



Christ the King
Presbyterian Church

walking the ancient paths together

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

- Matthew 24:42-44

March 19, 2023
Morning Worship Service

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

Morning Worship Service (10:30 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 Presbyterian Church. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card located in the back of the sanctuary.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-5

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all
generations.

² For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

³ You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:

⁴ 'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

*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 hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 316

The Mighty God, the Lord

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

Luke 5:20 (NIV)

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:1-13
(Page 830 in blue Bible)

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn # 320**

*Rejoice All Ye Believers
(to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation")*

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.
who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer for the Church and the World and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

The Collection

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 19:8b-40
(Page 271 in blue Bible)

Now Israel had fled every man to his own home.⁹ And all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies and saved us from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom.¹⁰ But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?"

¹¹ And King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar the priests: "Say to the elders of Judah, 'Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king?'¹² You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?"¹³ And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.'"¹⁴ And he swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king, "Return, both you and all your servants."¹⁵ So the king came back to the Jordan, and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring the king over the Jordan.

¹⁶ And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the men of Judah to meet King David.¹⁷ And with him were a thousand men from Benjamin. And Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, with his fifteen sons and his twenty servants, rushed down to the Jordan before the king,¹⁸ and they crossed the ford to bring over the king's household and to do his pleasure. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan,¹⁹ and said to

the king, "Let not my lord hold me guilty or remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. Do not let the king take it to heart. ²⁰For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore, behold, I have come this day, the first of all the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king." ²¹Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed?" ²²But David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be as an adversary to me? Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day? For do I not know that I am this day king over Israel?" ²³And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king gave him his oath.

²⁴And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. He had neither taken care of his feet nor trimmed his beard nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came back in safety. ²⁵And when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?" ²⁶He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me, for your servant said to him, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, ^U that I may ride on it and go with the king.' For your servant is lame. ²⁷He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you. ²⁸For all my father's house were but men doomed to death before my lord the king, but you set your servant among those who eat at your table. What further right have I, then, to cry to the king?" ²⁹And the king said to him, "Why speak any more of your affairs? I have decided: you and Ziba shall divide the land." ³⁰And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home."

³¹Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim, and he went on with the king to the Jordan, to escort him over the Jordan. ³²Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. He had provided the king with food while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man. ³³And the king said to Barzillai, "Come over with me, and I will provide for you with me in Jerusalem." ³⁴But Barzillai said to the king, "How many years have I still to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? ³⁵I am this day eighty years old. Can I discern what is pleasant and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats or what he drinks? Can I still listen to the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king? ³⁶Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward? ³⁷Please let your

servant return, that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father and my mother. But here is your servant Chimham. Let him go over with my lord the king, and do for him whatever seems good to you.”³⁸ And the king answered, “Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do for him whatever seems good to you, and all that you desire of me I will do for you.”³⁹ Then all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over. And the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own home.⁴⁰ The king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. All the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

The Return of the King

***Hymn # 168**

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

***Benediction**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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.

***Postlude**

Announcements

Assisting in worship this morning: Mr. Holt West

The Conshocken Arts Festival and Car Show will be held June 3 from 11-4. For the past several years CTK has participated with an Open House and Art Show. This year we are looking for artists, photographers, crafters, and hosts. Don't be shy- we need you! If you'd like to exhibit or be otherwise involved, please contact Dana McGahey.

Spring Women's Retreat:

When: Saturday, April 1st from 9am-4pm, at CTK's Church Building
Encountering God in the Psalms with guest speaker Lydia Brownback

Contact the WIC Council for details and to RSVP

(Christy Helfand, Christine Hoffman, Jenei Huber, Reni Clemmer, Rebecca Kirkland)

Home Fellowship Groups: Fellowship groups meet in homes throughout the area. These groups provide a great way to connect with neighbors and friends, to grow in our common faith, and to pray for and disciple one another. We have five home fellowship groups that meet at homes in the surrounding neighborhoods:

Helfand's Home - Bridgeport

Mahurin's Home - East Norriton

Kirkland's Home - East Norriton

Newman's Home - Wayne

Erickson's Home - King of Prussia / Valley Forge

Edwards's Home - Glenside

On Wednesday April 5 AlphaCare Crisis Pregnancy Center will join our regular Wednesday evening time of fellowship and prayer. The deacons are exploring ways that our church body can partner with and support this valuable ministry. AlphaCare will provide an informational presentation on their work, discuss ideas on how we might support them, and join us in praying for their ministry. AlphaCare empowers pregnant women by providing health and social services while serving as a bridge to community resources.

Crates for Ukraine Update: In January and February, we partnered with 5 other churches in the Philadelphia Metro-West Presbytery (PMWP) to pack and send humanitarian aid as part of MTW's Crates for Ukraine mission. Overall, the congregation gave ~\$10,000 in dedicated gifts and money supplied from the deacons fund to support this work. With these funds and additional donated supplies, CTK packed 17 crates. Together, with other churches in the presbytery, we packed a total of 51 crates! These have been delivered to Chattanooga and will soon be in Ukraine. For your generosity and compassion, we praise and give thanks to the Lord! Thank you!

This Week: Christ the King Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 19th

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

12:00 pm – Children's Music Programs

6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Mr. Honest Kachaje preaching
-Lord's Supper

Sunday, March 26th

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

12:00 pm – Children's Music Classes

6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Dr. Mark Garcia preaching

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