



CHRIST THE KING

H O U S T O N

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 28, 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Minister: God is here! The Messiah has come!

**People: We open our eyes to see him
and lift our hearts to worship him.**

Minister: We have come to exalt the name of Jesus,
our Savior and King, and to bring glory to God the Father.

People: We worship you, Almighty God!

❖ O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELIS, John Francis Wade

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him born the King of angels

Refrain:

O come let us adore him

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Christ the Lord

God of God, Light of Light
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God begotten not created (*Ref*)

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest (*Ref*)

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing (*Ref*)

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

❖ 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.

❖ GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

GO TELL IT, Traditional Spiritual

Chorus:

Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light (*Ch*)

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth (*Ch*)

Down in a lowly manger
our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn (*Ch*)

That Jesus Christ is born

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

COME, YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Kevin Twit and Joseph Swain

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

Take his easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While his grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory
Where his ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see him
Blessed the ears that hear his voice
Blessed are the souls that trust him
And in him alone rejoice
His commandments, his commandments
His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

+ 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

2 Corinthians 4:6

Minister: God has caused to shine in our hearts, the light that is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:1-4
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Drift

Rev. Clay Holland

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.

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST, MY SAVIOR

Kate Wilkinson and A. Cyril Barham-Gould

May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power

May the peace of God, my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory

May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win
and may they forget the channel
Seeing only Him

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:

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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**

Ephesians 3:16-19

Minister: I pray that out of God's glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖ **ADVENT HYMN**

Pat Barrett, Graham Kendrick, Aaron Keyes, Chris Moerman, Eric Priest, and Ben Smith

He has come, our Wonderous Counselor
He has come, our Mighty God
Prince of Peace, our King Eternal
He has come, our God with us

Worship Leaders

Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Clay Holland	<i>sermon</i>
Luke Hubley	<i>drums</i>
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>
Alex Martinez	<i>liturgy</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Ozzie Fong	<i>camera</i>
Andrew Gill	<i>camera</i>
Samuel Hunniford	<i>camera</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>

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

This Morning at Christ the King

9:00 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - PreK

10:30 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - PreK

Sunday Morning Classes

No Sunday School

December 21 & 28

Please note that Sunday School classes for children, students, and adults will not meet on December 21 or 28.

New Adult Class

On January 4, we will start a new class on Ecclesiastes. It is a book that addresses some of life's most practical and persistent questions. We're all searching for the right mix of things that will make life feel full and meaningful, and we're surrounded by advice on how to get there. This class will explore a surprising perspective on wisdom—one that doesn't promise perfection, but invites honesty about our limits and our need for God. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events

12/31 - 1/4 High School Ski Trip

1/2 Building Toward the Promise
Day of Prayer and Fasting

1/4 New Sunday Morning Class 9:00 & 10:30 am The Third Floor

1/10 MAM ESL Registration 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Christ the King

1/11 Student Ministry Sunday Night Live 5:30 - 7:00 pm Redeemer Room

1/15 Made with Love Meal Prep 9:30 am or 6:30 pm The Kitchen

1/15 Young Adult Prayer and Praise Night 7:30 - 9:00 pm The Great Hall

1/18 Membership Class 10:30 - 11:30 am Room A300

1/24 Sacred Studio 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Christ the King

1/25 2nd & 3rd Grade Family Lunch 11:45 am - 1:00 pm The Great Hall

2/1 The Traveling Table 12:30 - 2:00 pm 1148 Silber



Day of Prayer & Fasting

January 2

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, our hope is that these moments will draw your heart to the Lord and deepen our shared dependence on him.



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Membership Class

1/18, 1/24, 2/1, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Room A300

Join us as we dive deeper into the mission, vision and values of Christ the King. You'll meet some of the pastors, elders, leaders, and staff members who are eager to walk alongside you on your spiritual journey. This class does not obligate you to become a member, but it is required if you are pursuing membership. Register at christtheking.com/membership.



Sacred Studio

January 24, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Women are invited to gather for Sacred Studio—a day designed for connection, creativity, and encouragement. Together we'll enjoy meaningful, gospel-centered teaching, a delicious lunch, and hands-on workshops called studios. This event is open to women of all ages - high school through adults. Register at christtheking.com/women.



2nd & 3rd Grade Family Lunch

January 25, 11:45 - 1:00 pm, The Great Hall

Join us for a fun afternoon of food and fellowship! Enjoy pizza, drinks, and a sweet treat while getting to know other 2nd and 3rd grade families. Siblings are welcome—and don't forget socks so your kids can enjoy the indoor playground! RSVP at christtheking.com/children.



Bible Studies

Registration is open for this spring's Bible Study! If you joined us in the fall, no need to re-register. And if you've been thinking about joining a group, this is the perfect time. We'll be diving into the book of Galatians and considering how Paul's words to the early church continue to shape and encourage us now. Groups are available for men, women, and young adults at various times and locations. Register at christtheking.com.

Serve at Christ the King



Spring ESL Course Registration

January 10, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Christ the King

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) will be hosting programming at Christ the King starting in January, and we'd love your help! Join us in welcoming new students by assisting with registration—an important first step that helps set the tone for a great semester of learning. Multiple volunteer shifts are available. Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Made with Love Meal Prep

January 15

Come join us every 3rd Thursday as we cook meals for friends, neighbors, and anyone who could use a little love and encouragement. It's a fun, meaningful way to serve—with a morning (9:30–11:30 am) and evening option (6:30–8:30 pm). All ages welcome, no skills required! Space is limited, so sign up today at christtheking.com/serve.

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 12/14	\$	5,481,444
Variance	\$	(1,006,707)

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.

