

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday



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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Q: (In the Lord's Prayer), what is meant by "Your kingdom come"?

A: We ask God to come and rule among us through faith, love and justice. We pray for both the church and the world, that God will rule in our hearts through faith, in our personal relationships through love, and in our institutional affairs through justice.

- PC(USA) Study Catechism: Confirmation Version

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Katy Evans, Pastoral Intern

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Louis Walker, Organist

M. Burkhardt

✠Please rise as you are able.

INTROIT Holy Lord, God of Sabaoth (11:00)
Sanctuary Choir
Tinsley Silcox, Director

John Leavitt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Snider (8:30), Kelley Huebner (11:00)

One: We come to know God with our whole being -

All: heart, soul, and mind.

One: We come to remember who God is -

All: the one who remains as rulers rise and fall.

One: We come to glimpse God's kingdom -

All: a world where love rules all.

One: Together, we come to worship God.

✠HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

O Holy One,
you show us what it means to live by your reign:
sharing food with the hungry,
supporting one another in times of sorrow,
speaking truth to power,
seeking freedom for the imprisoned,
striving for justice for the oppressed.
Forgive us for the ways we fail to live by your reign.
Show us once more your vision of "earth as it is in heaven."
Inspire us to make it our vision, too.
Gratefully we pray. Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

Children (youth and parents too!) are invited to the front of the Sanctuary.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Amy Moore, Parish Associate

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-38

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON The God's Honest Truth

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

From the PC(USA) Declaration of Faith

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

**His resurrection is the decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.**

His lordship is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated
by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule.**

But his lordship is real.

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.**

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS (11:00)

ANTHEM My Eternal King (11:00) Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace; why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord! Even so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing; solely because thou art my God, and my eternal King!

✠HYMN 606 Doxology (11:00) OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION (11:00)

✠HYMN 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Matthew 22:37-39

**Go out into the world in peace.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind;
and love your neighbor as yourself.**

✠RESPONSE 6-Fold Amen (11:00) Tinsley Silcox

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach

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TODAY AT NORTHPARK

WELCOME

Welcome to NorthPark! Newcomers, join us in the foyer after worship. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or are looking for a church home. First-timer visitors, please share your contact info; we will donate a bag of rice to a local food pantry in your honor.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome! Worship bags and a sensory library are in the foyer, quiet activities are in the front of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for infants – Kinder in Room 50. Parents, your little ones may want to stay through Moments for Children, then go to Room 50.

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

Communities meet at 9:30 a.m. Katy Evans leads St. Andrews and Youth (grades 7-12) in Fellowship Hall (Sacred Listening). Kathy McCarron leads Genesis II and POLO in the Conference Room (Renewed Grace). Visions writes cards to college students in Room 35. Pre-K – grade 6 begin in Room 36 (pick up Pre-K – grade 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 48, Grades 4-6 in Room 31).

CENTERING PRACTICES

Find stillness for contemplative prayer in the Bride's Room on Sundays, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. We practice setting aside our individual desires to listen for the desire God places on our hearts.

JustUs MEETING

This civic engagement group meets today in the Bride's Room at noon. All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 7-12)

Youth will not meet this evening. Happy Thanksgiving!

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Flowers are given by Holly Daiker in memory of Don Daiker.

TALK ABOUT IT

Reflecting on today's service, may these questions guide your thoughts and conversations: In your own words, what is the truth about God? In your own words, what is God's kingdom?

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of November 17, the total 2026 pledge amount is over \$877,000. Thank you! The goal is \$1,166,606. It's not too late to pledge! You may pick up a pledge card on the table in the foyer or pledge online at northparkpres.org/pledges. Every gift, no matter the size, helps further the mission and ministry of the church.

HOW TO GIVE



NorthPark relies on your generosity to support the mission and ministry of the church. Offering envelopes are found in the pew racks. Online gifts may be given by scanning the QR code. Checks may be mailed to NPPC; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Join us for a special service at 8:30 a.m. next Sunday, November 30, to decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. Worship includes communion, followed by a continental breakfast. All are welcome!

PICKIN' AND PRAYIN' GUITAR CIRCLE

Musicians, connect with your guitar (or other stringed instrument), God, and others. Bring your instrument to the Parlor next Sunday, November 30 at noon. Music is provided.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2025

Please pick up an Advent calendar and other Advent home resources from the tables in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sign up by December 2 at the Welcome Desk (or online at northparkpres.org/caroling) for lunch and caroling on December 7. We'll board a bus at 12:30 p.m. for two retirement facilities, and return by 3:00 p.m.

PCHAS CHRISTMAS KIDS

Bring joy to children served by Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Get details and sign up to provide gifts at northparkpres.org/christmaskids. If you need help signing up, please contact Kathryn Qualia (kqualia@northparkpres.org). Bring unwrapped gifts to NorthPark by December 7.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order a poinsettia or ivy plant in memory or in honor of someone from now through December 14. Complete a form at the Welcome Desk, attach your payment, and put it in the flower box in the workroom, or order and pay online at northparkpres.org/poinsettias. The cost is \$15 per plant.

NEW HORIZONS (COLLEGE AGE)

Gather at 6:00 p.m. on November 28 at the Payton's home to watch the UT vs. A&M game. Bring football food to share and your swimsuit & towel for the hot tub.

YOU BELONG HERE

Seekers, thinkers, doers – all are welcome here! To learn more about NorthPark, contact Cheryl Cunningham (214-363-5457 x106 or membership@northparkpres.org).

OFFICE UPDATES

The church office is closed on Thursday. Happy Thanksgiving! Anna Hernandez and Nicole Bates are out November 24-26. Kathy McCarron is out November 25-26.

LEARN MORE

Find more information (calendar of events, staff contact information) at northparkpres.org.