

Traditional Worship



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A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

November 26, 2023
8:45 am

Christ the King Sunday



Worship Notes

*...making our worship more
meaningful & understandable*

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us on this Sunday morning.

Christ the King Sunday. Today marks the end of the year for the Church calendar. We're so used to sensing time in relation to the typical monthly calendar that we might often miss the richness of Sundays like these. The Christian calendar is, in many respects, a walk-through of the life of Christ. It therefore makes sense that on the final Sunday of the year we celebrate His crowning and perpetual reign. This reign is, in one respect, already happening. However, its fullness we have yet to see. One day, "every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:10). This "already, not yet" tension of Christ's reign is precisely what we affirm today—celebration and longing, inauguration and consummation.

What does "Christ is King" really mean? In life, we are tempted so often to place religion in a box and Jesus in a certain sector of influence, ignoring Christ in our day-to-day lives. Do we realize that *right now* Jesus sits enthroned in glory at the right hand of God the Father, ruling in might and awaiting the day when He will return to consummate the reign He inaugurated at His first coming? Do we think of this as a kind of "Christian mythology"—a nice story with no *real* bearing on our lives? We

God Gathers Us

Prelude

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them - G. F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Please see the screens to join in reading responsively from Psalm 107

Invocation

Gathering Hymn

#81 We Gather Together

We Respond to God's Presence

Gloria Patri no. 733 - MEINEKE

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem - Mazunik

Worship Through Giving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doxology no. 34

Greeting

After the Greeting, kids Preschool—5th grade may be sent to kids church.

God Reveals His Word to Us

Prayer for Illumination

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-22 (page 946 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks Be to God!

Message: The Power of Gratitude

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

#721 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God - arr. Virgil Fox

Prayer for the Week

We pray, O Lord,
Let us never fail to find room for you,
but come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you,
you, who live and reign,
King of kings and Lord of lords, now and for evermore. Amen.

challenge you to think and live differently, for the reigning King sits enthroned, exalted, and worshiped in heaven!

Giving In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or online here: <https://www.elixiogiving.com/App/Giving/cherrycreekpres.org>

May We Pray With You? When we join together in prayer, there is a particular power available from God. If you would like prayer and/or prayer for healing, please come forward after the service to find a pastor or elder and we'd love to pray for you and/or anoint you with oil (per James 5).

Prayer chain If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at ccpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org

Assisting in Worship Sanctuary Choir; Jeanne Gaessler, Dir. Congregational Life; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

Rev. Dr. Brad Strait, Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Hein, Executive Pastor
Rev. Chris Piehl, Associate Pastor
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Convergent Worship

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The Lion and the Lamb - Leeland

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Today's Music

This is Amazing Grace - Wickham

Great is Thy Faithfulness - Stone

Gratitude - Lake

King of Kings - Hillsong

Gloria Patri - arr. Hicks

Doxology - Trad.

The Blessing - Elevation Worship

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