



*walking the ancient paths together*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living  
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an  
inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for  
you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation  
ready to be revealed in the last time.*

- 1 Peter 1:3-5

**December 27, 2020**  
***Morning Worship Service***

Christ The King Presbyterian Church is a Congregation of the  
***Presbyterian Church in America***

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**Welcome and Announcements**

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we warmly welcome you to this worship service of Christ The King.

**Prelude**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
– arr. by Lynette Maynard

**\*Call to Worship**

**Luke 1:68-75**

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn #214**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Confession of Sin**

**Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are fleeting shadows, but you are the lasting reality. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Private Confession of Sin (Silent)**

## Promise of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:22-23

*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism*  
*Questions 57 & 58*

Q: How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

**A: Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.**

Q: How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?

**A: Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined; a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.**

## Prayers for the Church and the World

### Musical Offering

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/Away in a Manger*

-arr. by Bill Wolaver

## New Testament Readings

Titus 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup>in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began

**Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Titus 3:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his

own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Preaching of the Word**

**Rev. Eric Huber**

*The Horizon of Hope*

**\*Hymn of Response #207**

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

**\*Benediction**

**Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Additional Verses for *The Horizon of Hope***

**Acts 23:6**

<sup>6</sup> Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial."

**Acts 24:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, <sup>15</sup> having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

**Acts 26:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, <sup>7</sup> to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! <sup>8</sup> Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

**Acts 28:20**

<sup>20</sup> For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain."

**Postlude**

*We Three Kings*  
-arr. by Bill Wolaver

**Hymn Selections:**

*214 Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ is born today;  
earth and heav'n before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

#### *207 Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Good Christian men, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:

#### **Announcements**

**Ordination and Installation Service:** On Sunday January 10th during our morning worship we will ordain and install the men recently elected to serve as officers in the church. We will consolidate our worship that morning to one service at

10:00am, and it will be livestreamed so that as many of us as possible can participate. There will not be congregational singing at this service.

**Deacons:** The deacons want to assure you that we are available to help with the ongoing physical needs of the congregation. These are days of deep concern for all of us especially with so much uncertainty surrounding issues of health and finances. Please feel free to call or email one of the deacons with any of your concerns. Grace and Peace, Dave Hudson, Nick Kirkland, Jay Signorino, Peter Stahl, Joshua Tyson.

**Home Fellowship Groups:** These groups will continue to meet. Visit the website and search under Church Life - Home Fellowship Group section for locations and leader information.

No evening service

**Sunday, January 3**

9:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

- *Lord's Supper*

11:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

- *Lord's Supper*

6:00 pm - Online Prayer Meeting

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**Service Times**

Sunday Morning (9:00am and 11:00 am)  
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