



**CHRIST THE KING**

H O U S T O N

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2023  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is here! The Messiah has come!

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

Leader: 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!**

## ❖ AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER, James R. Murray

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes  
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there

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## ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

### ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, #22

Leader: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**People: Christ, the Son of God, became man  
by taking to himself a true body,  
and a reasonable soul, being conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb  
of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

## ❖ 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*)

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### SAVIOR OF MANKIND

Luke Brawner, Joe Deegan, Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam, Charles Wesley, & Paul Yoon

Let the angels and archangels sing  
The Son of God, Emmanuel's name  
Adore with us our newborn King  
Still the joyful news proclaim

*All heav'n and earth be ever joined*

*To praise the Savior of mankind (Repeat)*

The everlasting God comes down  
To walk with the sons of men  
Without his majesty or crown  
The great invisible is seen

*Of all his dazzling glories shorn  
The everlasting God is born (Repeat)*

Angels see the infant's face  
With rapturous awe the Godhead own  
Tis all your heav'n on him to gaze  
And cast your crowns before his throne

*Now he on his footstools lies  
For he built both earth and skies (Repeat)*

By him into existence brought  
You sang the all creating word  
Ye heard him call our world from nought  
Again in honor of your Lord

*Morning stars your hymns employ  
Shout you sons of God for joy (Repeat)*

#### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners,  
but in Christ you have given us a Savior.

Produce in us a faith to live by him,  
to make him our desire, our hope, our glory.

Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world,  
so that it's smiles never allure us,  
it's frowns never terrify us,  
it's vices never defile us, it's errors never delude us.

Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims  
in the cities of this earth,  
knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven,  
so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory;  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### ❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving  
of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus  
came into the world to save sinners.

Let us rejoice that Jesus has come for us!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

## THE OFFERING

### VARIATIONS ON 'GO TELL IT'

DANAELIS MUSICES AD LIBITUM

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:8, p. 599

Isaías 40:8, p. 999

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE SERMON

“What’s the Point?”

## 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.*

### 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.*

## WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

*Chorus:*

*We will feast in the house of Zion*

*We will sing with our hearts restored*

*He has done great things, we will say together*

*We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Ch)

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength (Ch)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom (Ch)

## ❖ ALL THINGS NEW

Andrew Peterson, Andy Gullahorn, and Ben Shive

Come broken and weary, come battered and bruised  
My Jesus makes all things new, all things new  
Come lost and abandoned, come blown by the wind  
He'll bring you back home again, home again

*Rise up O you sleeper, awake  
The light of the dawn is upon you  
Rise up O you sleeper, awake  
He makes all things new, all things new*

Come frozen with shame come burning with guilt  
My Jesus, he loves you still, he loves you still

*Rise up O you sleeper, awake  
The light of the dawn is upon you  
Rise up O you sleeper, awake  
He makes all things new, he makes all things new*

The world was good, the world is fallen, the world will be redeemed  
The world was good, the world is fallen, the world will be redeemed

So hold on to the promise  
The stories are true that Jesus makes all things new

*Rise up O you sleeper, awake  
The light of the dawn is upon you  
Rise up O you sleeper, awake  
He makes all things new (Repeat)*

*He makes all things new, all things new  
All things new, he makes all things new*

## ❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you now and forevermore.

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>Daniel Campbell</i>	<i>keyboard &amp; vocals</i>
<i>Joe Deegan</i>	<i>guitar &amp; vocals</i>
<i>Ryan Dougan</i>	<i>sermon</i>
<i>Conrad Guthrie</i>	<i>bass</i>
<i>Clay Holland</i>	<i>liturgy</i>
<i>Luke Hubley</i>	<i>drums</i>
<i>Scott Mochon</i>	<i>guitar &amp; mandolin</i>
<i>Stefany Recinos</i>	<i>vocals</i>
<i>Steven Wiggs</i>	<i>cello</i>

### Audio/Visual Team

<i>Joe Bill Whittenburg</i>	<i>projections</i>
<i>Namath Naif</i>	<i>technical director</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](http://christtheking.com).*

## 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.

**10:30 am**  
**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
Infant - 1 years

Please note that we will not have Sunday School Classes for children, students or adults today. All classes will resume on January 7.

