



## 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

*Silent Night*  
-Arr. by Bill Wolaver

### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 105:1-6; 8**

- <sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing to him, sing praises to him;**  
**tell of all his wondrous works!**
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- <sup>4</sup> **Seek the Lord and his strength;**  
**seek his presence continually!**
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- <sup>8</sup> He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

### \*Hymn of Praise 203

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

### \*Invocation

### \*Hymn of Praise # 196

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### Confession of Sin

O Lord, our God, we confess that we often fail to do the right thing. Sometimes we do not give ourselves to others or to the tasks of ministry that confront us. Other times, we find it difficult to receive, to receive your grace and mercy, to receive your will and way for our lives, and to receive correction and support from others. We are sometimes so busy that we do

*No unbelief made him (Abraham) waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.*  
- Romans 4:20-21

*By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.*  
- Hebrews 11:11

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*  
- Hebrews 10:23

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**not have time to be still and trust that you are God. Have mercy upon us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Private Confession of Sin** (Silent)

**Promise of Forgiveness**

**Hebrews 10:21-22**

*Since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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.*

**Old Testament Readings**

**Genesis 15:1-6**

(page 10 in blue Bible)

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**Genesis 17:15-18**

(page 12 in blue Bible)

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"

**Genesis 18:9-15**

(page 12 in blue Bible)

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to

herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard[a] for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

**Genesis 21:1-3**

(page 15 in blue Bible)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn # 221**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**\*Confession of Faith**

**Belgic Confession**

**Article 18: *The Incarnation***

We confess that God fulfilled the promise which he had made to the early fathers by the mouth of his holy prophets when he sent his only and eternal Son into the world at the time set by him.

**The Son took the "form of a servant" and was made in the "likeness of man," truly assuming a real human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation.**

And he not only assumed human nature as far as the body is concerned but also a real human soul, in order that he might be a real human being. For since the soul had been lost as well as the body he had to assume them both to save them both together.

**Therefore we confess,  
that he "shared the very flesh and blood of children";  
that he is "fruit of the loins of David" according to the flesh;  
"born of the seed of David" according to the flesh;  
"fruit of the womb of the virgin Mary";  
"born of a woman";  
"the seed of David";**

"a shoot from the root of Jesse";  
"the offspring of Judah," having descended from the Jews according to the flesh;  
"from the seed of Abraham"—for he "assumed Abraham's seed" and was  
"made like his brothers except for sin."  
In this way he is truly our Immanuel— that is: "God with us."

## Prayers for the Church and the World

### The Collection

*What Child Is This?*  
-arr. by Mark Hayes

### Sermon Text

**Luke 1:26-45**  
(Page 855 in Blue Bible)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of

my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

*Credo In Jesus Christ...As Promised!*

### Hymn of Response # 199

*See, amid the Winter's Snow*

### \*Benediction

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Additional verses on *As Promised*:

### Genesis 3:15

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

### Acts 13:22-23

<sup>22</sup> And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' <sup>23</sup> Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

### Galations 4:28

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

### 2 Peter 2:13

<sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

## 1 John 2:25

<sup>25</sup> And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

### \*Postlude

**We Three Kings**  
-Arr. by Bill Wolaver

## Announcements

### **Assisting in worship: Mr. Blake Franze**

**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).

**Men's Book Study:** The men in the church continue our study of Jonathan Edwards' *Charity and Its Fruits*. We will meet at the church on Saturday, December 18 from 8:00-9:15. Breakfast provided. We will consider Sermon 12.

### **December Holiday Schedule:**

Dec 19 – No Evening Worship

Dec 24 – 5:00pm Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service

Dec 26 – No Sunday School or Evening Worship

**Change in Sunday School and Service Times:** Beginning in 2022, Sunday School will be meeting at 9:30am and our morning service will move to 10:30am.

**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.



### ***Young Lives Christmas Gifts***

This Christmas we are glad to be able once again to partner with YoungLives, and show care for and generosity towards teen mothers and their children in the Norristown Club.

This year, we are thankful to be back to in-person ministry and after a challenging year and a half, we are rebuilding relationships both with teen moms and with local churches. With prayer and creativity, we are hoping to effectively show the love of Christ. We will deliver **gift cards**, tucked into Christmas baskets, to each of our teen moms. To participate, simply purchase gift cards from either a grocery store or retail store, as it is convenient to your shopping patterns. Please bring gift cards to church on **Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>** (there will be a clearly marked box in the back or hand them to Lauren Elban). The gift cards will be sorted by denomination and type so that they will be equally distributed. Please make sure the dollar amount is clearly visible or attach a sticky note.

We have this wonderful opportunity to bring good tidings of great joy to these young moms and their children. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Elban at [laurenelban@gmail.com](mailto:laurenelban@gmail.com) or 215-740-2461 for alternative methods of drop off. Thank you for your generosity!

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

#### **Sunday, December 12**

9:00 am – Sunday School

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

6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

- *Lord's Supper*

#### **Saturday, December 18**

8:00 am – Men's Book Study

#### **Sunday, December 19**

9:00 am – Sunday School

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

No Evening Service

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