



*Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.*
- Psalm 43:5

*In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many
nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."*
- Romans 4:18

December 13, 2020

Morning Worship Service

Christ The King Presbyterian Church is a Congregation of the
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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

Sing We Now of Christmas
– arr. by Christina Shehi

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 130:5-8

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

***Invocation**

***Hymn #208**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Confession of Sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as a light shining in darkness. We confess that we have stubbornly refused to see the depth of your great love for us revealed in Jesus. We have shut our eyes to your truth, lacked faith and hoped for little, and instead, trusted in ourselves to find our way. We have failed to reflect your glory to those you have put in our lives. Forgive our doubts, renew our hope and improve our conduct so that we may show we understand and live in the truth found in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

Promise of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21-22

"Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."

New Testament Readings

Matthew 11:2-6

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Luke 24:13-24

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn #205**

Away in a Manger

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

Questions 26 & 28

Q: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

A: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.

Q: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Prayers for the Church and the World

Musical Offering

I Saw Three Ships
-arr. by Lynette Maynard

Sermon Text

Lamentations 3:1-33

¹ I am the man who has seen affliction
under the rod of his wrath;

² he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;

³ surely against me he turns his hand
again and again the whole day long.

⁴ He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;
he has broken my bones;

⁵ he has besieged and enveloped me
with bitterness and tribulation;

⁶ he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead of long ago.

⁷ He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
he has made my chains heavy;

⁸ though I call and cry for help,

he shuts out my prayer;
⁹ he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;
 he has made my paths crooked.
¹⁰ He is a bear lying in wait for me,
 a lion in hiding;
¹¹ he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;
 he has made me desolate;
¹² he bent his bow and set me
 as a target for his arrow.
¹³ He drove into my kidneys
 the arrows of his quiver;
¹⁴ I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,
 the object of their taunts all day long.
¹⁵ He has filled me with bitterness;
 he has sated me with wormwood.
¹⁶ He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
 and made me cower in ashes;
¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace;
 I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸ so I say, "My endurance has perished;
 so has my hope from the Lord."
¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
 the wormwood and the gall!
²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
 and is bowed down within me.
²¹ But this I call to mind,
 and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
 his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
 great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
 "therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
 to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
 for the salvation of the Lord.
²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear

the yoke in his youth.
²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence
 when it is laid on him;
²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust—
 there may yet be hope;
³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
 and let him be filled with insults.
³¹ For the Lord will not
 cast off forever,
³² but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
 according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³ for he does not afflict from his heart
 or grieve the children of men.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

The Struggle for Hope

*Hymn of Response #200

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*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.

Postlude

Here We Come a-Caroling
 -arr. by Lynette Maynard

Hymn Selections:

208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
very God, begotten, not created;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

205 Away In a Manger

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.

200 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all-gracious King";
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
and toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

And lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Announcements

Sunday Evening Schedule for December:

Dec 13 – 6:00pm Evening worship

Dec 20 – No evening worship
Dec 24 – 5:00pm Lessons and Carols
Dec 27 – No evening worship

Colonial Neighborhood Council is a community based organization dedicated to the people in the community who need a helping hand. Every third Sunday Christ the King has the opportunity to restock their pantry. Colonial neighborhood distributes the food based on needs in the community. This month The Colonial Neighborhood Council is asking that we put together care packages with specific items. The care packages are to include:

Juice Box (No added sugar)
Pack of Crackers
Applesauce (no added sugar)
Bag of Chicken or Tuna Creations by Star Kist

There will be an example at the back of the church this Sunday. Please put this in a gallon size zip lock bag and place in the back of the church. Please bring your donated items to the back of the church on the third Sunday, December 20th.

Congregational Meeting: The session is very encouraged to be able to call a congregational meeting on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 pm for the purpose of holding an election for the following candidates for office in the church:

- Nick Kirkland - ruling elder
- Pat Canale - deacon
- Nick Thomson – deacon

These men were nominated by the congregation during our nominating period in 2020, have received instruction in the offices, served an internship, and been examined and approved by the session as eligible for election. The meeting will take place via video-conference.

Additional Motion on Agenda: At the request of the deacons and with the approval of the session we are adding an additional item to the agenda for the congregational meeting: to give the deacons authority to sell or dispose of the church bells by whatever means they believe is most prudent. The reason for this motion is that our church bylaws require congregational approval for the sale of any church "property" in excess of \$10,000. The anticipated value of the bells is greater than that amount. The bells were removed from the tower several years ago and have been stored at Emerson Resources since that time. Reinstalling the

bells is neither financially nor structurally possible, and the bells can no longer be stored at Emerson. We will keep 3 of the smaller bells for possible historical and decorative work in the future.

Please feel free to speak to one of the deacons if you have any questions about this motion

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.

This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 13

9:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching
11:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching
6:00pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

Thursday, December 17

7:00pm – Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 20

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

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

No evening service

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