



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 5, 2023  
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ❖ TOLLING OF THE BELL

*In remembrance of saints who have died in Christ*

*Lucy Chbioh*

*Posy Elizabeth McKee*

*Belle Drye Schafer Petkas*

## ❖ FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Christopher Miner and William W. How

For all the saints who from their labors rest  
To thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy Name O Jesus be forever blessed  
Alleluia, alleluia

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**People: There is no end to his greatness.**

Leader: One generation shall praise your works  
to another and shall declare your power.

**People: All your works praise you, Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.**

## ❖ FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Thou was their rock, their fortress and their might  
Thou Lord their captain in the well fought fight  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light  
Alleluia, allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed  
Alleluia, allelu...

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array  
The King of Glory passes on his way  
Alleluia, allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ *Congregation stands*

✦ *Congregation kneels*

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, 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 shall 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.

## ❖ GOD IS FOR US

James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson,  
Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley with you by our side  
You will go before us, you will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only you can save

*Chorus:*

*Sing with joy now, our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still your love is sure  
You will not abandon, you will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace (Ch)

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave his Son to free us  
Holds me in his love (Repeat) (Ch 2x)

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### MY ONLY COMFORT

Joe Deegan, based on The Heidelberg Catechisms 1 & 22

What is your only comfort in life or in death  
That I belong body and soul  
To the Lord who gives me breath  
To the Lord who gives me breath

*Chorus:*

*Oh I am not my own, I am bound to Christ alone  
My only comfort in this life is belonging to the Lord  
Is belonging to the Lord (repeat)*

## ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts and treasures of this world rather than for your enduring Kingdom. We have loved the gifts more than the Giver.

In your mercy, help us to see that the things we strive for are shadows, but you are the substance; they are quicksand, but you are a mighty rock; they are shifting, but you are an anchor.

We plead for your forgiveness through the riches of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his riches for our poverty, his death for our life.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

## ❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Galatians 4:4-5

**Leader:** When the fullness of time had come,  
God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,  
in order to redeem those who were under the law,  
so that we might be adopted as children.

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

## ❖ ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

Jordan Kauflin

*Chorus:*  
*Hallelujah all I have is Christ*  
*Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will  
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still (*Ch*)

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace (*Ch*)

Now Lord I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way you choose  
And let my song forever be my only boast is you (*Ch 3x*)

## ❖ THE PEACE OF GOD

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

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

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 4:1-11, p. 1030  
El Apocalipsis 4:1-11, p. 1707

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“A Heavenly Perspective”  
*Revelation*

## 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.

*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.*

### Oración de acceso humilde

*No presumo venir a esta mesa, oh Señor de misericordia, confiando en mi propia bondad, si no sólo en tu justicia acreditada a mí. No soy digno tanto como para recoger las migajas debajo de tu mesa. Pero tú eres el mismo Señor cuya manera es siempre mostrar misericordia. Concédeme, pues, oh Señor, la gracia de comulgar ahora con Cristo por la fe, para que pueda vivir cada vez más en él y él en mí. Amén.*

## STEADFAST

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and Josh Silverberg

I will build my house whether storm or drought  
On the rock that does not move  
I will set my hope in your love O Lord  
And your faithfulness will prove

*Chorus:*

*You are steadfast, steadfast*

By the word you spoke all the starry host  
Are called out by name each night  
In your watchful care I will rest secure  
As you lead us with your light (*Ch 2x*)

I will not trust in the strength of kings  
On your promise I will stand  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice  
Hallelujah to the Lamb (*Ch 2x*)

In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled  
In the hour of darkness your light was revealed  
In the presence of death your life was affirmed  
In the absence of holiness you are still God (*Ch 4x*)

## ❖ LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

John Newton and Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with his blood (*3x*)  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conquerors crown  
He who washed us with his blood (3x)  
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder, grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He who washed us with his blood (3x)  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
You have washed us with your blood (3x)  
You are worthy, Lamb of God

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: O God, give us power to do your work,  
to show your love, and to live holy and joyful lives.

Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory  
when we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm. Go in peace.

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

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDETH, 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**

<i>Joe Beam</i>	<i>drums</i>
<i>Daniel Campbell</i>	<i>keyboard &amp; vocals</i>
<i>Sam Cornelius</i>	<i>electric guitar</i>
<i>Joe Deegan</i>	<i>guitar &amp; vocals</i>
<i>Conrad Guthrie</i>	<i>bass</i>
<i>John Lewis</i>	<i>prayer</i>
<i>Natalie Mann</i>	<i>violin</i>
<i>Stefany Recinos</i>	<i>vocals</i>
<i>John Trapp</i>	<i>sermon</i>
<i>Steven Wiggs</i>	<i>cello</i>
<i>Andrés Zelaya</i>	<i>liturgy</i>

**Audio/Visual Team**

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<i>Alex Rollo</i>	<i>camera</i>
<i>Namath Naif</i>	<i>technical director</i>

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## Sunday Morning at Christ the King

**9:00 am**

**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**

Infant - 4 years

**Children's Worship**

K-2nd grade

Children will be dismissed from the worship service.

**Adult Sunday Morning Class**

(3rd Floor)

**10:30 am**

**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**

Infant - 1 years

**Sunday School**

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

**Student Ministry**

6th - 12th grade  
(3rd floor)

**Adult Sunday Morning Classes**

(3rd Floor)

## Adult Sunday Morning Classes

**9:00 am**

**The Gospel of Mark**

*Room A300, through December 17*

Who is Jesus? Why did he come to earth? The Gospel of Mark was written to answer these questions. It depicts a Jesus of good news—and urgent challenge. The clever author of this gospel masterfully weaves together episodes that encourage attentive reading, especially if we want to understand more about the audience that first heard this book. Understood to be the earliest of the four canonical gospels, Mark offers an uncluttered yet vivid narrative. This story of good news, challenge, and literary delight makes the Gospel of Mark a wonderful book to study in community.

