



# CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, December 29, 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*

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## Prelude

### Call to Worship

*As we have seen in the past few weeks, it is God's sovereign power over all He has made that is our hope and great cause to give Him praise.*

### **Psalm 99:1-5** ESV

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup> The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

### **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*As sons and daughters of the One who is omnipotently mighty, we praise the One from whom our strength and ability comes.*

**"Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty"** (Trinity Hymnal #45)

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*As Israel is about to take the Land of Canaan as their inheritance in accord with God's promise, Joshua ("Jesus"), their leader, is exhorted by God to "be strong and courageous," undergirded by the promise of His presence, which is what enabled the strength and courage. The same principles apply to us, who are called to take our promised inheritance: the whole world (cf. Matthew 5:5).*

### Joshua 1:1-9<sup>ESV</sup>

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*This hymn captures an insight crucial to the theme of our service today: our need for what only God can provide and the essential nature of dependence upon Him.*

### "A Sinner's Cry"

1. Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry  
For I have nowhere else to fly  
My hope, my only hope's in Thee  
O God, be merciful to me  
    To Thee I come, a sinner poor  
    And wait for mercy at Thy door  
    Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee  
    O God, be merciful to me
  
2. To Thee I come, a sinner weak  
And scarce know how to pray or speak  
From fear and weakness set me free  
O God, be merciful to me!  
    To Thee I come, a sinner vile  
    Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;  
    Mercy, through blood, I make my plea  
    O God, be merciful to me
  
3. To Thee I come, a sinner great  
And well Thou knowest all my state  
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee

O God, be merciful to me  
To Thee I come, a sinner lost  
Nor have I aught wherein to trust  
But where Thou art, Lord, I would be  
O God be merciful to me

4. To glory bring me, Lord, at last  
And there, when all my fears are past  
With all Thy saints, then, I'll agree  
God has been merciful to me

TAG: God has been merciful to me

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## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

*The inestimable comfort found in this passage centers on the fact that all those who truly seek the Lord in repentance will experience His pardoning grace and mercy. But seeking the Lord means abandoning our own way and going His way.*

**Isaiah 55:6-7**<sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>6</sup> "Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on  
him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (ESV)

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*The praise expressed in this beloved hymn is the proper response to an awareness of how the gospel and the work of Christ are manifestations of the power of God, which alone could have accomplished our redemption (note verse 3!).*

"How Great Thou Art"

(Trinity Hymnal #44)

## *WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER*

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### 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*

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### Sermon

**A Perspective on the Struggle**

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

### \* Ephesians 6:10-13 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.  
<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

## *WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD*

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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.*



## "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend

In Christ Alone lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*Recognition of the available strength of God is expressed, in part, in offerings made to Him in worship.*

#### **Psalm 96:7-9** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

(Trinity Hymnal #116)

### 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*

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*We leave today celebrating the almighty power of God which will, inevitably and eventually, result in His victory (and ours!) over sin and death.*

\* "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

(Trinity Hymnal # 119)

**Benediction**

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# VISION

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**Purpose** (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

**Mission** (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by...

- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**CoreValues** (our fundamental commitments):

1. *Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
2. *Being* right with God (Justification)
3. *Living* life for God (Sanctification)

**Goals** (what we seek to accomplish):

1. *Worship*—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
2. *Fellowship*—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
3. *Christian Education*—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
4. *Outreach*—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
5. *Mercy*—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians

***How can you be a part of all this?***

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# CONTACT

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## Small Groups

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# COMMUNITY

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## Next Meeting of the Session

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

*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](mailto:office@ctknorman.org). The minutes of Session meetings are available for review at the church office upon request.*

## Christian Education • 9:00 am; • *(We're on break, resuming 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

## Nursery Staff • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm *(times are approximate)*

- This Week (12/29) – Carole Wakeman & Eli Renfrow
- Next Week (1/5) – Kayl Renfrow & Esther McPherson

## SundayWorship 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!

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# NEWS

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## Quote of theWeek

"Satan would have you believe that happiness comes only as you surrender to his enticements, but one only needs to look at the shattered lives of those who violate God's laws to know why Satan is called the Father of Lies."

—*Ezra Taft Benson*

## Announcements

- **December 24**                      **Christmas Eve Service; 6pm**
- **January 11**                        **Men's Prayer Breakfast; 9am**
- Christian Education is currently taking a break but we will return for the Winter/Spring semester on January 8th.
- Our Christmas Eve service is **Tuesday, December 24th at 6pm.** Please bring a finger food to share.
- The January Men's Prayer Breakfast is **Saturday, January 11th** at 9am in the church building.
- ESL needs YOU! Many of you have asked for ways to be involved and we have an ongoing, weekly need: Snacks!! We are looking for volunteers to be on a rotating schedule to provide snacks for our group (right now about 10-12 people). You may bring on Sundays, or drop off early on Thursdays. Our students, however, LOVE (and that's not an over-statement) when people come to meet them- they feel so honored. So our encouragement is to come with your snack at 7:15ish and stay for just a bit 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 contact Gail Straughn for details.

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

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