

CHRIST THE KING

For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Amanda Holley

*Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship thee.*

— Frank Houghton, *Thou Who Was Rich Beyond All Splendor*

Mere acquaintance with correct doctrine is a poor substitute for Christ and familiarity with New Testament eschatology will never take the place of a love-inflamed desire to look on His face. — A.W. Tozer, From Heaven: A 28-Day Advent Devotional

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Words and Music: Matt Boswell,
Matt Papa, and Stuart Townend

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the first three lines of lyrics, with chord markings E, A, E, B above the notes. The second staff contains the final two lines of lyrics, with chord markings A, B, E, A, E above the notes. The lyrics are: 1. Sing we the song of Em-man-u-el; this the Christ who was; 2. Come we to wel-come Em-man-u-el; King who came with no; 3. Go spread the news of Em-man-u-el; joy and peace for the long fore told. Lo in the sha-dows of Beth-le-hem, crown or throne. Help-less he lay, the in-vin-ci-ble, wea-ry heart. Lift up your heads, for your King has come;

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

7 B A E B

pro - mise of dawn now our eyes be - hold. God most high in a
Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son. O what wis - dom to
sing for the light o - ver - whelms the dark. Glo - ry shin - ing for

10 A E B A E

man - ger laid; lift your voi - ces and now proclaim:
save us all, Shep - herds, sa - ges, be - fore him fall.
all to see, hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

13 A E A E

Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us;
Grace and ma - jes - ty, what hu - mi - li - ty;
God has made a way, he will have the praise;

15 A C#m B E

join now with the hosts of hea - ven.
come on bend - ed knee, a - dore him.
tell the world his name is Je - - - sus.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Rev. Rick Downs

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Congregation: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Congregation: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God...

Leader: He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing.

Congregation: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Leader: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Congregation: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

All: Let us profess that Jesus is Lord! – from *Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:9; Phil. 2:6-11*

Invocation

O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Words: 6th Century Latin hymn;
Music: Keith Getty

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. It consists of eight systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final chord of Bm.

1. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O
2. Re - mind us Lord of life and grace how
3. For from the Fa - ther's throne you came, his
4. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, the

2
Bright-ness of the Fa-ther's face, O Son who shared the Fa-ther's might be-
once, to save our fall-en race, you put our hu-man ves-ture on and
ba-nished child-ren to re-claim; and earth and sea and sky re-vere the
world will see your ra-diant face, for you who came to us be-fore will

4
fore the world knew day or night, O Je-sus ver-y Light of Light, our
came to us as Mar-y's son. To-day, as year by year, its light brings
love of him who sent you here; and we are ju-bi-lant to-day, for
come a-gain and all re-store. Let songs of praise your name a-dorn, O

6
con-stant star in sin's deep night, now
in our world a pro-mise bright, one
you have washed our guilt a-way. O
Christ, Re-deem-er, vir-gin-born, whom

7
hear the prayers your peo-ple pray through-
pre-cious truth out-shines the sun: Sal-
hear the glad new song we sing on
with the Fa-ther we a-dore and

8
out the world this ho-ly day.
va-tion comes from you a-lone.
this the birth of Christ our King!
Ho-ly Spi-rit ev-er-more.

Call to Confession

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. — based on *Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — *Psalms 25:6-8, 11, 16-18*

Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

What Child Is This

Words and Music: Traditional English Carol,
adapted by William C. Dix

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to

5 sleeping? Whom an-gels greet with anthems sweet, while shep-herds watch are
feed-ing? Good Christian, fear, for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is
own him; the King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov-ing hearts en-

9 keep-ing? This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and
plead-ing. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for
throne him. Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her

13 an-gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y.
me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y.
lul-la-by; joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y.