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**Basic Training**

*Room A300, through November 19*

Have you ever wondered, “What does Christ the King believe about that?” In the Basic Training class we delve deeper into Christ the King's mission principles, theological convictions, and philosophy of ministry. This class is required for leadership in the church and we encourage every member to attend.



## Upcoming Events

Tonight	Young Adults Monthly Meals	7:00 - 9:00 pm	10723 Bordley
11/7	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
11/8	Midweek Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 pm	The Sanctuary
11/8	New Moms Social	7:00 - 9:00 pm	2915 Albans
11/12	Food Drive Bags Returned		
11/12	Stories & Songs	5:00 pm	The Great Hall
11/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am and 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
11/16	Care Connect: Chronic & Longterm Illness	7:00 - 8:30 pm	The Trinity Room
11/30	Women's Christmas Dinner	7:00 pm	The Great Hall
1/19 & 1/20	Building Brave Families Conference	Fri: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Sat: 9:00 - 11:00 am	The Sanctuary



### Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 29 - November 12

Every year our 4th and 5th grade students collect hundreds of bags of food that the East Spring Branch Food Pantry gives to families in our community at Thanksgiving.

Please plan to pick up a bag or two and help serve families in Spring Branch!

All bags need to be returned by November 12 so our students can deliver them in time for Thanksgiving.



### Stories & Songs

November 12, 5:00 pm, The Great Hall

All ages are invited to join us for a time of singing hymns, learning new songs, and enjoying community together with hot chocolate and wassail. This year's Stories & Songs will be centered around Advent, a season of joyful expectation. Over the past year, artists at Christ the King have been crafting new songs and visual art to help guide our community through Advent. We will be releasing the Advent Devotional along with new music at the event.



### Young Adults Monthly Meals

November 5, 7:00 pm, 10723 Bordley

Join us for a great meal hosted by a family from the church! On the first Sunday evening of every month we gather in the homes of our broader church family to enjoy a home-cooked meal and fellowship. All are welcome!



### **Men's Breakfast**

*November 7, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall*

Join us for breakfast and an encouraging word from one of our pastors. Send a personal invite to a friend, a neighbor or a co-worker and we'll see you there!



### **New Moms Social**

*November 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm,  
2915 Albans 77005*

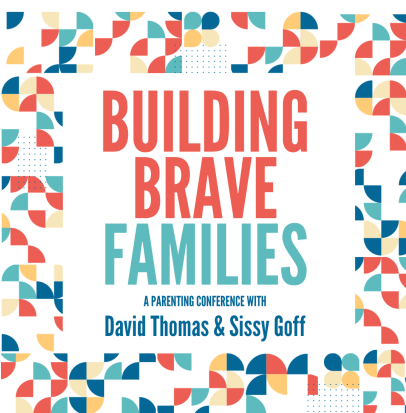
Whether you just had a baby or are expecting a child soon, this event is for you! Come socialize with us, meet new moms, and hear Jan Dollinger speak on early childhood development. We look forward to seeing you there!



### **Care Connect**

*November 16, 7:00 pm, The Trinity Room*

If you are walking through longterm or chronic illness, we want you to know that you are not alone. Join us for an evening of fellowship and prayer with others who have walked through a similar season. Please RSVP to Catherine Duffin or reach out if you have questions about this gathering at [catherine.duffin@christtheking.com](mailto:catherine.duffin@christtheking.com).



### **Building Brave Families Conference**

We are excited to welcome David Thomas and Sissy Goff to Christ the King. They will host two sessions:

#### **Raising Worry-Free Kids**

Friday, January 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

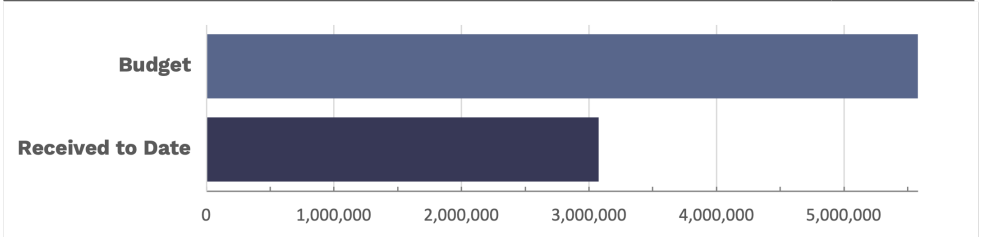
#### **Worry-Free Parents**

Saturday, January 20, 9:00 - 11:00 am

More information to come. Mark your calendars!

## Ministry Budget Update

2023 Ministry Budget	\$ 5,580,000
Received as of 10/29	\$ 3,075,479
Variance	\$ (2,504,521)



### 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).



## Mission Partner Spotlight

### East Spring Branch Food Pantry

The East Spring Branch Food Pantry located at Westview and Wirt has been serving our local community since 1980, by providing food free of cost to individuals and families in urgent need. This completely volunteer-run food pantry has approximately 150 volunteers that help stock shelves, purchase produce, assist clients, and organize and maintain the food and other items. The pantry also provides meals to Adult Protective Services for their distribution to seniors and those who are disabled that are in need. If you are interested in learning more about how you can serve the East Spring Branch Food Pantry please reach out to Pam Smelley, Pantry Director, at [info@eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com](mailto:info@eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com).

## 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/).

**Clay Holland**

**John Trapp**

**Andrés Zelaya**

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Pastor, Adult Ministry