

# CHRIST THE KING

*So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. — 1 John 4:16a*

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*Advent is a season of waiting, expecting and hoping. For four Sundays prior to Christmas Day we prepare our hearts for the advent, or coming, of Christ at Christmas. As we do, we remember those who lived before Christ came and we recall their expectant hope of God coming to save. We also remember the Second Coming, or next advent, when Jesus will return and make all things new, even us. We wait in hope for that day.*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,  
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:  
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,  
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

## Call to Worship

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**Congregation: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**

Leader: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**Congregation: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**All: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

*— Psalm 46:4-7, 9-10*

## Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

## Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

## Invocation

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley and Mark Hunt;  
Music: Rowland H. Prichard

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on  
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries  
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

7  
peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us;  
high, ap - pear, come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se,  
knew no end; by his life he brings us glad - ness,  
yet a king, born to reign in us for ev - er,

13  
let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and  
of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the  
our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend. Leav - ing rich - es  
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e -

19  
con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
with - out num - ber, born with in a cat - tle stall;  
ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone,

25  
dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - - tion,  
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing;  
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der,  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,

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joy of the ev - - - ry long - ing heart.  
 Christ the Lord has come to earth.  
 Christ was us born the Lord of all.  
 raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Words: 6th Century Latin hymn;  
 Music: Keith Getty

1. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O  
 2. Re - mind us Lord of life and grace how  
 3. For from the Fa - ther's throne you came, his  
 4. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, the

Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared the Fa - ther's might be -  
 on - ce, to save our fall - en race, you put our hu - man ves - ture on and  
 ba - nished child - ren to re - claim; and earth and sea and sky re - vere the  
 world will see your ra - diant face, for you who came to us be - fore will

fore the world knew day or night, O Je - sus ver - y Light of Light, our  
 came to us as Mar - y's son. To - day, as year by year, its light brings  
 love of him who sent you here; and we are ju - bi - lant to - day, for  
 come a - gain and all re - store. Let songs of praise your name a - dorn, O

con - stant star in sin's deep night, now  
 in our world a pro - mise bright, one  
 you have washed our guilt a - way, O  
 Christ, Re - deem - er, vir - gin - born, whom

hear the prayers your peo - ple pray through -  
 pre - cious truth out - shines the sun: Sal -  
 hear the glad new song we sing on  
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore and

out the va - tion world this ho - ly day.  
 comes from you a - lone.  
 this the birth of Christ our King!  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

### **Confession of Sin**

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

### **Assurance of Grace**

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

### **Confession of Sin**

**All: Lord, as we begin this season of waiting and anticipating Christ's birth – with all its cosmic and personal significance – we confess that too often our hearts wait for and hope in something so much smaller. We have lost our taste for something more, something beyond what we can see. We have lived like we are on our own and this life is all there is; like Christ has not come and will not come again.**

**Forgive us, Father, for settling for such temporary hopes and dreams when you created us to shape the world in your image and grow to touch the stars. Heal us, Emmanuel, from our constant sliding back into living like you aren't there. Breathe new life into us, Holy Spirit, that we might open our eyes to the wonders of your glory. Do this, we ask, in your mercy and grace. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Grace**

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. – from *Romans 8:1-5*

To those who repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, the forgiveness of sins is fully yours, by the grace of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

# In Christ Alone

Words and Music: Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend

G D G A Bm

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

4 G Em A D G D G

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

7 A Bm G Em A D D/F#

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

10 G Bm A D/F# G Bm

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

13 A G D G A Bm

cease, my Com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the  
fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the  
me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the  
hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

16 G Em A D

love of Christ I stand.  
death of Christ I live.  
pre - cious blood of Christ.  
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## Offertory

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We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church.

Andrea Bootsma, Morgan Crago, Ryan Grams, Chris Martin

## Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;  
Music: Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Deacons' Fund Offering

### Prayers of the People

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

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**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

### Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you!

### Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

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# Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7, p573 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

# Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

1. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery, in the  
 2. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; He the  
 3. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; Christ the  
 4. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; slain by

3 dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's  
 per - fect Son of Man, In his liv - ing, in his  
 Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined  
 death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

6 prais - es, robbed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our  
 suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the  
 sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the  
 strain him; praise the Lord, he is a - live! What a

9 long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has  
 true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound  
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un -  
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our

12 come! Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on  
 man, Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the  
 fold, bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un -  
 hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we

15 flesh to ran - som us.  
 law; in him we stand.  
 meas - ured love un - told!  
 will be when he comes.

# Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

# Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

## **Lord's Supper**

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

*Servers come forward as liturgy begins.*

*We ask that those in the balcony come forward first, followed by those on the main floor, starting in the back row.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free wafers are in the center of each bread tray for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.*

*At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.*

## **Lord's Supper**

*Words of Institution*

*Distributing of Elements*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be 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. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.*

*Partaking of the Elements*



# Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson,  
Rich Thompson

1. Mine are days that God has num-bered; I was made to walk with  
2. Mine are tears in times of sor- row, darkness not yet un- der -  
3. Mine are days here as a stran- ger, pil grim on a nar- row

4 Him. Yet, I look for world ly trea- sure and for- sake the King of  
stood. Through the val- ley I must trav- el where I see no earth-ly  
way. One with Christ I will en- coun-ter harm and ha- tred for His

8 kings. But mine is hope in my Re- deem er; though I fall, His love is  
good. But mine is peace that flows from heav-en, and the strength in times of  
name. But mine is ar- mor for this bat- tle, strong e- nough to last the

12 sure. For Christ has paid for ev-ry fail- ing; I am  
need. I know my pain will not be wast- ed; Christ com-  
war. And He has said He will de- liv- er safe- ly

15 His for- ev- er- more. 2. Mine are And mine are  
pletes His work in me. 3. Mine are shore.

19 keys to Zi on cit- y where be- side the King I walk. For there my

23 heart has found its trea- sure; Christ is mine for ev-er- more.

27 Come re- joice now, O my soul, for His love is my re-

31 ward. Fear is gone, and hope is sure; Christ is mine for ev-er- more.

## Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

*Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.  
Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you!*

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) so we can get to know you better. Find out more by contacting [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

## SUNDAYS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8 are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. Adult Education will resume in the New Year.

## FOR FAMILIES

### Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years, with a waitlist available. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
- Please contact Lara Kastelein ([lara@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:lara@ctkcambridge.org)) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

### Children's Worship

- Children age 4 thru 2nd grade are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to classes that teach about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in.
- Pick up from Children's Worship comes after the sermon, during the song prior to the Lord's Supper. A parent can head to the back foyer outside of the social hall; pick up will take place at the door at the top of the stairwell. Please remember your security tag during pick up.
- Please contact Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org)) with any questions.

### During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.
- There are 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies in the front foyer of the church, and sermon worksheets available for kids to pick up during the Passing of the Peace to the right of the stage.

### During the week

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIV available at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide ([ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids)). Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.
- Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at [ctkcambridge.org/songs](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs). Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Some groups are meeting in person and some are meeting virtually. Please visit [ctkcambridge.org/community-groups](http://ctkcambridge.org/community-groups) for a full listing with contact information.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

**Men's Bible Study:** Andy Stuntz ([astuntz@gmail.com](mailto:astuntz@gmail.com))

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

**Samples of the songs** for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with **the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at [ctkcambridge.org/songs](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

# LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As we're rebuilding our community groups, we're getting a sense of who is in need of a group and who might be willing to host or lead. **If you're interested in joining, hosting, or leading a new community group**, please fill out the form at [ctkcambridge.org/cg-sign-up](http://ctkcambridge.org/cg-sign-up) so we can gauge interest in various neighborhoods.

This is the final Sunday that **advent devotional resources are on display in the Social Hall** for both adults and families with children of various ages. Some resources are available to preview and order on your own, and a few are free to take. If you would like a devotional and need help with the cost, please let Dana or Lara know and we are glad to help! Additionally an advent gift is available by the table for all families, so please stop by to pick yours up for this season!

Celebrate the Advent season at **CTK's Tenth Annual Christmas Concert!** Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30p. Please invite neighbors, co-workers, and other friends! Contact [amanda@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:amanda@ctkcambridge.org) for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)

Sat, Dec 3, 8:30a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/men](http://ctkcambridge.org/men)

Sun, Dec 4, 1p :: **Women's Christmas Tea** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Sat, Dec 10, 6:30p :: **Christmas Concert** :: Sanctuary  
[ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar)

Sat, Dec 24, 4p :: **Christmas Eve Service** :: Sanctuary  
[ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar)

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

Wed, 7p :: **Women's PM Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's AM Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Fri, 6a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/men](http://ctkcambridge.org/men)

## LINKS

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