



CHRIST THE KING

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5.24.26

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 5:11-14 (ESV)

Presider: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**Congregation: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”
And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and
worshipped.**

Prayer of Adoration*

Song of Adoration* – “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou agonizing Savior,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merits we find favor;
Life is given through Thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven,
Peace is made ‘twixt man and God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly host adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading;
There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding
Till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits,
Help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell, 1757, Alt. by Martin Madan, 1760, Augustus Toplady, 1776.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr.

Confession of Sin

*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.*

We confess, with humility, that the fear of man is a snare, and we have been caught in it.

We have hidden our convictions out of embarrassment.

*We have failed to speak honestly, to do justly, or to love mercy, because
we have been too concerned with what others will think.*

The approval of others has been too weighty a thing, and

The word of God too light.

Forgive us Lord, and by grace recalibrate our hearts.

****silent time for personal confession**

Renew our hearts, O Lord, that we might see Christ upon his throne, and joyfully submit our hearts to him – learning humility and wisdom and joy – as we see his beauty, and trust him with all our hearts.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Colossians 1:13-14 (ESV)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 * – “His Mercy is More”

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus:

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn’
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (*chorus*)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (*chorus*)

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Offering

**you can also give online at our website, ctklex.org/giving*

Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Recognition of Graduates

Beth Harrelson
Stevee Speicher

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* – Selections from Proverbs (ESV)

3:7-8 – Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

14:27 – The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

16:8 – Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

27:6 – Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

29:25 – The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

29:26 – Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the Lord that a man gets justice.

John 12:42-43 – Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Presider: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Title: “The Fear of Man”

Preacher: Pastor Jeff Tell

Song of Reflection* – “Christ our Wisdom”

Christ our wisdom, we are humbled
When You hide Your ways from us
You have purposes unnumbered
Each one good and glorious
Help us trust when we grow weary
Free us from our anxious thoughts
Give us grace to see more clearly
You are God and we are not

Christ our wisdom, be our gladness
When we fail to understand
You ordain all joy and sadness
To fulfill Your perfect plan
Help us know You rule with power
Over every raging flood
In our most uncertain hour
You are God and we are loved

Christ our wisdom, we will follow
Though the way ahead is veiled
As we journey through the shadows
Grant us faith where sight has failed
Help us cling to Your commandments
Strengthened by Your faithful word
We will never be abandoned
You are God and we are Yours

Christ our wisdom, we adore You
For the beauty of the cross
Once in foolishness we scorned You
But Your blood has ransomed us
Help us sing the endless mercies
Of Your humble heart to save
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory
You are God forever praised

Songwriters: Bob Kaufflin / Jon Althoff / Nathan Stiff
Christ Our Wisdom lyrics © Integrity Music

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 trajectory of human history was set at the cross, and it has been set to this one end: That the elect may feast forever in the presence of God. At the Lord's table, we receive an initial taste of the final heavens and earth, but the Lord's Supper is not merely a *sign* of the eschatological feast, as if the two were separate feasts. Instead, the Supper is the early stage of that very feast.”

- ***Peter Leithart***

Song of Celebration* – “Joy to the World!”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: Lowell Mason, 1836.

The Benediction* – Romans 15:13 (ESV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments
following the service.*

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT TOGETHER IN 2026

MONDAY
Romans 6

TUESDAY
Romans 7

WEDNESDAY
Romans 8

THURSDAY
Romans 9

FRIDAY
Romans 10

SATURDAY
Romans 11

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 24 – Aubrey Tell & Ezra Tell

May 31 – Mary Tuggy & Alyssa Harrelson

June 7 – Gwen Lewis & Naomi Tell

**please see Abby Justus if you are willing to help in the nursery*

THE CTK WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Eric Gardner, church planting in Paris

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19

Pray for Eric’s efforts to get his visa renewed for another year, and that his travel schedule will not be adversely affected.

Pray for Eric’s continued preparation, through seminary studies, and through his cohort experience, to prepare him well for future ministry.

Pray that the gospel will go forward in Paris, attended by the power of the Holy Spirit, and that it will bear much fruit!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!	If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome!
Home Fellowship Groups	The “Lexington East” HFG is on pause for the summer. The “Lexington West” HFG is meeting this Wednesday, for the last meeting before a summer pause.
Youth Group	The youth group is meeting tonight at the Keith’s home, 4:30-6:30, for a special time recognizing the graduating seniors.
Upcoming Dates	May 24 – Recognizing our Seniors! May 24 – Last day of Sunday School for Spring Semester. June 6-13 – Salkehatchie!
Men’s Fellowship	The men will be gathering Thursday, June 4, 7:00pm, for a time of fellowship at Fourteen Mile Taphouse in Lexington. All men are invited.

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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