

Christ the King

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

December 1, 2024

For Our Visitors

We are so glad you are here! If you are new, we'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a connect card available in the foyer and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed, or hand it to one of our elders or volunteers. You can also reach us at office@ctkjoplin.com

We invite your whole family to participate in worship together, but for those who desire we have a loving and safe Nursery for children under 4, located downstairs and to the right.


Immediately after service, please join us downstairs for a time of coffee and fellowship. At 11am, we will break into our Sunday school classes for all ages, pre-K through Adult. On the first Sunday of even months, we have a potluck fellowship meal after service in place of our Sunday school classes.


The women's restroom is located downstairs through the first door on the left. The men's restroom is across the fellowship hall in the back right corner.


Please feel free to connect to CTKWifi using the password: `whatwouldjesusdo`

For more information, upcoming events, to receive email updates, and to get connected, please visit us online at www.ctkjoplin.com.

The Order of Our Worship Service

 **Entering God's Presence** — We come together in response to God's invitation to worship, joyfully lifting our praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With humility and reverence, we confess our sins and receive the forgiveness God offers, proclaimed in the name of Jesus.

 **Renewing Our Faith** — Worship continues as we look to God's Word. Our faith is strengthened as we confess His truth, unite in prayer and praise, and hear the powerful proclamation of the gospel.

 **Responding in Thanks** — As we hear God's Word, we respond in action. We continue to lift songs of praise and bring forward our gifts and offerings. We partake of the Lord's Supper for our spiritual nourishment. With God's blessing, we are then sent out to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Preparation

✠ ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE ✠

Call to Worship ✧

Psalm 31:7-8

I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

*God Himself,
through His Word,
calls us to worship.*

Prayer for God's Blessing ✧

*We respond to
God's invitation by
asking Him to bless
us and empower our
worship.*

Hymns of Praise ✧

*O Come, All Ye Faithful
All Creature of Our God and King*

Reading of the Law

Matthew 22:35-40

Leader: And one of them asked Jesus a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

*As our hearts are
revealed through
God's perfect law,
we confess our sins
to Him and trust in
His mercy in Christ.*

People: And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Unison Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-4

People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Silent Prayer of Confession

*God declares
assures us that all
who repent and
believe in Jesus
Christ have their
sins completely
forgiven and their
guilt removed.
Thanks be to God!*

Assurance of God's Mercy

Hebrews 4:15-16

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

≡ RENEWING OUR FAITH ≡

*We lift our voices
with gratitude for our
great salvation.*

Hymn of Thanksgiving ✧

All Must be Well

*We corporately
confess our unified
faith by using the
great Creeds and
Confessions of the
church.*

Confession of Faith ✧

Belgic Confession, Article 8

People: We believe in one only God, who is the one single essence, yet in which there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is the cause, origin, and beginning of all things visible and invisible; the Son is the Word, wisdom, and image of the Father; the Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son. Nevertheless, God is not divided into three, but that these three Persons are but one only God. They are all three co-eternal and co-essential. There is neither first nor last; for They are each one in truth, in power, in goodness, and in mercy.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Pastoral Prayer

Clint Loy

People: 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 forgive 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.

We take up prayer requests from the congregation. Prayer Cards are available in the foyer.

Sermon

Rev. Jonathan Dorst

Genesis 28:10-22 | "Stepladder To Heaven"

God has ordained the preaching of the Word as the chief means of gospel ministry, for "faith comes by hearing" (Romans 10:17).



RESPONDING IN THANKS



Collection of Offerings ✧

Giving is one of the many ways we express our thanksgiving to God.

Hymns of Response ✧

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul
For All That You Have Done*

*Give online:
ctkjoplin.com/giving*

Lord's Supper

We invite all professing, baptized believers to partake of the Lord's Supper. We use gluten-free bread and either wine (red) or juice (white).

Doxology ✧

Benediction ✧

The benediction is God's declaration that we belong to Him and that He has blessed us and is pleased with us (Numbers 6:27).

Sermon Notes

Information & Announcements

Today at Christ the King

9:15am Worship Service

No Prayer Meeting tonight

Sunday School Classes (No Sunday School in December)

Adult Class, Levi Bakerink

PreK-1st and 2nd-5th classes meet in the rooms along the South wall of the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is available for younger children.

Reminders for Next Week 12/8

Welcome: Sandy Anker & Rosemary Newman

Audio: Taylor Wilkinson

Video: Alexander Woods

Communion: The Pusateris

Nursery: Julia Wilkinson & Jessica Bakerink

Upcoming Events

12/4 Homeschooler and SAHM Meet-Up, 9:30am-12:30pm, every other Wed

12/7 Ladies' Fellowship "Favorite Things" Christmas Party, 6:30pm

12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4:30pm

*Our full church calendar is available online:
ctkjoplin.com/upcoming-events*

CTK Kids December Birthdays
Evelyn Townley - 12/27 (10 years)
Soren Townley - 12/30 (5 years)

church center

Church Center has our calendar, directory, online giving, and more!



Leadership & Staff

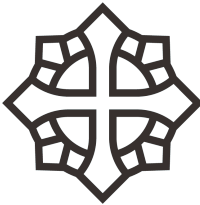
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Our Mission & Vision

Christ the King exists to minister the King's gifts to His people, so that everyone Jesus brings us would **Believe** the gospel, **Behold** God in His Word, and **Become** more like Christ.



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