

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- Psalm 51:6

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

-1 Corinthians 2:11

# October 31, 2021 Morning Worship Service

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

### Morning Worship Service (10:00 am)

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we warmly welcome you to this worship service of Christ The King. Please take a moment to fill out the welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

**Prelude** 

Impromptu in G-flat Major, Op. 90, No. 3
-F. Schubert

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 16:7-11

- <sup>7</sup>I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- <sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- 11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### \*Praise to Our Triune God

The Doxology

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.

\*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise # 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#### **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**

**Romans 5:1-2** 

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

#### **New Testament Reading**

Romans 8:26-30 (Page 944 in Blue Bible)

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

\*Hymn # 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

\*Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 1-3

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 1-2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. These things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

**Prayers for the Church and the World** 

The Collection

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go -arr. by Mark Hayes

Sermon Text

Psalm 139

(Page 521 in Blue Bible)

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- <sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.
- <sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works;

my soul knows it very well.

- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
- <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.
- <sup>19</sup> Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!
- <sup>20</sup> They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.
- <sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- <sup>22</sup> I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Preaching of the Word** 

Rev. Jerry McFarland

Hide or Seek

**Hymn of Response # 585** 

Take My Life and Let It Be

\*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

\*Postlude

Impromptu in A-flat Major, Op. 90, No. 4
-F. Schubert

#### **Announcements**

**Welcome:** We are thankful to welcome Rev. Jerry McFarland to the pulpit this morning! Jerry is the Dean of Online Students at Westminster Seminary and a long-time friend of CTK. Jerry and his wife Bev have 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren.

Assisting in worship: Mr. John Erickson

**Reformation Celebration:** This evening we will join Proclamation Presbyterian Church (278 S. Bryn Mawr Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010) for a Reformation worship service. The service will be at 5pm, and Dr. David Garner will be preaching. There will not be an evening service at CTK tonight.

**Fellowship Dinner and Congregational Prayer:** On Wednesday November 3 there will be a fellowship dinner and congregational prayer meeting. The dinner begins at 5:30pm and is provided by the church.

- The adults meet for prayer from 6:30-7:30pm.
- There is a nursery provided for infants, toddlers and children under six years old.

**Operation Christmas Child:** We will be renewing our tradition of a shoebox packing party for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 14th after the evening service (7pm).

Want to participate? Help us fill the shoe boxes and enjoy time together!

What to donate? Here are a few of their suggestions (and you can also check out the website (www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmaschild/):

- · School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, etc.
- · Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- · Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.
- · Crafts: Coloring books, watercolor set, puzzles, playgdough, stickers, etc
- · Plastic toys and toy figures, dolls, Yo-yo, Small Frisbee.

You can bring in items before the packing party and please place them on the table in the back of the sanctuary

**Special opportunity to reduce debt:** Contributions to the Building Fund during the months of November and December 2021 will be used to pay down the church's loan. We are thankful for God's provision in allowing us

to reduce the \$300,000 initial balance to \$158,000 in just 2 1/2 years. We are eager to be debt free and use the resulting cash flow for ministry opportunities.

To make a contribution please write "building fund" in the memo line of your check. If giving online simply select "building fund" on the church's web site giving portal. Contact a deacon to arrange gifting of securities through the church's brokerage account.

The Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Saturday, November 6th, at the home of Carmen Signorino. Carmen's address is 832 Palomino Drive, Collegeville, PA 19426 and her phone number is 610-331-0946. The study starts at 9:30 am and ends at 11:00 am. All women in the church are welcome. We just began a study of 'Gentle and Lowly' written by Dane Ortlund. If you have any questions, please call Charlotte Schmucker at 610-647-1362.

#### 2021 Financial Update as of September 30, 2021:

Actual Giving	Budget Giving	Actual	Budget
		Expenses	Expenses
\$311,157.50	\$302,933.99	\$230,162.65	\$304,246.49

**Online Giving Interface (CTK Website):** Please note that the user interface to the online giving platform on the church website was updated recently. Though the website visually looks a little different, all online giving is still being received by the church as normal.

If you are interested in giving to the church online, please see the Give Online page on our website, located under resources: christthekingpca.org/resources/give-online/.

**Diaconal Resignation:** The session with regret has accepted the resignation of Pat Canale from the active duties of the office of deacon at Christ the King. The PCA's Book of Church Order (24-7) provides a means by which an officer can request to be released from active duty, and the session can act to dissolve the official relationship which exists between him and the church. This has now been done. The session wishes to be clear that this is not a case of discipline, but rather a response to a request from Pat arising out of the many unforeseen struggles and challenges of the past 18 months. We are thankful for Pat and the entire Canale family, and we pray that the Lord will direct them in the future.

#### This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday, October 31

9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Jerry McFarland preaching 5:00 pm – Reformation service at Proclamation Presbyterian Church No evening service

#### Wednesday, November 3

5:30 pm – Fellowship Dinner and Congregational Prayer

#### Saturday, November 6

9:30 am - Women's Bible Study

# Sunday, November 7

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

- Lord's Supper

11:30 am – Potluck Lunch

6:00 pm – Evening Service, Mr. Blake Franze preaching

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