

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. - James 1:2-4

# January 3, 2021 Morning Worship Service

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

# Morning Worship Service

# 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

Psalm 62:5-8

<sup>5</sup> For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.
<sup>6</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
<sup>7</sup> On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

\*Invocation

\*Hymn #226

As with Gladness Men of Old

# **Confession of Sin**

Lord, you are good when you give and when you take away. You have loved me before the creation of the world. In love you did redeem my soul through Jesus Christ your Son. You love me still in spite of my hard heart, ingratitude, and distrust. But how little your goodness and love have affected me! Have mercy on me and bring me to repentance. Help me to hate and forsake every false way, to control my tongue, to put to death sin, to do good to others and be concerned for their salvation. Glorify yourself in me whether in comfort or trial. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

#### **Promise of Forgiveness**

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**

#### **Deuteronomy 8**

<sup>1</sup> "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup> Beware

lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

# \*Affirmation of Faith

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Prayers for the Church and the World

Musical Offering Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/Away in a Manger -arr. by Bill Wolaver

# Sermon Text

# Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Preaching of the Word

#### **Rev. Eric Huber**

Resilient Hope

# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn of Response #199

See, amid the Winter's Snow

# \*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Postlude

We Three Kings -arr. by Bill Wolaver

# May I Participate in the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a visible picture of God's mercy to us. The bread and wine represent the body and blood of Jesus, who willingly offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. The Supper is a way in which we have fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, and with his people.

We invite to the Lord's Table all those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and are members of an evangelical church.

# Prayers for those who will not be taking communion:

A Prayer of Repentance and Faith:

Dear God, I know that I don't deserve to be accepted by you. I am sorry that I have been rebelling against you and ignoring you. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to die for my sins that I may be forgiven. Thank you for raising him from the dead to give me new life. Please forgive me and change me. From this day forward, help me to live with Jesus as my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Persistent Sin:

Dear God, help me to see in you the satisfaction of all that I truly need. Help me to put aside the sin that has taken hold of my life. Help me to return to you, and to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Help me to take the necessary steps to be one with your people again, and to live in the fullness of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:

Dear God, you claim that your Son, Jesus Christ, is 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. Give me an understanding of yourself that leads to the life that you promise, and help me to accept that life through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Hymn Selections:

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As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold, as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way, and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

199 See, amid the Winter's Snow

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born for us on earth below, see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He, who throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim! Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what your joyful news today? Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light; angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Savior's birth." Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine; thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild, teach us to resemble Thee in Thy sweet humility! Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

#### 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.

# This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

# 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

#### Sunday, January 10

10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching
Officer Ordination and Installation
6:00 pm - Evening Worship Service

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# Service Times

Sunday Morning (9:00am and 11:00 am) Sunday Evening (6:00 pm)

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