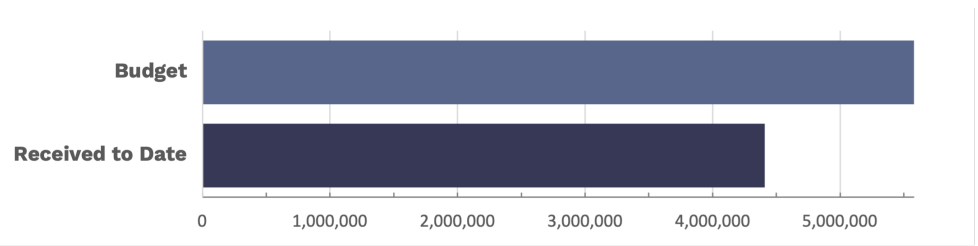
## Upcoming Events

1/2 - 1/6	Student Ministry Ski Trip		
1/7	New Sunday Morning Classes Start	9:00 & 10:30 am	3rd Floor
1/10	Midweek Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 pm	The Sanctuary
1/11	Young Adults Monthly Meal	7:30 - 9:30 pm	13730 Alchester
1/14	Student Ministry Sunday Nights	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
1/18	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
1/19 & 1/20	Building Brave Families Conference	Fri: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Sat: 9:00 - 11:00 am	The Sanctuary
1/24	Counseling Group: Taking Care of Your Body & Mind in the New Year	11:15 am - 12:30 pm	The Barnabas Center
2/4	Kindergarten & 1st Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am - 1:00 pm	The Playgrounds
2/6	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
2/9 - 2/10	Membership Class	Fri: 6:00 - 8:30 pm Sat: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	The Great Hall



## Ministry Budget Update

2023 Ministry Budget	\$	5,580,000
Received as of 12/17	\$	4,407,861
Variance	\$	(1,172,139)



### 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).



## 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**

Pastor, Family Ministry

Senior Pastor

Pastor, Adult Ministry



**College Students Sunday School Class**  
*January 7 and 14, 10:30 am, Room A300*

We are excited to offer a class especially for college students over the holidays, taught by Christ the King Elder, Gill Dolan. Invite your friends and join us!



**Adult Sunday Morning Class**  
*January 7, 9:00 & 10:30 am, The 3rd Floor*

Join us starting January 7 for a new Adult Sunday Morning Class on Hebrews. We are all tempted to drift away from Jesus, but in the book of Hebrews God gives us an anchor: a detailed understanding of how and why Jesus is better than anything else.

You can jump into this class at any time, even if it is your first time visiting a Sunday School. All are welcome! No registration necessary.



**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.



**Young Adults Monthly Meals**  
*Thursday, January 11, 7:30 pm, 13730 Alchester*

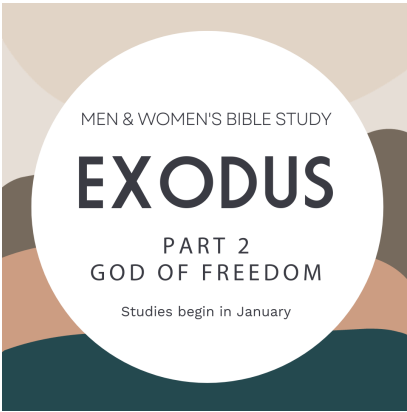
Join us for a great meal hosted by a family from the church! Every month we gather in the homes of our broader church family to enjoy a home-cooked meal and fellowship. Invite your friends and join us!



## **Taking Care of Your Body & Mind in the New Year**

*Wednesdays, January 24-February 14,  
11:15am-12:30pm, The Barnabas Center*

Our mind and bodies are deeply connected and impacted by the food and nutrients that we consume. This group will address how our gut health is related to our mental health and what we can do to improve ourselves, mind, body, and soul. Register at [barnabascenterhou.com](http://barnabascenterhou.com). Limited childcare is available with reservation.



## **Bible Study**

Join us as we study Exodus and journey through the story of how God shepherds his newly-liberated children into an understanding of what their freedom means. And with fresh perspective, ask what these stories teach God's children today about how to live as those set free.

The second part of this study starts with a new book. If you would like to join a small group, now is the perfect time! Sign up and learn more at [christtheking.com/men](http://christtheking.com/men) or [christtheking.com/women](http://christtheking.com/women).



## **Made With Love Meals Available**

Every month volunteers gather to make meals so that anyone can grab them and bring them to someone in their life who needs care. Please stop by the kitchen today to grab a free meal!

Before exciting the Sanctuary through the narthex, turn right and go through the wooden, double doors. There you will see our kitchen. Turn right again and the freezer on your right is filled with meals!



## **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](http://christtheking.com/men).