

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, December 1, 2019

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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— ORDER OF WORSHIP —

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

We encourage parents to involve children as soon as possible in the worship service. In consideration of other worshippers, we request parents with children not yet ready for unobtrusive participation in worship to utilize the nursery or, if necessary, the cry room. A nursery is available for children ages 3 months to 3 years during all Sunday morning activities.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm calls us to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord, because He reigns and will bring all evil into judgment, deliver the righteous, and glorify Himself in the process. This joy requires faith, because He does this in His own time and in His own way.

Psalms 97^{ESV}

- 1 The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

The fact that God is sovereign is, ironically, both cause for the greatest joy and occasion for the most recalcitrant rebellion among men. We call each other to react in the former way in this hymn of praise.

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (Trinity Hymnal #57)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We must always be conscious of the fact that, as God's people, we are priests who represent Him, and that to represent Him accurately is a serious and sober matter indeed.

Leviticus 10: 1-3^{ESV}

¹ Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. ² And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. ³ Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD has said: ‘Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.’” And Aaron held his peace.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm is full of the biblical theology which pervades the section of Exodus which we are currently studying. The themes of sovereignty, priesthood, and representation of God by mediators and by the ultimate Mediator, Christ, are prominent. The key phrase as a confession is, "For the sake of David your servant, do not reject your anointed one." This speaks ultimately of Christ, but also of us, who by faith are "in" Christ and seek God's acceptance through Him as those who also are anointed as His servants, as we are about to see.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 132 (Trinity Hymnal pp. 833-834)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Those who have been anointed by God's Holy Spirit are thereby united to the Anointed One (which is what "Messiah" means, translated) and receive eternal life by virtue of their union with Him.

I John 2:20-27^{ESV}

²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to

deceive you.²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We can have confidence because the One with whom we are united is not only our Savior, who provides all that we need, but also the sovereign Lord, whose Word and will cannot be challenged or thwarted.

“Jesus, the Lord, My Savior Is”

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.

2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.

CH: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.

3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

4. "Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
"For He for me was slain;"

And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, "Amen."
(Repeat chorus) (Repeat verse 1)

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WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Prayers of Intercession

*During this time, the elders will be in the back of the room, ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, “**We offer these our prayers,**” followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.*

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

“**Heralds of the King**” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* **Exodus 7** ^{ESV}

¹ And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ² You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. ³ But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, ⁴ Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵ The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." ⁶ Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. ⁷ Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹ "When Pharaoh

says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'" ¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. ¹¹ Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. ¹² For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³ Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. ¹⁶ And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." But so far, you have not obeyed. ¹⁷ Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. ¹⁸ The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile.'" ¹⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water; so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'"

²⁰ Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. ²¹ And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. ²² But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. ²³ Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. ²⁴ And all the Egyptians dug

along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile.

²⁵ Seven full days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

I 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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.

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. (*or universal)

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer wine and encourage those who take part in Communion to take this. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer the option of grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles of the trays.

“Poor Sinner, Dejected, with Fear”

1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear;
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.
2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go",
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.
3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The "gifts of the magi" were acknowledgments that Jesus is a king, and that it is appropriate to bring Him gifts as tribute in worship. The same is true for us, and we do so as part of our worship in presenting to Him tithes and offerings today.

Matthew 2:11 ^{ESV}

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Presentation of Offerings

See Communion

* **Doxology** (Trinity Hymnal #731)

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.

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship with a celebration of the sovereignty of God and the great blessing it bestows upon all who love it and acknowledge it.

***“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Frail as summer's flower we flourish
Blows the wind and it is gone
But while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the high eternal One
4. Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He Knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.
5. Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

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Benediction

COMMUNITY

Next Meeting of the Session

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

The Session (the board of elders governing and shepherding our church) ordinarily holds stated meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, barring any unavoidable conflicts, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Taylor home. Other called meetings as needed are scheduled at various times. Anyone is welcome to attend stated meetings (advance notice of attendance is appreciated). For attendance at called meetings advance request of at least two days is required by emailing the church office at office@ctknorman.org. The minutes of Session meetings are available for review at the church office upon request.

Christian Education • 9:00 am, resuming on January 8th.

- PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN – Taylor Cary
- 1st - 3rd GRADE – Vicki Bates
- 4th - 6th GRADE – Ann Taylor
- JUNIOR HIGH / SENIOR HIGH/ – Mike Biggs
- ADULT – Tony Pyles

We will be on break from CE beginning on December 8th. We will return for our Winter/Spring semester on January 8th.

Sunday Worship Service • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (times are approximate)

Men's Bible Study • Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am

Meets at Jimmy's Egg (2539 W Main); contact Mike Biggs for details

Small Groups

Weekly smaller gatherings for study, fellowship, prayer, and ministry in a more intimate setting. See previous page for details.

English as a Second Language is Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Beginning to advanced levels are available. Please take some business cards from the foyer table to share with those who would like to improve their English skills!

NEWS

Quote of the Week

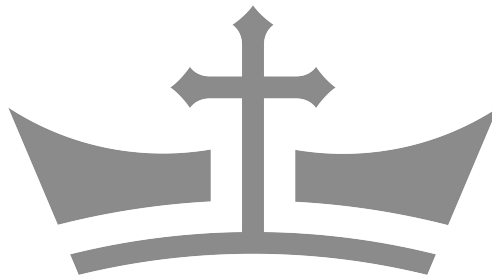
“Sin is cosmic treason. Sin is treason against a perfectly pure Sovereign. It is an act of supreme ingratitude toward the One to whom we owe everything, to the One who has given us life itself. Have you ever considered the deeper implications of the slightest sin, of the most minute peccadillo? What are we saying to our Creator when we disobey Him at the slightest point? We are saying no to the righteousness of God. We are saying, “God, Your law is not good. My judgement is better than Yours. Your authority does not apply to me. I am above and beyond Your jurisdiction. I have the right to do what I want to do, not what You command me to do.”
—R. C. Sproul

Announcements

- **December 8** **Potluck and Christmas Carols**
 - **December 14** **Men’s Prayer Breakfast**
 - **December 21** **Ladies Christmas Fellowship**
 - **December 24** **Christmas Eve Service**
- Please join us for a simple potluck and Christmas carols **Sunday, December 8th.**
 - The December men’s prayer breakfast is **Saturday, December 14th** at 9am in the church building.
 - Ladies, please join us for a Christmas Fellowship at Jody Newman's house (3120 St. Clair Common Street, Norman) from 2pm-4pm.
 - Our Christmas Eve service is **December 24th at 6pm.** Please bring a finger food to share.
 - ESL needs YOU! Many of you have asked ways to be involved and we have an ongoing, weekly need: **Snacks!!** We encourage you to come with your snack at 7:15ish and stay to meet our amazing group of students. If that’s not possible, we’d still love to have you help us in this material way. Please see Gail Straughn for details.

Church Volunteers. Looking for an opportunity to serve? Please talk to the following people if you can help:

Building	Tony Sawyer (405.321.7741, anthony_sawyer@hotmail.com)
Music	Tyler Cowden (816.419.4227)
Nursery	Sara McPherson (405.664.7708)
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