

Lord's Day Service

First Sunday of Advent at Church of the King



Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

Hear today's call to worship from God's Word: [congregation standing]

"Behold, the days are coming," says Jehovah, "that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: "JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."'" Jeremiah 33:14-16

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise

based on Luke 2:15

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels;**

***Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.***

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

Refrain

**God of God, Light of Light,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created;**

Refrain

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;**

Refrain

Salutation and Response

[based on Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 9:2]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

The People who walked in darkness,

Have seen a great light

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

Upon them a light has shined!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us in Christ

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

The call for confession from God’s Word

“Now, therefore,” says Jehovah, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to Jehovah your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.” Joel 2:12,13

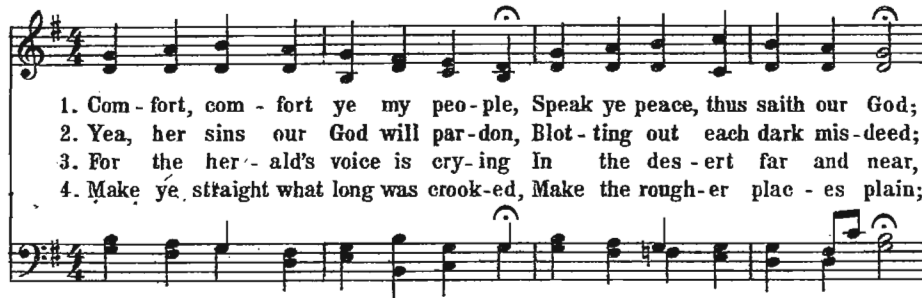
God’s People Join in a Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

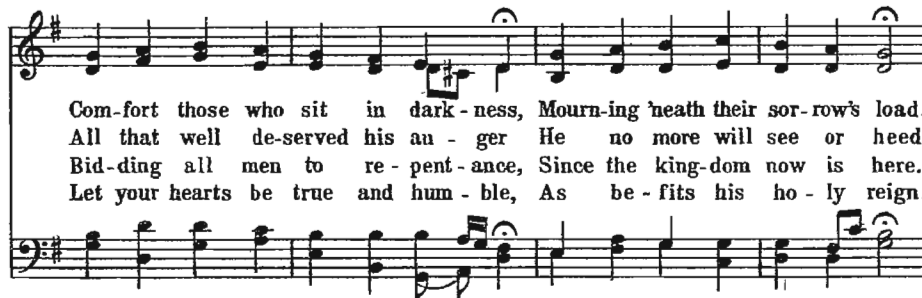
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Johannes Olearius, 1671
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1868

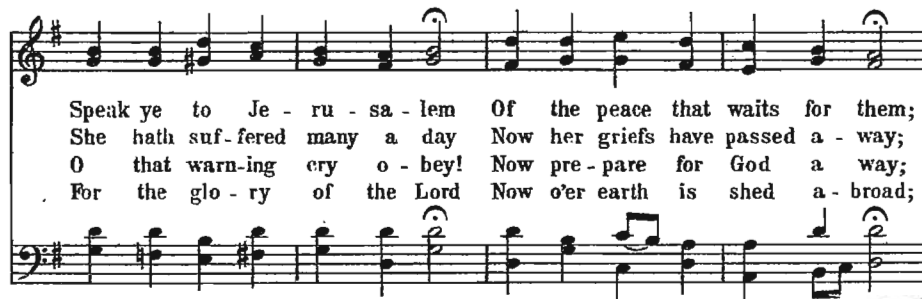
Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Harmony adapted from Dutch *Koraalboek*
of B. DeVries by Henry A. Bruinama



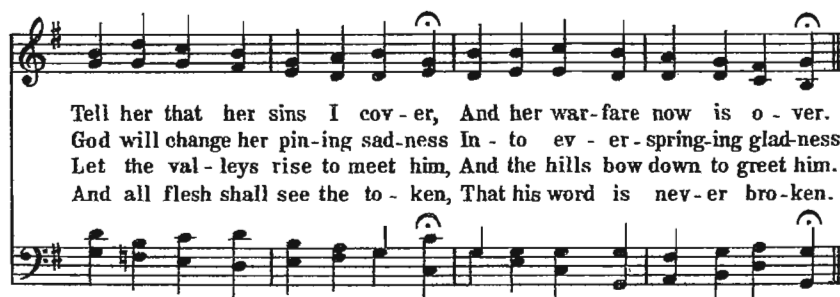
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
All that well de - served his au - ger He no more will see or heed.
Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance, Since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
She hath suf - fered many a day Now her griefs have passed a - way;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver.
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken, That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Silent Confession

“Be merciful to me, O Jehovah, for I cry to You all day long. Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. For You, Jehovah, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Give ear, O Jehovah, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me.” Psalm 86:3-7

Corporate Prayer of Confession

“Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.” Nehemiah 9:2

O God, we confess that we often live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We have often ignored Christ whom you sent to be among us, and to be in us. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Forgive us, O Lord, for not opening our eyes to your coming. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. AMEN!

