

Welcome to Christ the King

Help us get to know you! Write an anonymous question, or give us your name and email, so we can send you our weekly announcements. Everything you write here is confidential, and seen only by the pastor.

Name:

Email:

I would like more information about joining a parish group.

I have a question about something I saw or heard today:

I have something I would like private prayer for:

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Who We Are

Our Mission:

Savannah is a city of tensions: black and white, rich and poor, conservative and liberal, historic and creative. These tensions, and the conflict they cause, make this city the glorious ruin that it is. There are really only two ways to live in the midst of this conflict: you can pick your tribe and go to war with the Other; or, you can live in a story that honors, and yet encompasses, the tensions of life in the Garden of Good and Evil. At Christ the King- Savannah, we believe that the good news of Jesus is that story. So our mission is simple: to be a community that helps people **Love God, Love Neighbor, and Love Savannah.**

Our Values:

To be a community like this, we need to know a few things:

1. Formative- we believe that Christian worship is not just an expression of our feelings; it is a formative habit that enables us to worship God in all of life. Its a workout for the soul, that stretches us. As a result, we don't look to worship to make us feel a certain way- we look to worship to introduce us to something- or Someone- who exists outside of our feelings.
2. Family- The Christian life is never lived alone. This is especially true in the context of our lonely, rootless modern world. The Christian life is lived in the context of thick relationships of mutual dependence on one another. The church is not a Sunday morning experience- it is our primary identity marker. You can't just do CTK on Sunday morning.
3. Friendly- We are family formed by the Gospel, that strives to have a positive stance towards our city. We do not retreat from the world, even though we disagree with it. We strive to love it, to seek the good in it, and to partner with that good. We strive to make space for people who did not grow up in the church or share our presuppositions. Christ did the same for us.

Childcare

We are glad you are here. Your kids- we are glad they are here too! Kids help keep us from taking ourselves too seriously, so your noisy kids are welcome in our service. If you need a break, childcare is provided for the duration of the service for children ages 0-2, and children's church begins prior to the sermon for 3-5 year-olds.

Masks

Please wear masks for the duration of the service, for the sake of those who are more cautious about COVID. We want our worship service to be as accessible to our neighbors as possible... even those who may be more concerned about COVID than we are.

Sent Into the World- Announcements

Announcements

1. State of the Church
 1. Plans for the year
 1. Leadership
 2. Financial Planning
 3. Growth of the Church
 2. January 17th after the service.
 3. Lunch provided for \$5 a person.
 4. Childcare provided as well.
2. Parish Groups
 1. Not this week but next.
 2. Midtown
 1. Jeffersons House (203 E. 56th)
 2. 7 pm Wednesday
 3. Islands
 1. Bass' House (156 Penrose Drive, 31410)
 2. 630 pm Wednesday
 4. Girls Small Group
 1. Meets January 12th at the home of Alli Stroud (236 E. 60th, Apt 3) at 630. Bring any girls 4th grade and up. Contact Alli at allistroud78@gmail.com for more info.
3. Service!
 1. Our Community Clothing Swap has been postponed to give us more time to network in the neighborhood and to clean out our closets.
 2. Bring any clothes you have on Sunday, and we will add it to our clothes closet- particularly winter clothes.
 3. We will host a swap in the spring!

Song of Sending

10,000 Reasons

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes
(*Chorus*)

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find
(*Chorus*)

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
(*Chorus*)

Benediction

We face the rear of the building and stretch out our hands, symbolizing our receipt of God's blessing and commission to be his people in the world.

Reflection and Preparation for Worship

Ordinary Time

“Keep two pieces of paper in your pocket at all times; one that reads “I am a speck of dust,” and another that reads, “The world was made for me.”

- Rabbi Bunim

“People travel to wonder at the height of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars; and they pass by themselves without wondering.”

- St. Augustine

“Our wisdom, in so far as it ought to be deemed true and solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But as these are connected together by many ties, it is not easy to determine which of the two precedes and gives birth to the other.”

- John Calvin

“Nothing true can be said about God from a posture of defense.”

– Marilynne Robinson, [Gilead](#)

A silent prayer for those taking communion:

Lord Jesus, you called your followers into a life of costly discipleship. Energize me for participation in this life, and in the life and mission of your people. I ask this in your name, Amen.

For those not taking communion:

A silent prayer for those who want to follow Jesus:

Lord Jesus, Son of God, I receive your mercy. Trusting in God's love and in your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask you to forgive me and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Relying upon your grace, I promise to confess you publicly, to serve you daily and to walk in your way. Amen.

A silent meditation for those who are not followers of Jesus:

Lord Jesus, you claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life. As I search for spiritual truth, please guide me and open to me the life that you promise. Amen.

A silent prayer for those followers of Jesus who are at enmity with another member of the body of Christ:

Lord Jesus, you have come to speak the truth in love, to unite all things to yourself, using your body the church. I am at odds with your body, therefore I am at odds with you and with myself. Give me the courage to speak the truth, the mercy to forgive, and the humility to listen. In your name I pray, Amen.

God's Table

Communion is not a Presbyterian meal. It is a meal for the Christian family. If you have made a public profession of faith and are in good standing in a Christian church, communion is for you.

We come forward to take the bread from the pastor and eat immediately, symbolizing our unity with the church throughout time. We hold our wine until we can drink together, symbolizing our unity with one another.

If you are concerned about COVID, individual communion packets (gluten free) are available up front.

Grape juice is on the outside ring, wine on the inside ring.

Communion

What is Communion?

The Words of Institution- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer

(Pastor prays first)
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
Christ has died!
Christ has risen!
Christ will come again!

Invitation- Psalm 34:8

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!

(When taking the bread):

The body of Christ broken for you.
Thanks be to God.

