



CHRIST THE KING

H O U S T O N

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 26, 2023
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 47

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**People: God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.**

❖ REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

DARWALL, John Darwall and Charles Wesley

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice

Rejoice, again I say rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n (*Ref*)

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet (*Ref*)

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home (*Ref*)

We soon shall hear, the angels' voice

The trump of God shall sound rejoice

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Philipians 2

Leader: Whom do we worship as our Lord and King?

**People: We worship Jesus Christ as our Lord
and King, "Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be grasped, but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

**And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient
to death – even death on a cross!**

**Therefore God exalted him to the
highest place and gave him the name
that is above every name, that at the name
of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven
and on earth and under the earth, and every
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”**

❖ COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus:

*Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace *(Ch)*

Come young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of his grace
Over all the world his people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age
Our God is all in all *(Ch 2x)*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

JESUS WITH THY CHURCH ABIDE

Christopher Miner and Thomas Benson Pollock

Jesus with thy church abide
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide
While on earth her faith is tried

Chorus:

We beseech thee, hear us

We beseech thee, hear us

Keep her life and doctrine pure
Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in thy promise sure (*Ch*)

May she one in doctrine be
One in truth and charity
Winning all to faith in thee (*Ch*)

May she guide the poor and blind
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind (*Ch 3x*)

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, when the prophet Isaiah was confronted with your holiness, he exclaimed:

People: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Leader: Without your mercy, we, too, are lost.

People: Forgive us for the sins that we commit so readily – our haughtiness toward other people; our neglect of those whom you call us to love; our pride in our accomplishments and position; our worship of idols – those lesser gods that we try to find satisfaction in.

Leader: Forgive us through the blood of Jesus, our High Priest and advocate.

People: Our hope is in you; amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 John 1:9

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

GIVING IN ACTION
THE PRESCHOOL AT CHRIST THE KING

Jessica & James Gray

THE OFFERING

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Jenny Romig, piano

from *The Sacred Harp*, arr. Phillip Keveren

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7:13-25; 8:1-4, 38-39, p. 943
Romanos 7:13-25; 8:1-4, 38-39, p. 1564

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“How Can God Keep Loving Me?”

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 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.

Oración de buscar la verdad

Señor Jesús, tú afirmas ser el camino, la verdad y la vida. Si lo que afirmas es cierto, por favor guíame, enséñame y ábreme la realidad de quién eres. Concédeme que podría no desanimarme por el costo de seguirte mientras considero las razones para hacerlo. Dame una comprensión de ti que sea coherente, convincente y que conduzca a la vida que prometes. Amén.

Oración de Creencia

Señor Jesús, admito que soy más débil y más pecador de lo que nunca antes creía, pero a través de ti, soy más amado y aceptado de lo que nunca me atreví a esperar. Te agradezco por pagar mi deuda, llevar mi castigo en la cruz y ofrecer perdón y nueva vida. Sabiendo que has resucitado entre los muertos, me aparto de mis pecados y te recibo como mi Salvador. Amén.

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.

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

Chorus:

*All glory be to Christ our king, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ*

His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ (*Ch*)

When on the day the great I Am the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ (*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 pass 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 (*Ch*)

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: Go from this place into the world to serve
our God and King.

People: **We go in the name of Christ.**

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty –
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be among you
and remain with you all.

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

Guest Preacher

Brooks Harwood was born in Texas and grew up in Nashville, TN. He attended the University of Tennessee as a young Christian where he met his wife, Meredith, and got involved in RUF. After graduating, getting married, and serving as an RUF intern at Vanderbilt, Brooks and Meredith moved to St. Louis, MO for Brooks to study at Covenant Theological Seminary. In 2018, Brooks to begin his work as the RUF pastor at the University of Houston. Brooks and Meredith have two children, Sophie and June.

Worship Leaders

Mark Barta	reading
Joe Beam	drums
Daniel Campbell	keyboard & vocals
Joe Deegan	guitar & vocals
David Duren	prayer
Paul Duffin	electric guitar
Conrad Guthrie	bass
Brooks Harwood	sermon
Clay Holland	liturgy
Natalie Mann	violin
Katie Reyes	vocals
Steven Wiggs	cello

Audio/Visual Team

Lucas Dolibois	camera
Matt Dreyer	projections
Max Gomez-Wright	camera
Quin Gomez-Wright	camera
Ryan Landis	video director
Namath Naif	technical director

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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 Class

(3rd Floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Class

9:00 am Room A300

10:30 am The Redeemer Room

The Gospel of Mark

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.

