "Who are you who calls to the king?" ¹⁵And David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy the king your lord. ¹⁶This thing that you have done is not good. As the Lord lives, you deserve to die, because you have not kept watch over your lord, the Lord's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is and the jar of water that was at his head."

¹⁷Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." ¹⁸And he said, "Why does my lord pursue after his servant? For what have I done? What evil is on my hands?" ¹⁹Now therefore let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is the Lord who has stirred you up against me, may he accept an offering, but if it is men, may they be cursed before the Lord, for they have driven me out this day that I should have no share in the heritage of the Lord, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

²⁰Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the Lord, for the king of Israel has come out to seek a single flea like one who hunts a partridge in the mountains."

²¹Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and have made a great mistake." ²²And David answered and said, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it.

²³The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed. ²⁴Behold, as your life was precious this day in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord, and may he deliver me out of all tribulation." ²⁵Then Saul said to David, "Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

SERMON/HOMILY

SERMON SERIES: A KINGDOM IN SEARCH OF A KING
THE FAITHFUL KING
1 Samuel 26
Rev. Dawson Hunt

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES:

Big Idea: The king comes into the kingdom in righteousness & faithfulness.

Outline:

1. David as the Faithful King

1. The Spear Stolen — David & Abishai (vv.6-12)
2. The Spear Returned — David & Saul (vv.13-25)

2. Jesus as the True Faithful King

THE LORD'S TABLE — HOLY COMMUNION

This is a joyous opportunity for all to seek the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate who he is and what he has done for us. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are striving to be at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome. If you are not a Christian, or choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer, considering your relationship to Jesus Christ.

If your heart's desire is to entrust your life to Jesus Christ as your Savior, the prayer below can help guide you. If you pray this prayer, please speak to the pastor or one of our elders after the service.

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit. But I also believe that you love and accept me more than I ever dared to hope. Thank you for dying in my place on the Cross, bearing the punishment for my misdeeds, paying the debt for all my sins and offering me complete forgiveness. I believe you have been raised from the dead and have prepared a place for me with your Father in heaven. I turn away from my past life of self-centeredness and now confess you are my Lord, my God, my Savior and my King. With all humility, I ask that you fill me with your blessed Holy Spirit so I may begin my new life with you. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You do not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your steadfast love towards us who fear You; as far as the east is from the west, so far do You remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so Lord, show compassion to us who fear You. For You know our frame; remember that we are dust.

= Take a moment to privately and silently confess to God any particular sin =

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Followed by proclaiming boldly:

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
People: *Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: *Have mercy upon us and grant us your peace!*
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*
Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please come forward for Communion with joy and thanksgiving!

**If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will serve you at your seat.*

Please come forward for Holy Communion. Take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice of wine. This is called intinction and has been a long and beloved practice in church history as a means of taking Communion. If you have any questions, please see a pastor or an elder.

Please stand and sing together:

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!

THANKS FOR JOINING & BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen. Go in peace!

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

Announcements

*Presbytery at CTK

Christ the King will be hosting Presbytery of the Rio Grande Tomorrow, April 22nd, and Tuesday, April 23rd. We will need many volunteers to serve for this event. Along with that, on the evening of the 22nd there will be a worship service here at the church. Everyone is welcome and we encourage you to [join us for the service that evening at 7pm](#). If you are interested in helping out please look for the sign-up sheets in the foyer or you can email CTK's office (office@ctkpca.com).

*Hymn Sing

Come sing with us as we lift up our voices together through the Trinity Hymnal today, April 21st, from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

*Next-Gen End-of-Year Bash

Our Next-Gen Ministry (ages 0-18) is getting together on Saturday, May 18th from 3:00-5:00pm. Location will be announced in the upcoming weeks!

*Celebrating Our Graduates

We will recognize and celebrate our CTK graduates on May 19th during Gathered Worship at 10:00am. If you would like your graduate recognized, please email the office to let us know your graduate's full name and degree/diploma.

*Life in the Word



Join us in our Bible reading plan! We are reading through the four gospels this semester. You can use the Bible App (Scan the QR code) or the Bible Reading Plan Cards found in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATE!

Hymn Sing — TODAY @ 5:30pm

Presbytery Hosting — April 22nd & 23rd

Illuminate — April 28th

Men's Breakfast — May 4th

CTK Youth: Chew On This! — May 5th

Mother's Day Recognition — May 12th

NextGen: End of Year Bash — May 18th

Graduate Recognition — May 19th

Last day of Sunday School — May 19th

ONGOING EVENTS

*Life groups — meet in homes, ongoing sign-ups on our website.

*Men's Breakfast (English) — First Saturday of each month, 7am, Village Inn on 6040 N. Mesa

*Men's Breakfast (Spanish) — First Saturday of each month, 8:30am, Rudy's 6401 S. Desert Blvd

*Seekers at Applebee's, 5800 N. Mesa — Wednesdays at 11:30am.

*Sunday School — Sundays at 9am. (All ages)

*Women's Bible Study (English) — Thursdays at 10am

*Women's Bible Study (Spanish) — Tuesdays, 6pm @ 353 Belvidere

*Women's Lunch — Third Thursday of each month, 11:45am, Magic Pan Bistro 5034 Doniphan Dr.



GIVING AT CHRIST THE KING

Giving is a response to God's gifts and kindness to us. You can give to Christ the King here at the church by placing your donation in one of the boxes in the foyer or online at ctkpca.com/give.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the strong Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!



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