

# Traditional Worship



## cherry creek pres

A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

November 23, 2025  
8:45 am

Christ the King Sunday



### Worship Notes

*...making our worship more  
meaningful & understandable*

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welcome and thank you for worshipping  
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mean? To say that Jesus is King seems  
more like "Christian-ese" than a truth  
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society, we don't really have a living  
illustration of true kingship, and for  
that reason, "Jesus is King" can tend  
to be something we just say without  
really teasing out the implications.  
This is what the Bible has to say  
about Christ's kingship.

He is King of All Creation: "The  
heavens are telling the glory of  
God the skies proclaim the work  
of his hand." (Psalm 19:1)

He is King of all Time:  
"I am the Alpha and Omega, the  
First and the Last, the Beginning  
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He is King of All Nations:  
"I looked and there before me was  
a great multitude that no one could  
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He is King of the Church:  
"God raised Jesus from death and set  
him on a throne in deep heaven, in  
charge of running the universe, every-  
thing from galaxies to governments, no  
name and no power exempt from his  
rule. And not just for the time being, but  
forever. At the center of all this, Christ  
rules the church." (Ephesians 1:20-21)

### God Gathers Us

#### Prelude

Like a River Glorious - arr. Sewell

#### Welcome & Call to Worship - from Psalm 93

#### Invocation

#### Introit

Hark, the Glad Sound! - arr. T. Shaw

#### Gathering Hymns

#82 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

#523 Soon and Very Soon

#### Gloria Patri no. 733

### We Respond to God's Presence

#### Anthem

I Come With Joy - arr. Tucker

#### Worship Through Giving

#### Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

#### Doxology no. 34 - OLD 100TH

#### Announcements

#### Greeting

## God Reveals His Word to Us

### Song of Illumination

O Come, O Come Emmanuel - VENI EMMANUEL

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 (page 1042 in pew Bible)

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.**  
**All: Thanks Be to God!**

Series: Windows Into Reality

Message: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

## We Go Forth in Joy

### Hymn of Response

#342 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

### Benediction

*As you are able, we invite you to extend your hands out, palms up, in a posture of receiving God's blessing during the benediction.*

### Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God - arr. Virgil Fox

## October Financial Giving Update

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**Variance** -\$192,948

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### Prayer for the Week

We pray, O Lord,  
Let us never fail to find room for  
you, but come and abide in us, that  
we also may abide in you, you, who  
live and reign, King of kings and  
Lord of lords, now and for ever-  
more. Amen.

**May We Pray With You?** If you  
would like, please come for-  
ward after the service to find a  
pastor or elder. We'd love to pray  
for you and/or anoint you with  
oil (per James 5).

**Prayer chain** If you would like to  
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please sign up for the CCPC  
Prayer chain at  
[cpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org](mailto:cpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org)

**Assisting in Worship** Hand Bell  
Choir: Trudy Pohawpatchoko,  
conductor; Sanctuary Choir;  
Jenna Rossi, flute: David Knopp  
& Tech Team; Usher Team

**Giving** In response to God's  
goodness, we are called to offer our  
whole selves—heart and mind, soul,  
and strength—in joyful adoration in  
our daily lives. One way we do that is  
through giving financially, which you  
can do in person after the  
service, by mail or here:  
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# Convergent Worship



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Welcome

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Invocation

### Gathering Songs

Praise - Elevation Worship

Raise a Hallelujah - Bethel

Gratitude - Brandon Lake

King of Kings - Hillsong

Gloria Patri - Hicks

### We Respond to God's Presence

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Your Will Be Done - CityAlight

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**Assisting in Worship** Worship Band; David Knopp; Tech Team; Usher Team

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