

The Lord's Day, December 3, 2023

10:30 AM Morning Service

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
Matthew 9:36*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Why do we light the Advent candle?

Response: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life."

Leader: In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established. All the nations shall stream out of it.

Response: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Leader: He shall judge between the nations, and settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

Response: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent candle.

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of expectation. May the light of Christ show us the way of salvation.

Response: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Psalm 40:16-17**

Minister: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

People: may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

Minister: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

People: You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

***Hymn of Adoration: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (No. 194)**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]

4 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

5 O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

God of All Grace, you have given me a Savior; produce in me a faith to live by him, to make him all my desire, all my hope, all my glory. May I enter him as my refuge, build on him as my foundation, walk in him as my way, follow him as my guide, conform to him as my example, receive his instructions as my prophet, rely on his intercession as my high priest, obey him as my king. In his name I come to you. Amen.

From "The Savior" in *The Valley of Vision*

***Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29**

Minister: Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

People: Because he saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

Gloria (Tune: Gloria)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Revelation of God's Will: Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: And God spoke all these words saying: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.'

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

Minister: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Unison: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength...and your neighbor as yourself."

Hymn of Response: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" (No. 248)

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered:
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered:

for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all that has displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins – for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, enable us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

(I Peter 3:18)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor" (No. 230)**

1. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
All for love's sake becomes poor.

2. Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising

Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

3. Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.

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Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)**

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

***Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "The Humble Servant" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "Prophets' Words Foretold a Savior" (SH No. 18)**

Prophets' words foretold a savior in Bethlehem that night
Hailed by angels, shepherds, wisemen, Emmanuel our Light.
Royal blood his kingly mantle, yet in kindness came to show
Human flesh in God's hands dealt death its final, fatal blow.
Lowly infant in a stable, make all our prayers take flight.
Coming Christ, our God incarnate, be all our soul's delight.

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***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Ornament Exchange**

The young ladies of CTK invite all the women to an Ornament Exchange on **Saturday, December 9 at 10 AM** here at Christ the King. Please pick up your invitation and gift bag in the narthex from the girls BEFORE the event. One ornament per bag, per attendee. Instructions for the ornament exchange are included with the bag.

➤ **Inquirers' Class: Date Change**

Our next Inquirers' Class was originally scheduled for November 17 & 18 but has been moved. It will now be held **6:00 PM-8:30 PM on Friday, December 8 and 12:30 PM-3:00 PM on Saturday, December 9**. If you plan to attend, please sign up at www.ctkvb.org. If you have questions, please see Pastor Seth or one of the other elders.

➤ **Chili Dinner – for Lunch!**

You are invited to our Annual Chili Dinner on **Sunday, December 10**, following worship service. For those who prefer, vegetarian and chicken chili will be available. Please sign up, either on the signup sheet in the foyer or at www.ctkvb.org, and indicate the number of people in your party and whether you will bring a salad or dessert, enough to serve eight. Thank you! We look forward to a great time!

➤ **Lessons & Carols Service**

Our annual Lessons & Carols service is on **December 17 at 6:00 PM**.

➤ **Poinsettias**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form found in the bulletin and leave it in the offering plate. The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary during the Advent season and will be available to take home on December 24 after the Christmas Eve service.

➤ **Operation Christmas Child**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who filled a box for Operation Christmas Child. CTK donated 128 boxes! A special thanks to all the teens who built boxes, answered questions, and rejoiced when boxes were returned. And more thanks to the McShea family for shopping for those who could not - you all rock!

If you ordered a box online, please let Bev Bell or Barbara Ewing know so that we can add it to our total. Just a reminder - our goal was 100 boxes and we far exceeded it. In 2022 we filled 67 boxes, an increase of 91% for 2023. Thank you for your generosity, Saints of CTK.

➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

Men's Fellowship Time is every **Wednesday at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.