



CHRIST
CHURCH

PCA



October 29, 2023

*Christ Church exists to make mature disciples who will worship, know and serve Christ
so that His Church and Kingdom are powerfully extended in Katy and beyond.*

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Order for the Worship of God

The Lord's Day • October 29, 2023

We also have live stream worship at www.cckpca.org/livestream at 11:00 AM. Register at cckpca.org/guest so we can provide you with information about our church.

Welcome & Silent Preparation

The Rev. Mr. Fred Greco

PRAISE

*“Serve Christ;
back Him; let
His cause be
your cause, give
not an
hairbreadth of
truth away, for
it is not yours
but God’s.”
(Samuel
Rutherford)*

Call to Worship*

Zechariah 9:9

** Worshippers are asked to stand if possible*

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Prayer of Adoration*

Pastor Greco

Hymn of Praise #92*
Hymn #140



“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”



“O Word of God Incarnate”

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, 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.

CONFESSIO

Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness: according unto the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight: that You might be justified when You speak, and be clear when You judge. You desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part You shall make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:20-21

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MEANS OF GRACE

Scripture Reading* — Jeremiah 7:21-34

The Rev. Mr. David King

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession & Petition

Pastor King

Sermon Text

John 12:37-43

³⁷ Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” ³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” ⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw His glory and spoke of Him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in Him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Greco

“Why Is There Unbelief?”

Hymn #465*



“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

THANKSGIVING

Giving www.cckpca.org/give or text “CCKPCA” to 833-750-3171

Gloria Patri #735*



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Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Songbook #37*

“In Christ Alone”

The Benediction*

Pastor Greco

Announcements

Pastor King

(Music text printed by permission: CCLI # 1743047)

EVENING WORSHIP

NOTE: There is no worship this evening, due to the sanctuary being set up this afternoon for our Reformation Day Festival on Tuesday, October 31.

NEXT WEEK – Dr. Duncan Rankin will be preaching on 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, “*Helping the Elders.*”

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available for children up to the 4th birthday during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services and Sunday School in rooms 110 and 111. Nursery care is not currently being provided at our evening service. Our nursery will send a text message to alert parents if needed. Please remember to keep your phone silenced but on vibrate so you will receive it. Thank you!

E-MAIL

PRAYER CHAIN

The Christ Church email prayer chain may be activated by contacting the church office (281-392-0002 or prayerchain@cckpca.org). If you wish to receive emails from the prayer chain please contact the office.

MERCY MINISTRY

Those in need of this service should contact mercyministry@cckpca.org

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

O Word of God Incarnate

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
Ps. 119:130

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
it is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. Rom. 5:20

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
 2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the soul with
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - vail to

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
 in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;

REFRAIN

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,
 points to the Ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - vel - ous grace,
 whit - er than snow you may be to - day.

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,
 in - fi - nite grace, mar - vel - ous

grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.
 grace, in - fi - nite grace,

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Gloria Patri

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor
of his holiness. Ps. 29:2*

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, a - men.

In Christ Alone

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Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩=60

VERSE

A \flat E \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat /G



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3

A \flat E \flat /G Fm⁷ A \flat /B \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat



light, my strength, — my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ — in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6

B \flat E \flat /G A \flat E \flat /G Fm⁷ A \flat /B \flat E \flat E \flat /G



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and storm. What heights of
-ness, scorned by the ones He came — to save. Till on that
Day, up from the grave He rose — a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9

A \flat E \flat /G B \flat ^{sus} B \flat E \flat /G A \flat Cm⁷



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 $B\flat^{sus}$ $B\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat/G$

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the
 -fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

INSTRUMENTAL

15 $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7 $A\flat/B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat m^7$

love of Christ — I stand.
 death of Christ — I live.
 pre - cious blood — of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ — I'll stand!

18 Fm^7 $E\flat$ $E\flat^{sus}$ $E\flat$

TODAY'S SERMON NOTES

"Why Is There Unbelief?"

John 12:37-43

Fred Greco

October 29, 2023

Next Week: Pastor Greco preaching *"The Savior of the World"* (John 12:44-50)

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM – Morning Worship

9:50 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – Evening Worship

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