Offertory

The Lands That Long In Darkness Lay
Serena Jones

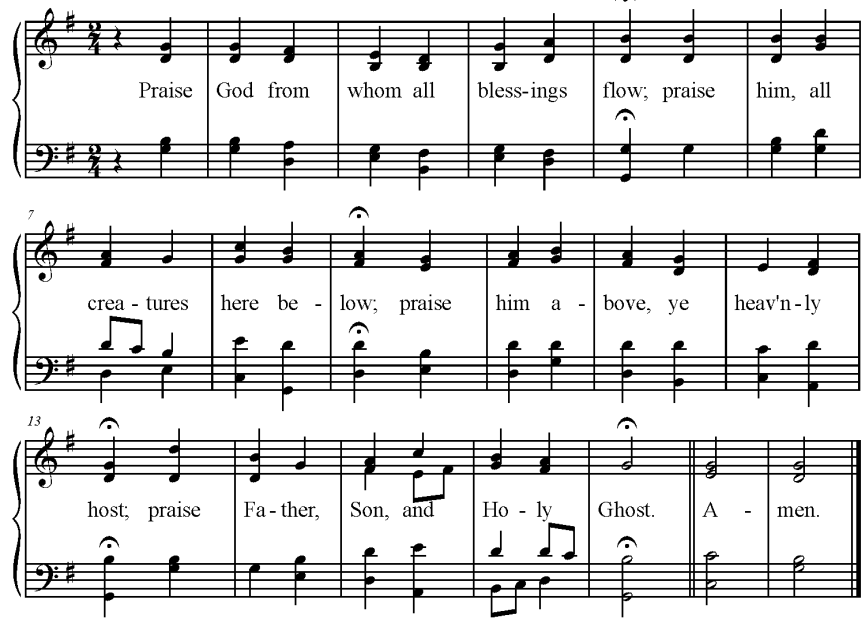
I. Watts

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Baptism

Edward William Dicks

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Pastoral Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other. *We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available at the front of the sanctuary.*

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: Liturgy of St. James,
adapted by G. Moultrie; Music: French Melody, arr. by R.V. Williams

(CAPO III) Dm(Bm) B \flat (G) F(D) Dm(Bm) Cm(Am)

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

5 B \flat (G) A(F \sharp) B \flat (G) F(D) Gm(Em) Dm(Bm)

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

10 Dm(Bm) Cm(Am) B \flat (G) F(D) D(B) Gm(Em)

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
as with cease less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

15 Dm(Bm) C(A) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em) Am(F \sharp m) Dm(Bm)

scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
faith - - - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - - - ish as the dark ness clears a - way.
lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Scripture Reading

Romans 16:17-23 pages 950-1 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Kathryn Mogk

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Dicks

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: God's Word has much to say to us, and there are many things we are called upon to believe. Yet in this meal that we share together we proclaim what is essential. We proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form - uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward.
Grape juice is available
in the center of each wine
tray and a plate of gluten-
free bread on either aisle
for those who desire such.
Please hold the elements un-
til all can partake together.

Elders are available to
pray with anyone who
desires it at the front of the
sanctuary near either of
the hallway exits.

Words of Institution and Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Joy to the World

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: George Frederick Handel

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
2. Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

6
ceive her King; let ev-'ry heart pre- pare him
songs em-ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless-ings
na-tions prove the glo-ries of his right-teous -

AJ Fenton, Annelise Blomberg, Kathryn Mogk, Lauren Easton,
Lucas Lints, Niklas Blomberg, Owen Andrews, Tyler Holley

Greg Russell and Rick Downs

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

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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.

C G C C/G G C G G

The king dom of this world is be - come the King dom of our

6 C D7 G F G C C Am F

Lord and of his Christ, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for - ev - er and

10 G C C Am F G C

ev - er. And he shall reign for - ev - er and ev - er.

Benediction

Benediction

We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Flood and Cup, Sword and Stone, Flame and Tree: Images of Salvation Through Judgment in Scripture. Water can drown or cleanse; fire can consume or purify; we find our greatest blessing at the foot of a cursed tree. Join us through the Advent season as we explore symbols of salvation through the judgment of a God who brings his people through flood and flame (Isaiah 43).

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with the **coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Somerville, and Wakefield (ctkboston.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P
Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczy (nbarczy@gmail.com)
WATERTOWN :: 6P
Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)
BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P
Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P
Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Ben Hoover & Jennifer Marlow
(benhoover34@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P
Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)
MALDEN :: 7P
Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P
Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

ARLINGTON :: LEXINGTON :: 5P
Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nominations for CTK Officers are now being received. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for elder, deacon, or deacon assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination via office@ctkcambridge.org.

Advent devotional books are available in the basement for families as a resource for daily scripture study at home in the days leading up to Christmas. The studies are designed to go deeper as children grow so are suitable for both younger and older children. Others interested in this resource are also welcome to take a copy.

All kids ages 5 and up are invited to sing in a **children's choir** for the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service. Brief rehearsals will take place after the service on Sundays, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22. If interested, contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

Please note, there will be **no Sunday school or Adult Education on Sunday, December 29.**

The members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church and Boston North Presbyterian Church are called to a **Congregational Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020** at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Presbyterian Church, 99 Prospect Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts for the purpose of electing officers and releasing Rev. David Richter from his pastoral call with the church.

Registration is now open for the 2020 CTK Getaway! Our speaker this year will be Jeff Monk from the Boston Center for Biblical Counseling. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tue, 12/24, 6p :: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-eve
office@ctkcambridge.org

Sat, 1/11, 2p :: **Congregational Meeting** :: Sanctuary
<https://www.ctkboston.org/news-events>
(Sarah Goodman, sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org)

1/31-2/2/2020 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Camp Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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