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness

From Psalm 85:1-4

“Jehovah, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease.”

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

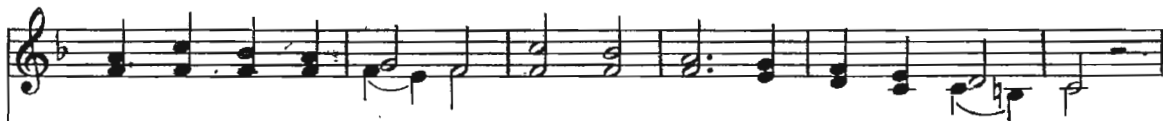
"And Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory" John 1:14

Paul Gerhardt, 1653
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

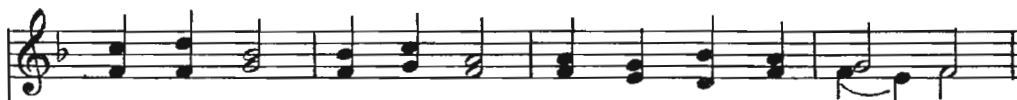
WARUM SOLLT' ICH MICH DENN GRÄMEN
8. 3. 3. 6. 8. 3. 3. 6.
Johann G. Ebeling, 1666



1. All my heart this night re - joice - es As I hear Far and near
2. Forth to - day the Con-queror go - eth, Who the foe, Sin and woe,
3. Shall we still dread God's dis-plea - sure, Who, to save, Free-ly gave
4. He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth Sin a - way And for aye
5. Hark! a voice from you - der man - ger, Soft and sweet, Doth en-treat:



Sweet-est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
Death and hell, o'er - throw - eth. God is man, man to de - liv - er;
His most cher - ished Treas - ure? To re - deem us, he hath giv - en
Full a - tone - ment mak - eth. For our life his own he ten - ders;
"Flee from woe and dan - ger, Breth - ren, from all ills that grieve you



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
His dear Son Now is one With our blood for ev - er.
His own Son From the throne Of his might in heav - en.
And our race, By his grace, Meet for glo - ry ren - ders.
You are freed; All you need I will sure - ly give you."



- | | |
|--|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Come, then, banish all your sadness,
One and all,
Great and small;
Come with songs of gladness.
Love him who with love is glowing;
Hail the Star,
Near and far
Light and joy bestowing. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
Though my breath
Fail in death,
Yet I shall not perish,
But with thee abide for ever
There on high,
In that joy
Which can vanish never. |
|--|---|

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Responsive Reading of Psalm 25 A Psalm of David.

To You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. Show me Your ways, O Jehovah; Teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O Jehovah, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Jehovah. Good and upright is Jehovah; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of Jehovah are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Your name's sake, O Jehovah, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears Jehovah? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of Jehovah is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

My eyes are ever toward Jehovah, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

Consider my enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.

Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!

The Sacrament of Baptism:

The Smith family presents their son Canaan Thomas Smith for baptism into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38,39

"One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay. And she prevailed upon us." Acts 16:14,15

Hymn of Dedication:

O Give Us Homes Built Firm Upon the Savior

Sung to the tune of "Be Still My Soul"

***O give us homes built firm upon the Savior
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide;
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified;
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!***

***O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each find joy in serving others,
And love still shines, though days be dark and grim.***

***O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where prayers comes first in peace and in disaster,
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue;
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.***

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"Joy to the World, The Lord is Come!"

From Pastor Michael Denna, based on John 1:1-18

God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:

[congregation standing]

Good Christian Men Rejoice!

"And Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory" John 1:14

1. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice With heart and soul and voice;—
2. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice With heart and soul and voice;—
3. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice With heart and soul and voice;—

Give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day;
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be-fore Him bow, And He is in the man-ger now.
He hath oped the heav'n-ly door, And man is blessed for-ev-er-more.
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev-er-last-ing hall.

Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

God receives our tithes and gifts as a Tribute Offering [read in unison]

“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.” Genesis 14:18-20

The Collection of our tithes & offerings and the singing of the Doxology
[First three verses based on Psalm 134, with credit to Anglo-Genevan Psalter & Jamie Soles]

1: Come bless the Lord with one accord, 2: Lift up your hands in prayer draw nigh
You faithful servants of the Lord Unto His sanctuary high
Who in His house do stand by night O bless the Lord, kneel at His feet
And praise Him there with all your might And worship Him with reverence meet

3: The Lord now bless you from above 4: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
From Zion in His boundless love Praise Him all creatures here below.
Our God, who heaven and earth did frame Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Blest be His great and holy Name Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

“The Lord has heard my supplication; The Lord will receive my prayer.” Psalms 6:9

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 the evil one,
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN [Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” 1 Corinthians 10:16*

Preparation for Communion:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed [sung with echo, music by Jamie Soles]

I believe in God the Father Almighty;
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin, Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into Hell. [sung in unison]
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body, [sung in unison]
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A word of encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the bread

God's People Sing a hymn of thanks and celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.**

**Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!**

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning ***The LORD Blesses and Sends Forth His People***

*"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
[Genesis 1:26-28]*

Our Final Responsive Reading: **Psalm 98**

1 Oh, sing to Jehovah a new song!

For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

2 Jehovah has made known His salvation;

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

5 Sing to Jehovah with the harp,

With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before Jehovah, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

The world and those who dwell in it;

8 Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills be joyful together before Jehovah,

9 For He is coming to judge the earth.

With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

The Singing of Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

“Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains!

For Jehovah has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**” *Isaiah 49:13; I Thessalonians 5:28*

God’s People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

²⁹Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

³⁰For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, ³¹Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo-ple;

³²A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - ra - el.

-- With lifted hands --

Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A - men.

November 30th, 2008

Church of the King

www.COTKS.org

(916) 752-7911

We gather at 10:30 AM each Sunday for a brief time of singing instruction.
Worship begins promptly at 11 AM. — Weekly pulpit supply ~ Pastor John Stoos.

Prayer Requests

- For Andrea Fox, as she faces her final post-cancer reconstructive surgery on Dec. 2, that our Lord would give wisdom to those caring for her, and provide a successful procedure and a quick recovery.
- For Tammy Volheim, that her health be restored and her surgery on Dec. 1st is successful.
- For Betty Stephan, Brenda's aunt, that she would be spared pain in these final days and that that the family would be comforted as she goes home to be with the Lord.
- For our family members who are not yet saved, that our Lord would have mercy on them and give us wisdom as we seek to be good witnesses for Christ.
- For the Avanto family as Igor is working in Los Angeles and for wisdom as they decide what to do about moving.
- For our expectant mothers, Valerie Pettyjohn, Sally Stoos, and Corin Geib, that they be blessed with good health and strong babies.
- For the CREC ministry in Russia, that our Lord bless the laboring saints there with encouragement, strength and wisdom, and praise that the Russian prison authority gave them permission to visit the maximum security prison for one year. May our Lord bless those efforts with saved souls and planted seeds.
- For Christ Covenant Church in Menlo Park, that our Lord would bless that new congregation, and strengthen and uphold those who will be preaching each Sunday.
- For the CREC churches in Poland, that our Lord would continue to bless those four cities with the faithful preaching of God's Word
- For Reformation Presbyterian Church in North Highlands, and Pastor Kevin VanDerLinden, that they be light and salt in their community as a result of the faithful preaching of God's Word.
- For our elders and deacons, that they would have strength, wisdom, and discernment as they carry out their duties.

Our church Fellowship Dinner follows today's worship service.

All are welcome to join us as our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we,
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,
For life and health and every good.
By Thine own hand may we be fed,
Give us each day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings:

Our men's fellowship breakfasts meet at 7:00 AM on Tuesdays in Grass Valley reading Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan and 6:30 AM at the Pancake Circus on Wednesday in Sacramento reading Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion.

Our ladies' Bible study meets every Friday in Sacramento at 1:00. Please contact Linda Stoos for information.

Our valley Family Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm at the Johnson home studying Revelation followed by some Psalm singing.

Announcements: ~A baby shower in honor of Sally Stoos will be given at the Baker home on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 11:00am. Please RSVP to Kim.

~A monthly game night will be hosted at the Ludlum home on the last Friday of every month at 6:00.