



CHRIST THE KING

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4.5.26

Welcome!

New Here? So is everyone else! We are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out a contact card so we can stay in touch.

We Love Children

We believe one of the best ways for children to learn to love Jesus is by worshiping together with their families. We welcome children of all ages to stay in the worship service, even if they cry, wiggle, color, whisper, or sleep.

The nursery is available if you need to take a child out of the service.

Schedule

8:50–9:00 – Preparing our hearts for worship

9:00–10:20 – Worship

10:20–10:45 – Fellowship & Refreshments

10:45–11:30 – Sunday School

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Preparation for Worship

Please use a few minutes before the service begins to prepare your heart for worship by praying and meditating on the Call to Worship, or some other passage of Scripture.

Call to Worship* – Revelation 7:9-12, Psalm 145:21 (ESV)

Presider: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

Congregation: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

The Lord is Risen!
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**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Prayer of Adoration*

Song of Adoration* – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day,” Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
fol - l’wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Sin

We will use the following prayer to help us confess our sins to God, and to renew our trust in Jesus.

*Almighty and most merciful Father,
we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.*

*Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.*

****silent time for personal confession**

*Thank you for Christ and his life, lived on our behalf.
Thank you for Christ and his death, died in our place.
Thank you for Christ and his resurrection, raised as our victor.*

In ourselves we are sinful, in Christ we are justified.

By the help of your Spirit, may we desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Exchange of Peace

Presider: Since God has forgiven and loved us in Christ, let us forgive and love one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all!

Congregation: Amen!

The Exchange of Peace is a deeply theological act. Having been reconciled to God, we are also reconciled to one another, and made part of the same body. By shaking hands and acknowledging the “peace of Christ,” we are acting out the unity that is ours in Christ, purchased at the cross, and lived out in the church.

Song of Joy * – “Man of Sorrows”

1. Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Chorus

2. Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Bridge

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Chorus

4. See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

3. Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Chorus

Offering & Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Public Professions of Faith

Shelby Patricia Derrick
Alexander Isaac Woodward
Thomas Rex Keith
Ezra Major Tell

Membership Questions

- 1. Do you confess that you are a sinner in the sight of God; that you deserve His punishment; that you are unable to save yourself; and that you are without hope of salvation except for God's love and mercy?*
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation?*
- 3. Do you accept the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God; and that it is the only perfect rule of faith and how to live?*
- 4. Do you promise to trust in the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit so that you can live all of life as a Christian, following the example set by Jesus Christ?*
- 5. Do you promise to exercise faithful stewardship of God's resources entrusted to you for the furtherance of God's Kingdom and purposes?*
- 6. Do you accept that the doctrines and principles of the Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church are founded upon the Scriptures?*
- 7. In loving obedience, do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this congregation as long as you are a member of it?*

Song of Thanksgiving * – “The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for Her life He died.

‘Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

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Shepherd’s Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father which 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.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Reading of the Word* – Matthew 22:1-14 (ESV)

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Presider: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Title: “Welcome to the Feast”

Preacher: Pastor Jeff Tell

Song of Reflection* – “Gospel Doxology”

Your perfect Law exposes me
I feel my sin and desperate need
My best good works are powerless
To satisfy Your righteousness

But there is One who lived for me
His life, my only victory
His death forever sealed in time
That I am His and He is mine

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

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The Apostles Creed*

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

* *“catholic” here means “universal,” not the Roman Catholic Church*

The Lord's Supper

All followers of the Lord Jesus, and only followers of the Lord Jesus, should participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We recognize as followers of the Lord Jesus those who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ, and have been baptized. If this description fits you, you are welcome to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us. If not, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating.

Once you have been served, please hold the elements until we can all partake together. Cups around the inner ring of the tray contain wine, cups around the outer ring contain grape juice.

“The unchanging Christ still gives the bread and the cup, sealing his presence until the day when the mission of the church is finished, and with that host from every family and nation we will see him whom we love, and he will eat with us again in resurrection glory.”

- Ed Clowney, *The Church*

Song of Celebration* – “Look, Ye Saints, The Sight is Glorious!”

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious: see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow.
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown Him; rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone Him, while the vault of heaven rings.
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him!
Crown the Savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned Him, mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him, own His title, praise His name.
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him!
Spread abroad the Victor's fame!

Hark! Those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him!
King of kings and Lord of lords.

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The Benediction* – from Revelation 1:4-5 (ESV)

Now from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come ... from Jesus Christ,
Who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings
of the earth,

May he keep your hearts and minds with the peace of God that transcends all
understanding.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT TOGETHER IN 2026

MONDAY

John 13

TUESDAY

John 14

WEDNESDAY

John 15

THURSDAY

John 16

FRIDAY

John 17

SATURDAY

John 18

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

April 5 – Caroline Harrelson & Ezra Tell

April 12 – Gwyn Lewis & Alyssa Harellson

**please see Mary Tuggy if you are willing to help in the nursery*

THE CTK WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Maintaining Unity in the Body of Christ.

“...eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:3

Pray that as believers in Christ we will walk in all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.

Pray for our church, that we will experience the blessings of unity in Christ, and that the Lord will continue to knit our hearts together in him.

Pray that as we learn gospel doctrine, that it will continue to create a gospel culture in our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome!

Happy Easter!

No Sunday School classes today, no Youth Group tonight. Enjoy the day with friends and family, resting in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Home Fellowship Groups

Home Fellowship Groups are small groups that meet mid-week for fellowship, prayer, and study. They are a great way to invest in the life of the church, to serve and be served, to love and be loved, to pray and be prayed for.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Worship & Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00, 10:45

Youth Group

Sundays, 4:30-6:00

Home Fellowship Groups

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00

Two Locations

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