Upcoming Events

11/30	Women's Christmas Dinner	7:00 pm	The Great Hall
12/3	The 1st Sunday of Advent		
12/3	Traveling Table Lunch	12:30 pm	1370 Afton St or 1118 Coldstream Rd
12/3	Student Ministry Sunday Nights	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
12/3	Young Adults Christmas Party	7:00 pm	13311 Perthshire
12/8	Children's Ministry Christmas Party	9:30 - 11:30 am	The Great Hall
12/14	College Students Winter Break Gathering	7:00 pm	
12/17	College Students Sunday Morning Class Begins	10:30 am	Room A301
12/24	Christmas Eve Services	2:30, 4:00 & 5:30 pm	The Sanctuary
1/10	Midweek Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 pm	The Sanctuary
1/19 & 1/20	Building Brave Families Conference	Fri: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Sat: 9:00 - 11:00 am	The Sanctuary



Christmas Poinsettias

Honor and remember loved ones by donating toward the beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary throughout Advent. The Order of Worship on Christmas Eve will list the names of donors and honorees. Print deadline is December 15.



Women's Christmas Dinner

November 30, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, The Great Hall

Join the Women of Christ the King for a night to rejoice together as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and kick off the Advent season!

Today is the last day to register!
christtheking.com/women



Children's Ministry Christmas Party

December 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Great Hall

Join us for some Christmas fun! We will have snow, bouncy houses, a service project, crafts and lots of fun things for your kids! You will not want to miss it! Please come, and invite your friends and neighbors. This event is free and registration is not required.



Christmas Eve

Sunday Morning Services

9:00 & 10:30 am

- No Sunday School for children through adults
- No Children's Worship
- Children are encouraged to join us for the whole worship service
- Nursery Care: 8-weeks - PreK

Christmas Eve Services

2:30, 4:00 & 5:30 pm

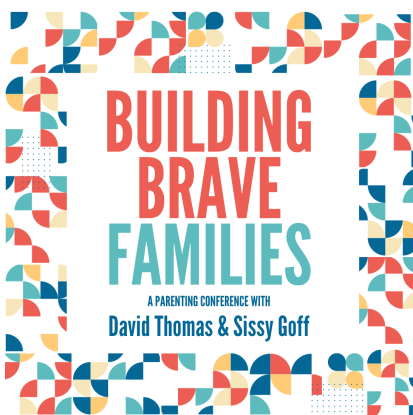
- No childcare at the 2:30 service
- Nursery Care: 8-weeks - PreK at the 4:00 & 5:30 services only



Midweek Prayer

January 10, 12:00 - 12:30 pm, The Sanctuary

We are taking a break for the holidays and will meet again on January 10. Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesdays at noon when our church gathers for 30 minutes of prayer led by our pastors. Together we spend time praying Scripture, sitting in moments of silent prayer, and praying for members of our church who have requested prayer. All are welcome.



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

Spots are filling up fast, so register today at christtheking.com/building-brave-families.



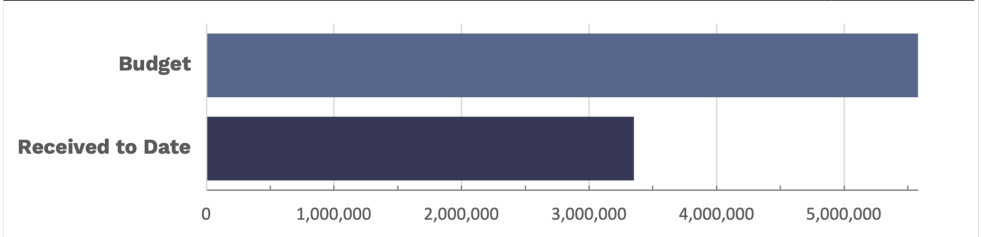
Men's Retreat

February 16-18, Stoney Creek Ranch, New Ulm, TX

You're invited to a weekend filled with encouraging, gospel-centered teachings as we grow closer in community and relationship with God. There will be plenty of time for pickleball, skeet shooting, ropes courses, fishing, whiffle ball, bonfires, board games, nature walks and much more! Our speaker will be Keith Berger, with Reformed University Fellowship. Sign up at christtheking.com/men.

Ministry Budget Update

2023 Ministry Budget	\$ 5,580,000
Received as of 11/19	\$ 3,352,195
Variance	\$ (2,227,805)



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.



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.

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/.

Clay Holland

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