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FEBRUARY 22, 2026
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stacey Croft (9:00)
Rev. John Trapp (10:30)

Minister: I will tell of your name, LORD, to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

People: You who fear the LORD, praise him! Stand in awe of him, all his people!

Minister: For he has not despised or abhorred the afflicted, nor has he hidden his face from those who cry out.

People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

❖ COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

NETTLETON, Robert Robinson and John Wyeth

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above (2x)

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Seal it for thy courts above

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism #56

Minister: What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

People: I believe that God, because of Christ’s atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

❖ IN CHRIST ALONE

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

BUILDING TOWARD THE PROMISE

Jan Dollinger
Spiritual Emphasis Committee Co-Chair

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

NEED, Annie S. Hawks and Robert Lowry

I need thee ev'ry hour most gracious Lord
No tender voice like thine can peace afford

Refrain:

*I need thee, O I need thee ev'ry hour I need thee
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee*

I need thee ev'ry hour, stay thou near by
Temptations lose their pow'r when thou art nigh (*Ref*)

I need thee ev'ry hour in joy or pain
Come quickly and abide or life is vain (*Ref*)

I need thee ev'ry hour, teach me thy will
And thy rich promises in me fulfill (*Ref*)

I need thee ev'ry hour Most Holy One
O make me thine indeed thou blessed Son (*Ref*)

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Lamentations 3:22-23

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; Great is his faithfulness! In Christ you are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

Paul Brennan, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 17:1-11; Hebrews 10:19-25
pages 96 and 1007

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“Gathered at the Center”

Rev. Andrés Zelaya

Leviticus

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: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy on us.

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy on us.

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Grant us your peace.

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.

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.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

Joe Deegan

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof
Come to his table of goodness and love
The Lord, he has made by the work of his hands
The riches of heaven for the pleasure of man

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah

He made the forests, the mountains, the trees
The rivers and canyons and valleys to sing
The song of the Maker in all that we see
Oh the earth is the Lord's and it always will be *(Ch 2x)*

The heavens declare the glory of One
Who is Lord over all, who has bid us to come
And lay down our burdens again and again
To rest from our labors and sabbath with him *(Ch 2x)*

Let every creature, let every tongue
Sing praise to the Lord for the work he has done
He has declared over all of the land
Behold the dwelling of God is with man *(Ch 2x)*

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

Galatians 1:2-5

Minister: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

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

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| Tim Brown | <i>piano</i> |
| Stacey Croft | <i>liturgy</i> |
| Joe Deegan | <i>guitar & vocals</i> |
| Jan Dollinger | <i>prayer</i> |
| Conrad Guthrie | <i>bass</i> |
| Travis Henthorn | <i>drums</i> |
| Natalie Mann | <i>violin</i> |
| Scott Mochon | <i>guitar</i> |
| Katie Reyes | <i>vocals</i> |
| John Trapp | <i>liturgy</i> |
| Steven Wiggs | <i>cello</i> |
| Andrés Zelaya | <i>sermon</i> |

Audio/Visual Team

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| Sam Cornelius | <i>projections</i> |
| Colby Hodges | <i>video director</i> |
| Samuel Hunniford | <i>camera</i> |
| Namath Naif | <i>technical director & audio</i> |
| Alex Rollo | <i>camera</i> |
| Joe Bill Whittenburg | <i>camera</i> |
| Joel Zaldivar | <i>Spanish translation</i> |

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*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)

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

Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 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

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| 2/26 | Women's Secret Supper | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | |
| 2/27 | Winter Wonderland | 5:30 - 7:00 pm | Christ the King |
| 2/27 - 3/1 | Student Ministry Spring Weekend | | Camp Cho-Yeh |
| 3/1 | K & 1st Grade Family Lunch | 11:45 am | The Great Hall |
| 3/1 | The Traveling Table | 12:30 - 2:00 pm | 1148 Silber |
| 3/3 | Men's Breakfast | 6:30 - 7:30 am | The Great Hall |
| 3/6 | Capital Campaign Day of Prayer & Fasting | | |
| 3/8 | Daylight Saving Time Begins | | |
| 3/26 & 3/27 | RYM Local | | Christ the King |
| 3/29 | Palm Sunday | | |
| 3/29 | Children's Egg Hunt | 10:30 am | |
| 3/29 | Spring Picnic | 11:45 am - 2:15 pm | The Fields |



Women's Ministry Secret Supper
February 26, 6:00 pm

Sign up for a mystery dinner with fellow women at Christ the King! Various houses around Houston will host small groups of ladies, but you won't know your destination or dining partners until the day before. Come for an opportunity to connect with new people, gather in new spaces, and deepen relationships across the church. Register by tomorrow, February 23, at christtheking.com/women.



Winter Wonderland

February 27, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

We're partnering with Cornerstone Family Ministries to host a fun evening for their students and families—and we need volunteers of all ages to make it happen! You are invited to serve by helping with setup, games, food, crafts, and creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city



Kindergarten & 1st Grade Family Lunch

March 1, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm, The Great Hall

Join us for a fun lunch with other Kindergarten and 1st Grade families. We'll provide food, drinks, and a sweet treat, and the kids can enjoy time on the indoor playground. Siblings are welcome—just remember to bring socks for playtime! Please sign up at christtheking.com/children.



Men's Breakfast

March 3, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Start your morning with breakfast, powerful stories of how God is at work, and a room full of guys who want to grow in faith and friendship. The Men's Breakfast is a meaningful way to kick off your day. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker—and come join us! No registration necessary.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29
9:00 & 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2
7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3
5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM



Camp Lily

June 22–25 & July 6–9, Christ the King

Camp Lily is a summer day camp for girls ages 8–12, designed to nurture emotional growth, healthy relationships, and identity through evidence-based practices and a Christ-centered perspective. Throughout the week, girls will engage in creative activities, games, and guided lessons. Sign up at barnabascenterhou.com/counseling-groups-and-seminars.



Church Camp

August 28–30

Save the date for Christ the King Church Camp - now on a new weekend - August 28–30! This two-night, church-wide retreat in the beautiful Piney Woods just outside Houston will be a time of rest, fun, and meaningful growth in God's Word. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. Registration will open soon!

We're Hiring!



CHRISTTHEKING.COM/EMPLOYMENT

Job Openings at Christ the King

Christ the King currently has several job openings, and we'd love for you to consider joining our staff team. We are hiring a Bilingual Program Coordinator (Latino Ministry), a Business Operations Administrative Assistant, and a Facility Host Coordinator—each role helping to strengthen the life and ministry of our church. If you or someone you know is looking for a meaningful way to use your gifts, we invite you to learn more and apply at christtheking.com/employment.

Capital Campaign

Sign up for a Campaign Conversation

The Building Toward the Promise Capital 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.

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| 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 2/15 | \$ | 1,041,886 |
| Received as of 2/15 | \$ | 556,867 |
| Variance | \$ | (485,019) |

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.

