



PROVERBS

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 31, 2026
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 43

Minister: Send out your light and your truth, O God; let them lead me.

People: **Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**

Minister: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy.

People: **I will praise you with songs of joy, O God, my God!**

❖ CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DIADEMATA, Matthew Bridges and George J. Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

❖ 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, Q1 and 4

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Minister: What is God?

All: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

❖ **YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me (*Repeat*)

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PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

Richard Redhead, Christopher Miner

God be merciful to me
On thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against thy grace
And provoked thee to thy face
I confess thy judgement just
Speechless, I thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust
By thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear thy voice
From my sins O hide thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Sinners then shall learn from me
And return, O God, to thee
Savior all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord
And my mouth shall praise accord

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for Jesus has conquered sin and death. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Jesus has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

Jenny Yang

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 1:1-7, 29-33
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

"The Beginning of Wisdom"

Rev. John Trapp

Proverbs

COMMISSIONING OF ELDER ADVISOR AND DEACON ASSISTANT

Elder Advisor

Alicia Garza

Deacon Assistant

Cissy Beeler

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 Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

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*)

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Henry Lyte and Bill Moore

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Go then earthly fame and treasure
 Come disaster, scorn and pain
 In thy service pain is pleasure
 With thy favor loss is gain
 I have called thee Abba Father
 I have stayed my heart on thee
 Storms may howl and clouds may gather
 All must work for good to me

Soul, then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station
 Something still to do or bear
 Think what Spirit dwells within me
 Think what Father's smiles are thine
 Think that Jesus died to win thee
 Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer
 Heaven's eternal days before thee
 God's own hand shall guide us there
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
 Hope shall change to glad fruition
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Philippians 1:9-11

Minister: May your love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDDTH, 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 | | Audio/Visual Team | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Emily Cagle | <i>vocals</i> | Ryan Landis | <i>video director</i> |
| Matt Cire | <i>prayer</i> | Samuel Hunniford | <i>camera</i> |
| Sam Cornelius | <i>guitar</i> | Madelyn Landis | <i>camera</i> |
| Stacey Croft | <i>liturgy</i> | Alex Rollo | <i>camera</i> |
| Joe Deegan | <i>guitar & vocals</i> | Paul Brennan | <i>projections</i> |
| Conrad Guthrie | <i>bass</i> | Namath Naif | <i>technical director</i> |
| Michelle Hays | <i>violin</i> | Alex Martinez | <i>Spanish translation</i> |
| Clay Holland | <i>liturgy</i> | | |
| Travis Henthorn | <i>drums</i> | | |
| John Trapp | <i>sermon</i> | | |
| Steven Wiggs | <i>cello</i> | | |
| Jenny Yang | <i>piano</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 A301, 3rd Floor)

Young Adult Sunday Morning Class
(The Redeemer Room, 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)

Sunday Morning Classes

During the month of June, Sunday morning classes will feature a variety of "open topics," including teacher-selected subjects and discussions based on questions submitted by attendees.

We currently offer three class options each Sunday morning—two at 9:00 am and one at 10:30 am. College students home for the summer are encouraged to join the Young Adults class at 9:00 am in the Redeemer Room.

Upcoming Events

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| 6/3 | Churchwide VBS Workday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Christ the King |
| 6/5 | Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer & Fasting | | |
| 6/5 | Student Ministry Guys Pump Up | 8:00 - 9:15 am | The Fields |
| 6/5 | Student Ministry Girls Walk & Talk | 8:00 - 9:15 am | 6237 Locke Ln |
| 6/5 - 6/6 | Membership Class | | Christ the King |
| 6/7 | Preparing for Baptism Class | 10:30 am | Room A300 |
| 6/7 | The Traveling Table | 12:30 pm | 1148 Silber |
| 6/9 | Women's Summer Salad Supper | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | The Great Hall |
| 6/12 | Churchwide VBS Workday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Christ the King |
| 6/12 | World Cup Celebration | 5:30 - 8:30 pm | The Great Hall |
| 6/15 - 6/19 | Vacation Bible School | | |
| 6/21 | Congregational Meeting | After each service | The Sanctuary |
| 8/28 - 8/30 | Church Camp | | Camp Cho-Yeh |

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following both worship services on Sunday, June 21, for the purpose of electing Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Trustees of Christ the King. If you are a communing member of Christ the King, please make it a priority to attend this important election.

