

MARK

Order of Worship

NOVEMBER 15, 2026
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 43

Minister: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Minister: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

❖ PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Lobe Den Herren, Stralsund Gesangbuch, Joachim Leander

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the king of creation
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under his wings yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him
Let the amen sound from his people again
Gladly for e'er we adore him

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION The Lord's Prayer

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.

❖ INDESCRIBABLE

Laura Story & Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus:
Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name
You are amazing God

All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom *(Ch)*

You are amazing God
You are amazing God (Ch)

Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same
You are amazing God

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

✢ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, our Savior and our King, you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting.

Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD Jeremiah 33:8

Minister: I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Lindsay Hunniford
Finance Committee Member

THE OFFERING

ODE TO JOY Tim Brown, *piano*
Ludwig van Beethoven, Friedrich Schiller Natalie Mann, *violin*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:26-34
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON "The Kingdom Like a Seed" Rev. John Trapp
Mark

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.

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)*

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

❖ OUR GREAT GOD

Johnny Mac Powell, Fernando Ortega

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone

Chorus:
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God
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Lord, we are weak and frail helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O LORD, and he will flee before our sovereign God *(Ch)*

Let every creature in the sea, let every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praise to the living God who rules them by his word *(Ch 2x)*

❖ BENEDICTION

1 Timothy 1:17

Minister: To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

People: Praise be to our God and King.

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH, 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	
Paul Brennan	*piano*
Joe Deegan	*guitar & vocals*
Conrad Guthrie	*bass*
Travis Henthorn	*drums*
Clay Holland	*liturgy*
Natalie Mann	*violin*
Alex Martinez	*liturgy*
Scott Mochon	*guitar*
Katie Reyes	*vocals*
John Trapp	*sermon*
Steven Wiggs	*cello*

Audio/Visual Team	
Sam Cornelius	*projections*
Madelyn Landis	*camera*
Ryan Landis	*video director*
Namath Naif	*technical director*
Pook Saudale	*camera*
Joe Bill Whittenburg	*camera*
Joel Zaldivar	*Spanish translation*

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Our Vision

To reach Houston and beyond for Christ and renew lives by grace.

Our Mission

Christ the King exists to make disciples who worship God, grow in God's grace, and serve in God's mission all for God's glory.

SUNDAY AT CHRIST THE KING

9:00 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 4 years

Children's Worship
PreK-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
Spanish Translation Available

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 4 years

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)

Learn More

See what's coming up at Christ the King! Visit christtheking.com/events or scan the QR code to explore upcoming events and register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight	Middle School Sunday Nights	5:30 - 7:00 pm
11/18	High School D Groups	7:00 - 8:15 pm
11/18	Women's Ministry Fun with Florals	6:00 - 8:00 pm
11/19	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm
12/2	Women's Ministry Deck the Halls	9:30 - 11:00 am
12/3	Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner	7:00 - 9:00 pm
12/5	Men's Ministry Service Day	8:30 - 11:30 am
12/7	Children's Ministry Christmas Party	9:30 - 11:30 am
12/9	Advent Lament Service	7:00 - 8:00 pm
12/13	Advent Song Night	5:00 - 6:00 pm
12/24	Christmas Eve Services	2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 pm



Advent Guides

Advent is a season of remembering Christ's first coming and anticipating his return. But the story of Advent is woven throughout scripture, often in unexpected places. This year, our Advent Guide will explore a familiar biblical story with fresh eyes, tracing the hope and promise of the God who draws near. Advent Guides will be available for pickup beginning November 22.



Women's Christmas Dinner

December 3, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

One of Christ the King's longest-standing traditions, the Women's Christmas Dinner is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season together! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an evening of singing, dinner, and an encouraging reflection on the story of our Savior's birth.



Christmas Eve at Christ the King

Thursday, December 24

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with us at Christ the King! Join us for one of our three Christmas Eve candlelight services at 2:00, 3:30, or 5:00 pm as we gather to worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Childcare will be available at the 2:00 and 3:30 pm services, and Spanish translation will be offered at 5:00 pm.

We hope you'll invite your family, friends, and neighbors to share in this special evening with us!

Holiday Serving

There are many ways for all ages to love and serve others this holiday season. Together, we can live out our mission of reaching Houston and beyond for Christ and renewing lives by grace as we serve our neighbors, care for our city, and pray for our missionaries around the world.

To learn more about our Mission Partners or opportunities to serve, please contact mission@christtheking.com.

Agape Development
- Donate items to their annual Christmas Store, where parents can purchase gifts for their children.
- Contact Amanda Garner: amandag@agapedevelopment.org for wishlist.
- Volunteer to help at their Christmas Store on December 10, 6-8pm.

Cornerstone After School Program @ Christ the King
- Volunteer as a field trip chaperone: Friday, December 18, 12-3pm.
- Contact Amanda Etheredge: amanda@cfmhouston.org.

Freedom Church Alliance
- Gather a group to make GoBags for women, men, or children with basic essentials.
- Digital Outreach Opportunity (ladies only) - volunteer training sessions on the first Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm.
- Contact Stacy Grigg: stacy@freedomchurchalliance.org

Housman Reading Buddies/Mentoring (SBISD)
- Read to a 2nd grade student once a week (Mondays or Tuesdays).
- Mentor a K-5th grade student once a week (flexible)
- Read to a class during their library time (flexible)

Houston Welcomes Refugees
- Volunteer for their Annual Christmas party - assist with set up on Friday, December 4, 10:30-1pm, or help at stations during the party on Saturday, December 5, 1-5pm. (Various shifts available.)

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)
- Donate gift items to their Christmas Share Program.
- Sign up for a shift at the Christmas Store.
- Contact Kathie Hertzog: khartzog@mamhouston.org

Mission to the World (MTW)
- Find a daily time to pray for our Global Mission Partners.
- For a list of partners contact mission@christtheking.com

Star of Hope
- Serve a meal at the Men's or the Women and Family Center (flexible)
- Write notes of encouragement or celebration for the residents.

Yellowstone Schools
- Volunteer at the Senior Thanksgiving Potluck- November 20, 11am-1pm.
- Help distribute Christmas Snacks - December 7, 9:30am-1pm.
- Assist wrapping Christmas gifts - December 15, 9am-1pm.
- Help distribute Christmas gifts to the classrooms - December 17, 1-4pm.

CARE & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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.

OUR PASTORS

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

2026 Ministry Budget	$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 11/08	$	6,697,837
Received as of 11/08	$	4,397,823
Variance	$	(2,300,015)

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/give.



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