



walking the ancient paths together

*O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.
- Psalm 131:3*

*Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set
your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of
Jesus Christ.
- 1 Peter 1:13*

December 20, 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

What Child Is This?
– arr. by Mark Hayes

***Call to Worship**

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

***Invocation**

***Hymn #218**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Confession of Sin

Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet, foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have

broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who have been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

Promise of Forgiveness

Romans 5:1, 2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 42

¹ As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ **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 ⁶ and my God.**

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

¹¹ **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.**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn #230**

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.
who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;**

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers for the Church and the World and 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, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

Silent Night
-arr. by Bill Wolaver

New Testament Readings

Romans 15:4

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that
through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might
have hope.

Hebrews 3:6

⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed
we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Hebrews 6:18-19

¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we
who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the
hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a
hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

Hebrews 10:23

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who
promised is faithful.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-11

⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or
of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake
and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are
drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on
the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For
God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live
with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as
you are doing.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

The Exercise of Hope

*Hymn of Response #211

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

*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

Carol Medley
-arr. by Mark Hayes

Hymn Selections:

218 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplation,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

230 Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
all for love's sake becamest poor;
thrones for a manger didst surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
all for love's sake becamest man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising,
heav'nward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.

211 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straight-way, the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Sunday Evening Schedule for December:

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

Lessons and Carols Service: We will be having our traditional Lessons and Carols Service once again this year on Christmas Eve! We want to host as many as we are able safely. To reserve your place, please email Bonnie at bonnieh@christthekingpca.org noting how many are in your group (family, friends, visitors). We will keep a list and proceed on a first come/registered, first served basis.

We will be singing in the service, and we will maintain all of our safety protocols including social distancing in the seating arrangement and face coverings. We hope to see you and your family and friends!

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.

Announcements

This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

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

Thursday, December 24

5:00pm – Lessons and Carols Service

Sunday, December 27

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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Service Times

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