VBS Churchwide Workday

June 3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Christ the King

All hands on deck! Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we'd love your help with all the preparations! Childcare will be provided (no registration necessary). Older children may work alongside a parent.



Membership Class

June 5 & 6

If you're considering making Christ the King your church home, we invite you to join us for our next Membership Class. This is the best place to learn who we are, what we believe, and what it means to walk together as a church family.



MEMBERSHIP
CLASS

Student Ministry Summer

Student Ministry has a great lineup of events happening this summer, including the Guys Pump Up and Girls Walk and Talk on June 5. It's a fun season to stay connected, build friendships, and grow together. Be sure to check the website regularly and sign up for Student Ministry emails so you don't miss what's coming up!

STUDENT MINISTRY
Summer

Church Camp

Church Camp is a unique opportunity to step away from the pace of everyday life and spend a weekend together as a church family. From worship and teaching to shared meals, conversations, and plenty of fun, this weekend creates space for deeper relationships and meaningful connection across generations.

REGISTRATION OPEN!



AUGUST 28-30, 2026

Early bird registration is \$180 per camper and ends May 31.

Elder Advisors and Deacon Assistants are lay members who have been recommended by the congregation and selected by the Session. They are commissioned to serve in non-ordained roles alongside our Session and Diaconate supporting the work of shepherding, service, and mercy.

CISSY BEELER

DEACON ASSISTANT

Spouse: Rick Beeler
Years at CTK: 2
Ministry Involvement: Women's Bible Study,
Welcome Team



My heart is for Jesus Christ and all that He has done for me and my family. I desire to be His hands and feet serving others and spreading His grace, mercy, love and peace. I feel so honored to do His work refreshing the hearts of God's people as a deacon assistant at Christ the King.

ALICIA GARZA

ELDER ADVISOR

Profession: Healthcare Technology Project
Manager
Years at CTK: 24
Ministry Involvement: Women's Bible Study,
Community Groups



For the past two decades, Christ the King has been my church home. Over that time, serving alongside others has helped me build meaningful relationships and a strong sense of family within the church. One constant in my life here has been the evening Women's Bible Study. For the past four years, I have had the joy of co-leading the group, studying God's Word, and forming lasting friendships. I am also actively involved in the Tanglewood/Briargrove Community Group, and I am deeply grateful for the love and support I receive from this wonderful community. I look forward to serving as an Elder Advisor and welcome the opportunity to love on our church family.

SUMMER SERVING

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 - Help as a Camp Agape assistant, serve camp breakfast, lunches, and snacks, or lead a Camp Agape short course. (June 15 - July 16).

Freedom Church Alliance - Women are invited to volunteer for Digital Outreach on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church (8300 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024). Email stacy@freedomchurchalliance.org.

Houston Welcomes Refugees - Prepare a refresh kit, be part of the welcome team, or help provide and deliver weekly groceries! (times vary based on your schedule)

Made with Love - Join us in the Christ the King Kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of the month (July 17 and August 15) for our meal preparation days either at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. No cooking experience necessary!

Memorial Assistance Ministry - Help in the resale store and warehouse, teach ESL classes (at CTK), be a small business coach, or help with various administrative tasks! (days and times vary). Restock Workday: May 17 and August 23 from 1-4pm.

Prestige Learning Institute- Equip, educate and empower our refugee and immigrant clients as teachers and classroom helpers. May 21 -June 18, Tuesday-Thursday.

Choose 1 of 3 options: Women's classes: 9:30-11:30am, 12:30-2:30pm. Men's classes: 3-5pm.

Volunteer orientation: May 18, 6:30-8:30pm.

Questions and sign-up to volunteer@prestigeinstitute.org.

Star of Hope - Organize/pack backpacks, serve a meal, make sack lunches, hurricane kits, housewarming gift baskets, hope bags, notes of encouragement, and more! (days and times vary).

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 Zelaya

Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

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|-----------------------|----|-------------|
| 2026 Ministry Budget | \$ | 7,888,564 |
| Budgeted through 5/24 | \$ | 3,125,657 |
| Received as of 5/17 | \$ | 2,047,837 |
| Variance | \$ | (1,077,820) |

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.

