



ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 23, 2025
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alex Martinez (9:00)
Rev. Stacey Croft (10:30)

Minister: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory
of his name; give to him glorious praise!

People: **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to
you, sing praises to your name!**

❖ O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

Carl Gotthelf Glaser, Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of reigning sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and
true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O
Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All
nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts
have been revealed. Amen.

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 86

Minister: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**People: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby
we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation,
as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

❖ **GREAT ARE YOU LORD**

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord

Chorus:

*It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only*

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord (*Ch 2x*)

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you Lord (*3x*) (*Ch 2x*)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Ada Habershon and Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (*Ch*)

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last (*Ch 2x*)

✝ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, out of the depths of our sin and our need we cry to you. Hear our voices! Listen to our prayers! If you held our sins against us, Lord, we would be forever condemned.

But, in Christ, you have forgiven our sins. You have called us to be your own. We wait for you. We trust in you. We hope in your Word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Minister: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. The Lord hears and forgives when we confess our sin.

People: Thanks be to God!

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:1-14
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

A Humble People
1 Peter

Rev. John Trapp

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing of a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward to partake. If you are not a Christian, have not been admitted to the Lord's table, or choose not to partake you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed in front of your body to receive a blessing.

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 & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

During communion, wine and grape juice are served.

Grape juice, in a purple cup, is available upon request.

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.

Prayer of Seeking Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Elizabeth C. Clephane and Christopher Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss

*My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross (2x)*

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus:

All glory be to Christ our king

All glory be to Christ

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

All glory be to Christ

His will be done, his kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread
Praise him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ (*Ch*)

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ (*Ch 2x*)

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: And now, having feasted at God's table of goodness
and love, let us go forth to declare his glory to all the
earth.

People: Hallelujah! We go in the name of Christ!

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, Thomas Ken

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

Worship Leaders

Tim Brown	<i>piano</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>
Alex Martinez	<i>liturgy</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>

Audio/Visual Team

John Bard	<i>video director</i>
Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Samuel Hunniford	<i>camera</i>
Joel Zaldivar	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Pook Saudale	<i>camera</i>
Joe Bill Whittenburg	<i>camera</i>

*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.
For a full list of upcoming events,
please visit christtheking.com.*

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

9:00 am **Worship Service**

Nursery Care
8 weeks - PreK

Children's Worship
K-2nd grade
Children will be dismissed from
the worship service.

Adult Sunday Morning Class
(Room A300, 3rd Floor)

10:30 am **Worship Service**

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 1 year

Sunday School
2 - 4 years old (1st floor)
K - 3rd grade (2nd floor)
Code 45 - 4th & 5th grade
(Through the Great Hall,
and up the stairs)

Student Ministry
Sunday Mornings
6th - 12th grade
(3rd floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Class
(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

All are welcome! No registration necessary. Classes meet on the 3rd floor.

CTK 101

Join us for CTK 101 an introduction to the core beliefs that shape our life together as a church. In this class, we'll explore key theological themes—such as Scripture, justification, and the nature of the church—that help us better understand what it means to follow Jesus. Our hope is to encourage and equip you to worship God, grow in his grace, and serve his kingdom with confidence and joy.

Upcoming Events

12/3	Deck the Halls	9:30 - 11:00 am	Christ the King
12/3	Women's Christmas Dinner	7:00 - 9:00 pm	The Great Hall
12/5	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer and Fasting		
12/7	The Traveling Table	12:30 - 2:00 pm	1148 Silber Road
12/7	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Redeemer Room
12/7	Young Adults Christmas Party	7:00 - 9:00 pm	250 Vanderpool
12/8	Children's Ministry Christmas Party	9:30 - 11:30 am	The Great Hall
12/10	Advent Lament Service	7:00 - 8:00 pm	The Sanctuary
12/13	Men's Service Day	8:30 - 11:30 am	4901 Sherman
12/14	Advent Song Night	5:00 - 6:00 pm	The Sanctuary
12/24	Christmas Eve Services	2:30, 4:00, 5:30 & 10:00 pm	The Sanctuary



Christmas Poinsettias



Help fill our Sanctuary with the beauty of Christmas! Each poinsettia is a meaningful way to honor or remember someone special this Advent season. The names of donors and honorees will be listed in the Christmas Eve Order of Worship. To be included, please submit your dedication by December 14.



Deck the Halls

December 3, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Christ the King

Women, join us as we deck the halls for Christmas! Enjoy some wassail, music, and conversation as we get the church ready for the season. Childcare provided.



Women's Christmas Dinner

December 3, 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Join us for a joyful evening as we celebrate the hope of Christmas together. Enjoy festive carols, a delicious meal, and an encouraging message to help prepare our hearts for the season. Invite a friend or neighbor to be part of this wonderful night of community and cheer! Register at christtheking.com/women.