(after returning to our seats, we drink together)

The blood of our Christ poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Thanks be to God.
(drink)

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Gathering

Greeting and Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good; his love endures forever.
In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his Love endures forever.

We will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Invocation

Congregation will read the bold print.

"Do you think butterflies are beautiful just to be beautiful, or is there another reason?"
- The Magic School Bus

God invites us into worship, not because we are perfect, but because he is gracious. We ask that our worship would be acceptable to him.

Song of Praise*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 To His feet thy tribute bring.
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Who like me His praise should sing?
 Come and worship,
 Come and worship!
 Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
 To our fathers in distress.
 Praise Him still the same forever,
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
 Come and worship,
 Come and worship!
 Glorious in His faithfulness.

God our Father tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame He Knows.
 In His hands He gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Come and worship,
 Come and worship!
 Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him;
 Ye behold Him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
 Dwellers all in time and space.
 Come and worship,
 Come and worship!
 Praise with us the God of grace.

Confession of Faith*The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in
 God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in
 Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 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.**

**I 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.**

"Tradition is not the
 worship of ashes,
 but the
 preservation of
 fire."

-Gustav Mahler

*this means that he
 conquered every
 inch of all creation.
 He went to the
 depths for us.

** this includes, but
 is not limited to, the
 Roman Catholic
 Church.

We rejoice in the good news of what God has done for us.

Tune: Wendell Kimbrough, 2015

Children aged 3-5 will return to their parents during this song.

Song of Response

Psalm 42

Why are you so full of heaviness?
Why are you disquieted within?
O my soul, O my soul

As the deer longs for the water brooks
So my soul it longs, it thirsts for you
O my God, O my God

Chorus:

Put your trust in God,
I will yet give thanks to him
Put your trust in God,
I will yet give thanks to him
Put your trust in God,
I will yet give thanks to him
My help, my God

Deep calls unto deep like ocean waves,
All your floods and rapids on me break
Oh my soul, O my soul

I will say unto my God, my strength,
"How is it you have forgotten me?
O how long? O how long?" (Chorus)

Yahweh grants his kindness in the day
Through the night his song, it is with me.
Oh my God, O my God... (Chorus)

The Law of God

from Ephesians 4, Matthew 22

**We must put off our old self,
which belongs to our former way of life,
and be renewed in the spirit of our minds.**

**We must put on the new self
created after the likeness of God,
in true righteousness and holiness.**

**Having put away falsehood,
we must speak the truth to our neighbor,
for we are members of one another.**

Hear also the words of Jesus:

**You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

**And you shall love your neighbor as
yourself.
On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.**

If God is the Creator of all things, then He knows how they work best. His law is the instructional manual for the human machine.

"The gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven when you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die."
-Dallas Willard

We sit or kneel to help us remember our inadequacy and need for grace.

"Religion is at its best when it makes us ask hard questions, not of others, but of ourselves."

- Archibald Macleish

We stand for the judge's verdict.

Confession of Sin

Lord, I have sinned against you:
**forgive me that I have not loved you
with all my heart,
all my soul,
all my mind,
and all my strength.**

Lord, I have sinned against others:
**remove my vengeance,
my anger and my hatred,
and banish my wicked thoughts from me;
Let my memory provide no shelter
for grievance against another.
Let my heart provide
no harbor of hatred for another.
Let my tongue be no accomplice
in the judgment of a brother or sister.**

Lord, teach me your ways,
and let me walk in your truth.
**Help me to let go my independence
and turn again to you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon- "I"

Rev. Soren Kornegay

Jesus pokes our I

Jesus provides our I

Jesus purposes our I

Doxology

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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13–20

[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” [14] And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” [15] He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” [16] Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” [17] And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” [20] Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (ESV)

The grass withers and the flower fades
but the word of our God shall stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus I Come

Greg Thompson, 2000

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
 Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of my sickness into Thy health,
 Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
 Out of my sin and into Thyself,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm,
 Out of lifes storms and into Thy calm,
 Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into Thy blessed will to abide,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
 Out of despair into raptures above,
 Upward forever on wings like a dove,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into the joy and light of Thy home,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of the depths of ruin untold,
 Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
 Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.

We bring God an offering, not so that he will love and accept us, but out of gratefulness for his renewing grace and mercy, and a desire to see renewal spread throughout our city.

Children aged 3-5 may leave for children's church during the offering. They will be returned at the end of the service.

Offering

Offerings may be given online, at ctksavannah.com/donate. We recognize that, in the 21st century, most giving will be done in this way; however, we retain this moment in our service because Christians have historically used the offering in the liturgy to remind ourselves that we cannot serve two gods, God and Money (Matt. 6:24). What God has given us is His, to be used for his purposes, whether that is in a church offering or not (Matt. 25:14-30).

You may also use a scan the QR code below with your smart phone's camera to give:



Prayers of the People

Bound together in Christ and in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to our God, saying:
Triune God, hear our prayer. (Silence)

That the love that passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us into your unending life,
Triune God, hear our prayer. (Silence)

For the leaders of the church and for the leaders of nations, that they may discern ways to overcome division and may reflect your unity in every aspect of common life,
Triune God, hear our prayer. (Silence)

For our families and communities, that they may be places of mutual support, which build us up in grace and truth,
Triune God, hear our prayer. (Silence)

For our world that you made through Christ and renewed in the power of the resurrection,
That we might love and steward it,
Triune God, hear our prayer. (Silence)

In the power of the Spirit, who joins our prayers to Christ's enduring intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, and for all who stand in need,
Triune God, hear our prayer. (Silence)

By the inner workings of your Spirit, deepen our communion with you, the source and goal of our life, and make us more and more signs of your enduring love.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Christian worship is not a monologue from God to us; its a conversation, in a relationship. The only difference is that he gives us words when we don't know what to say.