

# Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Preludio del Buon Pastore

Carlotta Ferrari

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 8 (*responsively*)

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 219 Jesus Shall Reign  
Tune: DUKE STREET

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and King Jesus Christ to the praise of your holy name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Ephesians 2:19-22

CHILDREN'S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 15

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON                    “Beginnings: The King We’ve Been Promised  
                                  Is the God We Have Known”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*HYMN            109        Hail to the Lord’s Anointed  
                                  Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY                    Song of Thanksgiving                    Malcolm Archer  
Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind;  
for his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.  
Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the Lord;  
for his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.  
He, the warm and golden sun causes in its course to run;  
and the moon to shine at night, 'mid her starry sisters bright;  
all things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need;  
for his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.  
—J. Milton

\*DOXOLOGY            965                                    Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 224        Rejoice, the Lord Is King  
  Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                    The King's Highway                    Humphrey J. Stark

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Laurie Orlow, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas  
liturgists; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

## Today

We welcome all who worship with us! We have sign-in books for members and guests on the cabinets at the back of the sanctuary or you may follow this QR code to sign in. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in you and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today**, please follow this QR code, or head to [trcholland.org/quickstart](http://trcholland.org/quickstart) to let us know you were here.



The flowers at the chancel are given by Al and Jane Osman

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Jeff Voskuil, Roger DeYoung

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Ella and Willis Weymon will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

**There will be no education classes today.**

**EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL):** Les invitamos a las 11:30 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO (SPANISH GATHERING)** We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you! English translation via headset is available.*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor  
11:15 a.m. Education Hour  
11:30 p.m. Spanish Worship Gathering  
5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir

### Monday

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Creative Expressions Team

### Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)

### Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

### Friday

6:30 a.m. High School Bible Study

## Congregational News

*Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.*

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Carl Folkert. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Shirley Hoksbergen, Mary Heideman, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

## Congregational News

LIFT (Life in Faith Together): **The final session of LIFT for this semester will be Wednesday, November 29.** Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages follow. Adult opportunities can be found in Third Church News.

The elders of Third Reformed Church would like to invite all elders from the greater consistory to participate in serving communion in 2024. If you are interested in serving with the current elders in the months ahead, please contact Kristen (392-1459 or email [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org)) and she will put you on the list. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month and also on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday (March 28 & 31, 2024).

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GIVING TREE: Advent is coming and so is the "Giving Tree." The Women's Ministries of Third Reformed will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves, socks and underwear to be donated to Community Action House. Donations will be accepted from Sunday, December 3 through December 17.

Do you love helping out at church, but life is too busy to make a commitment. Then Third Reformed Pop Up Volunteer Teams are just right for you! At different times of the church year we have special events or meals where we sure could use some volunteer help, and we are hoping this is an easy way for people to step in and help out.

Coming up this December, we will have three events where we need volunteers to help:

- Wednesday, December 6 we need volunteers to help with Parent's Night Out. This will include helping with activities and serving food/refreshments.
- Sunday, December 17 at 6 PM is the Choir Carol Service. Volunteers will put out cookies and punch, refill platters, and bring the empty/dirty dishes back to the kitchen.
- Our Christmas Eve Service and Children's Pageant is at 7:00 PM, and volunteers will again be needed to help put out cookies and punch, etc. This year there's only one Christmas Eve service because it is on a Sunday.

If you're interested in helping out at one of these events (or two, or all!), email the church office or click on the link in Thursday's edition of Third Church News to let us know!

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: We are in need of Christmas cookies for upcoming events. Please bring cookies ready to be frozen (i.e. packaged in a freezer bag or in an appropriate freezer container) so that we can keep them fresh all month. You can drop them off in the church office, or place them directly in the freezer on Sunday morning with a note on them that states they are for Christmas events. PLEASE NOTE: If your cookies contain tree nuts or peanuts, please pop a note on them stating this so we can let our members with allergies know. Thanks!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: On December 6 from 5:30-7:30, drop your kids off for Parents Night Out! This fun filled evening will include dinner, activities for kids, and time for parent's to go and get things done! We hope you can make it! For questions, contact Hunter Brumels or Reghan Harms.