Day of Prayer & Fasting

December 5

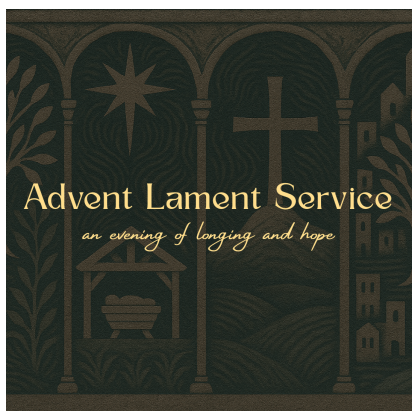
As we continue in our Building Toward the Promise capital campaign, we're setting aside time to seek the Lord together and pray for our church, our community, and the work ahead. Whether you choose to fast from food or simply pause throughout your day, we hope you will take those moments to draw your heart to God.



Children's Christmas Party

December 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Great Hall

Parents and children 5 and under are invited to our annual Christmas Party! There will be bounce houses, snacks, activities, and a service project with Little Lights Houston. Friends are welcome, and no registration is needed!



Advent Lament Service

December 10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Christ the King

For many, this season and time of year brings both joy and sorrow. This will be an evening of prayer and reflection, with a homily and communion, as we bring our griefs and longings honestly before the Lord and to find comfort in the hope of his return. All are welcome.



Advent Song Night

December 14, 5:00 pm, Christ the King

Join us for our annual Advent Song Night! This is a festive gathering for all ages. We'll sing together as a church family, learn some of the stories behind your favorite Christmas songs, and have a short lesson for the kids.



Christmas Eve

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with us! Invite your friends and family to our Christmas Eve services at 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, and 10:00 pm.

Childcare will be available for infants through PreK at the 2:30 and 4:00 pm services.

We will worship with candlelight at 4:00, 5:30, and 10:00 pm

Building Toward the Promise

Sign up for a Campaign Conversation

The Building Toward the Promise campaign isn't just about buildings—it's about relationships. That's why we want to meet with every person in our church family for a one-on-one visit. These conversations will give you a chance to hear the vision, celebrate what God is doing, ask questions, and pray together.



Care at Christ the King

Congregational Prayers

Can we pray for you? Let us know at christtheking.com/care or contact catherine.duffin@christtheking.com.

Deacons at Christ the King

The deacons come alongside our church body to assist with needs like encouragement and prayer, budgeting and financial coaching, and helping widows and elderly. If you have a need, or know of a need, please email them at deacons@christtheking.com.

The Barnabas Center

We are honored to help you find healing, understanding, and hope in your life and current circumstances through Christ-centered professional counseling. Please visit our website at barnabascenterhou.com for more information and to connect with a counselor.

Pastors at Christ the King

Our staff is excited to come alongside you as you grow in your worship of Christ and your love and care for one another. Please contact any of us with questions or needs.

You can find contact information for all of our staff and pastors at christtheking.com/staff.

Stacey Croft	Pastor, Adult Ministry
Clay Holland	Pastor, Family Ministry
Alex Martinez	Pastor, Latino Ministry
John Trapp	Senior Pastor
Andrés Yelaya	Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Received as of 11/16	\$	4,896,531
Variance	\$	(1,591,620)

Giving to Christ the King

It is by your consistent generosity that we are able to support our Mission Partners in Houston and around the world and continue life changing ministry here at Christ the King. You can give today by placing checks or cash in the offering plate as it comes by. And you can always give at christtheking.com/giving.



SERVING THROUGHOUT THE Holidays

Christ the King partners with local ministries and organizations who strengthen our community and share the gospel. For a list of all our Mission Partners and upcoming serving opportunities, scan the QR code to visit our website, christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Agape Development

- Donate gifts for their annual Christmas Store which allows parents to purchase gifts for their children at a reduced price. Volunteer to help at the store on December 11, 6-8pm.

Cornerstone After-School Ministry

- Volunteer as an early dismissal field trip chaperone: Friday, December 19, 12-3pm.

East Spring Branch Food Pantry

- Help with food distribution throughout the holiday season.

Freedom Church Alliance

- GoBags Needed! Gather a group and fill bags for women, men, or children with basic essentials.
- Help with adding ministry cards, and praying over every bag.
- Digital Outreach Opportunity (ladies only) - volunteer training session on December 3, 1-3pm.

Houston Welcome Refugees

- Volunteer for their Christmas party - assist with set up on Friday, December 5, 10-4pm, or help at stations during the party on Saturday, December 6, 12:30-5:00pm. Various shifts available.

Memorial Assistance Ministry

- Assist with organizing, sorting and pricing new donations.
- Donate Christmas items to their Christmas Share Program.
- Write notes of encouragement to the MAM graduates.

Mission to the World

- Pray daily for our Global Mission Partners around the world. For a list of partners contact kim.dolibois@christtheking.com.

Prestige Learning Institute

- December 14, 1-4pm - Christmas Tree Farm Family Friendly Outreach Event - provides opportunities for family-to-family connection that can lead to spiritual conversations.

Star of Hope

- Serve breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Women and Family Campus or Men's Development Center—days and times vary.
- Create Hope Bags for the new residents.
- Write notes of encouragement for the residents during this season.

The Source

- Adopt a family for Christmas
- Donate diapers, wipes, and other baby items