

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

- John 17:5

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

-Colossians 1:15-17

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
-Hebrews 13:8

November 28, 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

Sing We Now of Christmas -Arr. by Lynette Maynard

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-9

- ¹ Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- ⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

*Praise to Our Triune God

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

Colossians 1:11-14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:18-25 (page 606 in blue Bible)

18 For thus says the Lord,
who created the heavens
(he is God!),
who formed the earth and made it
(he established it;
he did not create it empty,
he formed it to be inhabited!):
"I am the Lord, and there is no other.
19 I did not speak in secret,
in a land of darkness;
I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,
'Seek me in vain.'

I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.

20 "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations!
They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.
21 Declare and present your case;

let them take counsel together!
Who told this long ago?
Who declared it of old?
Was it not I, the Lord?
And there is no other god besides me,

a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

²² "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return:

'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

24 "Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength;
to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him.
25 In the Lord all the offspring of Israel

²⁵ In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn # 194

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Affirmation of Faith

Belgic Confession Article 10 The Deity of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, according to his divine nature, is the only Son of God—eternally begotten, not made or created, for then he would be a creature.

He is one in essence with the Father; coeternal; the exact image of the person of the Father and the "reflection of God's glory," being like the Father in all things.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God not only from the time he assumed our nature but from all eternity, as the following testimonies teach us when they are taken together.

Moses says that God "created the world"; and John says that "all things were created through the Word," which he calls God.

The apostle says that "God created the world through the Son." He also says that "God created all things through Jesus Christ." And so it must follow that the one who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ already existed before creating all things. Therefore the prophet Micah says that Christ's origin is "from ancient days." And the apostle says that the Son has "neither beginning of days nor end of life."

So then, he is the true eternal God, the Almighty, whom we invoke, worship, and serve.

Prayers for the Church and the World

The CollectionBring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella -arr. by Lynette Maynard

Sermon Text John 1:1-18

(Page 886 in Blue Bible)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

The Eternal Son

Hymn of Response # 162

Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Benediction

Philippians 4:23

-Arr. by Lynette Maynard

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

*Postlude A la Venue de Noel

Announcements

Assisting in worship: Mr. Holt West

Fellowship Dinner and Congregational Prayer: On Wednesday December 1 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.

Introducing CTK: We will be having an "Introducing CTK" seminar beginning Nov 14, during the Sunday School hour. This seminar is for anyone who would like to consider membership at Christ The King or simply to learn more about what the church believes. This 4 session class will meet by the fireplace in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate or for more information contact Eric Huber (erich@christthekingpca.org).

Parents Night Out: Bring your children to the church Saturday, December 11 from 5-8 where they will be fed and lovingly cared for. We will be 'painting' Christmas cookies to take home. RSVP required or volunteer to help with childcare, contact Christine Hoffman, mrshoffman@protonmail.com.

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.

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/.

Annual WIC Christmas Cookie Swap

Please join us for the Annual WIC Christmas Cookie Swap and Pollyanna Exchange Monday, December 6, 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP by using the sign-up tool sent via email to indicate "YOUR $\,$

LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION"

You get to choose the categories you want to be involved in!

HOW YOU MIGHT PARTICIPATE:

- *Bring an appetizer to share
- *Bring two dozen cookies for our Christmas cookie exchange
- *Bring a WRAPPED Pollyanna gift ..\$10.00 value (or whatever your budget allows) can be store bought or homemade.
- *Bring just yourself (not participating in the cookie or gift exchange) You are still welcome to attend!
- *Bring your daughters or infant children. We welcome and encourage your daughters to attend & participate in all the activities including the Pollyanna. We want them to be a special part of the event!!

Remember:

You are welcome to attend and participate in any way, and in as many categories as you like!

Cookie Swap

WIC committee will provide a plate and zip lock bag for you to arrange & take home your Christmas Cookies!

Kingdom Opportunities

The *James Boice Foundation for Women* is holding its ninth annual **Holiday Benefit Concert** at the Phila Ethical Society on **December 4th, 2:00p.m**. Admission is free. Donations go towards support of several programs for women in East Africa. Performers include Philadelphia's own Curtis students and grads, Ruth Naomi Floyd and others. For more information: jmbfoundation.squarespace.com

This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 28

No Sunday School 10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching No evening service – Thanksgiving weekend

Wednesday, December 1

5:30 pm – Fellowship Dinner and Congregational Prayer

Sunday, December 5

9:00 am - Sunday School

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

- Lord's Supper

6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Mr. Holt West preaching

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