

Advent Worship Series – Week 5

Jesus is Lord

December 31, 2023

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship:

Song: 39 “Joyful, Joyful we adore thee” 367 (B/P/O)

Prayer:

Song: 836 “He is able, more than able” 648 (P/O)

Band Selection:

Responsive Scripture:

Announcements & Offering:

Offering Selection:

Song: 1002 “I, the Lord of sea and sky” 689 (B/P/O)

Message

Song: 79 “I know thee who thou art” 199 (P/O)

82 “Jesus, name above all names” 714 (P/O)

Song: 923 “God is with us” 394 (B/P/O)

Benediction Prayer:

Benediction Song: 581 “Father, let me dedicate” 743 (B/P/O)
Verse 1 and chorus

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Responsive Scripture:

Reader 1: The Greek word lord, translated by the English, is kyrios. It was a title used of the highest authority in a given realm: the governor, the king. The king of all earthly kings, at least within the Roman Empire, was the emperor of Rome.

Reader 2: It was no accident that Luke begins his telling of the Christmas story by saying, “In those days Caesar Augustus....” Luke 2:1 (CEB) It would seem that Luke wants us to make the connection and to see the contrast between Caesar and Christ.

Reader 1: Caesar commands a census that forces the Holy Family to travel to Bethlehem. Mary gives birth in a stable, with an animal’s feeding trough as Jesus’s bed. This is as humble and lowly a birth as one can imagine in the first century. In the Empire, Caesar is “Lord.” But the angel came announcing to the night-shift shepherds, “I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11 (NRSV)

Reader 2: The word messiah means “anointed one” and is essentially another word for king. This child whose birth the angels announced was both king and lord. But he is not just a lord. He is not simply a local king serving under the auspices of the emperor as King Herod was. The angels described him, “Lord of lords and King of kings.” Revelation 17:14; 19:16

Reader 1: As the early Christians said, “Jesus is Lord,” they were saying several things. They were saying, “Jesus is the highest authority in my life. He is my Master, Sovereign, Ruler, Commander, and King.” Lord was not simply a name they used to address Jesus; it was a title that reflected their submission to his will.

Reader 2: When we begin our prayers, “Lord...,” we are acknowledging his authority in our lives. We are yielding our lives, our hearts, and our wills to his will.

Reader 1: I seek to bow before Christ, giving thanks to him. Honoring him. Yielding my life to him. It is this daily yielding of our lives to Christ that makes clear that Christmas is not over when the tree comes down and the decorations are packed for another year. Advent and Christmas are meant to call us to a lifelong journey of daily offering our lives to Christ, our Lord.

**Welcome to
St. Catharines Citadel**

We are happy to have you here to worship with us today! We pray that you will sense God's love for you.

Prayers

And

*Pastoral
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Speak to Major Don our Pastor /Corps officer after our worship service or Call 905-935-4804

**THIS WEEK
Jan 1 – Jan 7**

Thursday

06:00 pm Timbrels Practice
06:30 pm Jr. Band Practice
08:00 pm Sr. Band Practice

Friday

10:00 am Walk Aerobics

Sunday

10:30 am Church Service

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV) "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."



The Salvation Army - St. Catharines Citadel
Dec 30, 2023 -10:30AM

Major Don Feltham

"You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food."

PSALM 65:11

Birthdays This Week:

Rob Dreyer – 2
Edwina Jonker – 5

Anniversaries

Alex & Ekta – 1
David Jarrett – 8

**NO WALK AEROBICS FROM
DEC 4 – JAN 4, 2024**

(Walk will resume on Jan 5th, 2024)



EVERGREEN 50+

January 11th, 2024 -12 noon

Evergreen luncheon

Guest - Major Don Feltham & his trip to Greece. Be sure to sign up.

See Donna for details!



Don't forget to pick up your Christmas Cards from your mail slots today!

CORPS OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

Please note corps office will be closed from Dec 22, 2023, to Jan 4th, 2024 (Inclusive)

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our wonderful volunteers for planning, sorting, packing, and distributing our Christmas gift hampers. And for manning our kettles in many stores. May God richly bless you!
Amen



Prayer Requests

Florence Merrick
Emily (Trims daughter)
Helen Hall
Geoff Page
Brian Page
Amy Puckering
Joan & Paul Scott
Wendy Stafford
Pearl Wilson

Remember our Church Families

Robert & Cathie Hall
Grace Herber

Jim & Sandra Health
Jamie & Karen Holmes

Remember to pray for shut ins.

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