



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 16, 2025  
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Minister: Come, let us worship our God and King.

People: **He is our God and we are his people!**

## ❖ O WORSHIP THE KING

LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn and Robert Grant

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing his power and his love  
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail  
In you do we trust nor find you to fail  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

## ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Worthy are you, O Lord, the Lamb who was slain, to receive power  
and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and  
blessing!

You, Lord Jesus Christ, are worthy to take the scroll and to open its  
seals. To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be  
blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! 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.**

## ❖ REVELATION SONG

Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. (2x)

*Chorus:*

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,*

*Who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;*

*You are my everything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To you the only wise King. (Ch)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
At the mention of your name;  
Jesus, your name is power, breath, and living water;  
Such a marvelous mystery. (Ch)

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from his reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom (x2)

## ✚ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are often paralyzed by fear. You call us to love, yet we lack the courage to love. We are afraid of so many things – rejection, inconvenience, discomfort, pain.

Forgive us. With your perfect love, cast out our fear. Work in us by the power of the Holy Spirit; melt away fear and despair and fill us with courage and hope. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## ❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

**Minister:** The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

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

**People:** **And also with you!**

## THE OFFERING

### MY FATHER'S WORLD

*Franklin L. Sheppard, arr. Brad Jacobsen*

Jenny Yang, *piano*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 4:12-19  
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**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

Suffering as a Christian  
*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.*

### 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.*

## GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Jeremy Casella and William Williams

Guide me O thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but thou art mighty  
Hold me with thy powerful hand  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing waters flow  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee  
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Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears goodbye  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears goodbye

## ISAIAH 43 (I AM THE LORD)

Billy Sprague

When you pass through the waters I will be with you  
And the waves, they will not overcome you  
Do not fear for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine

*Chorus:*

*For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)*

*For I am the Lord your God*

*I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior (Repeat)*

*I am the Lord (Do not fear) (4x)*

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned  
And the flames, they will not consume you  
Do not fear for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine

*Chorus:*  
*For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)*  
*For I am the Lord your God*  
*I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior (Repeat)*  
*I am the Lord (Do not fear) (4x)*  
*I am the Lord*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**Minister:** Now go forth, being led by God who parts the seas  
and makes straight our path.

**People:** **We go forth with Christ as our guide.**

**Minister:** May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and  
Sustainer, go with you and remain with you always.

**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 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Carrie Compton  | <i>prayer</i>              | Zach Day          | <i>audio</i>               |
| Sam Cornelius   | <i>guitar</i>              | Quin Gomez-Wright | <i>camera</i>              |
| Stacey Croft    | <i>liturgy</i>             | Colby Hodges      | <i>video director</i>      |
| Joe Deegan      | <i>guitar &amp; vocals</i> | Kyunghee Kim      | <i>projections</i>         |
| Conrad Guthrie  | <i>bass</i>                | Alex Martinez     | <i>Spanish translation</i> |
| Michelle Hays   | <i>violin</i>              | Namath Naif       | <i>technical director</i>  |
| Travis Henthorn | <i>drums</i>               | Alex Rollo        | <i>camera</i>              |
| Alex Martinez   | <i>liturgy</i>             | Clara Whiles      | <i>camera</i>              |
| Katie Reyes     | <i>vocals</i>              |                   |                            |
| John Trapp      | <i>sermon</i>              |                   |                            |
| Steven Wiggs    | <i>cello</i>               |                   |                            |
| Jenny Yang      | <i>piano</i>               |                   |                            |
|                 |                            | CCLI# 1268735     |                            |

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

### Joshua

Joshua is a powerful story of conquest and promise as God leads Israel into the land he has prepared for them. Through its pages, we'll explore remarkable accounts of God's faithfulness and his mighty work on behalf of his people. We'll trace the redemptive thread from Joshua—whose name means "the Lord saves"—to Jesus, who fulfills that promise fully.

**New Class Starting November 23!** 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

|       |                                     |                             |                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 11/20 | Made with Love Meal Prep            | 9:30 am or 6:30 pm          | The Kitchen     |
| 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  |
| 12/8  | 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   |



## The Preschool at Christ the King

The Preschool at Christ the King is a ministry of the church that comes alongside families to educate children in a Christian environment and point them to a life of glorifying God. Parents are invited to come and tour with their child and experience first-hand the wonders of The Preschool! Tours are available beginning in October for the following school year and can be requested on our website at [thePreschoolAtChristTheKing.com](http://thePreschoolAtChristTheKing.com).



## 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*

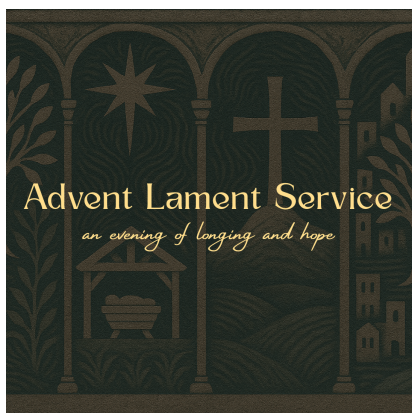
Join us for a joyful evening as we celebrate the hope of Christmas together. Enjoy festive carols, a delicious meal, and an encouraging message to help prepare our hearts for the season. Invite a friend or neighbor to be part of this wonderful night of community and cheer! Register at [christtheking.com/women](http://christtheking.com/women).



### **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 Visit

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](http://christtheking.com/care) or contact [catherine.duffin@christtheking.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://christtheking.com/staff).

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Stacey Croft</b>  | Pastor, Adult Ministry                                  |
| <b>Clay Holland</b>  | Pastor, Family Ministry                                 |
| <b>Alex Martinez</b> | Pastor, Latino Ministry                                 |
| <b>John Trapp</b>    | Senior Pastor                                           |
| <b>Andrés Zelaya</b> | Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident |

# Ministry Budget Update

|                      |    |             |
|----------------------|----|-------------|
| 2025 Ministry Budget | \$ | 6,488,151   |
| Received as of 11/09 | \$ | 4,808,273   |
| Variance             | \$ | (1,679,878) |

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Made with Love Meals Ministry

- Thanksgiving Edition - November 20, 9:30-11:30am and 6:30-8:30pm. Please join us as we make Holiday meals.
- After November 20 - Consider who you can bless with a meal this holiday season. Stop by the freezer and pick one up.