



## Pastored by Rev Musa Ntinga

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*Worship at Christ Central Soweto*

### **Carried by God: A season of renewal, growth, and impact**

#### **Sermon series – “The Heart of Worship”**

We started the year with a new series, *The Heart of Worship*, focusing on Romans 12:1–2 and what it means to live for God in every part of life. This series has encouraged our congregation to offer themselves fully to God as a living sacrifice and to live in a way that reflects his transformative power in their daily lives.

#### **Sabbatical reflection**

From November until the end of January this year I took my three-month sabbatical, which provided a precious and much-needed time to rest, reflect, and be renewed. It was an opportunity not only to step back from daily responsibilities but also to spend meaningful, quality time with family, reconnect with loved ones, and recharge. During this season of rest, I was able to prayerfully consider future growth and direction, including the possibility of further studies and personal development. I praise God for this refreshing, restorative, and deeply encouraging season, which has strengthened both my heart and perspective for the work ahead.

#### **Church growth and community impact**

Returning to church life after this season of sabbatical has been incredibly encouraging and uplifting. Even though we have been in our new church space for less than six months, the growth we have witnessed has been remarkable and heartening. Many people from the surrounding community are joining us, drawn by a genuine hunger for the gospel and a desire to experience fellowship and spiritual growth. Our congregation has effectively doubled in size during this short period, a true blessing that is both inspiring and humbling, while also calling for careful planning, intentional leadership, and wise stewardship of the resources and space God has entrusted to us.

To accommodate this exciting growth, we are exploring practical solutions to ensure that everyone is welcomed and has a meaningful worship experience. One such step has been the addition of a Wendy house to our kids' ministry, providing a dedicated space for children to learn and grow in their faith. It is particularly inspiring to see children from the surrounding community walking into our church, eager to learn about Jesus and engage with the teachings of the gospel. We trust that through these children, many parents will also be drawn into the church community, opening their hearts to experience God's love and the transformative message of the gospel. As we continue to grow, we are also exploring ways to manage overflow, including the possibility of adding an additional service or possibly extending in

the future so that we can continue to minister effectively while nurturing a close, relational, and Christ-centred environment for everyone who joins us.



*Church leaders praying for Siphwe Khumalo (church planter)*

### **The launch of Christ the Only Hope Church**

We have also been walking alongside *Christ the Only Hope Church*. It has been a joy to serve as their sending church, supporting and mentoring them as they prepare to establish their own congregation. In the process, we have learned much from their dedication, heart for the community, and faithfulness. Their pre-launch services have been well received, with their most recent gathering attended by around 80 people. Their love for and commitment to impacting the community has been truly inspiring.

Recently, we had the privilege of holding a commissioning service, which was a beautiful time of celebrating testimonies, praying for them, and rejoicing in God's work among them. As a sending church, we are grateful for the partnership and trust that God will continue to use them powerfully to impact a new community.

### **Ministry highlights**

- **Kids' ministry:** The growing interest from children in the community has been encouraging. We pray that their faith continues to grow and that their families also experience the beauty of gospel community.
- **Seniors' ministry:** Our seniors are flourishing in their devotions, mentorship, counselling, and prayer, actively supporting the wider community. Their service has become a source of wisdom, encouragement, and care for others.
- **Community engagement:** Our various ministries are building relationships in the community, sharing God's love, and impacting lives in tangible ways.

### **Prayer points**

- **Church growth:** Give thanks to God for the growth in our congregation and pray for wisdom as we consider adding another service or expanding Sunday school space.
- **Integration of new members:** Pray that new attendees feel welcomed, connected, and rooted in the church community.
- **Kids' ministry:** Pray that children continue to grow in faith and that their parents will also be drawn to experience the church community.
- **Christ the Only Hope Church:** Pray for Siphwe and Ntombi as they lead the church plant, for unity, wisdom, and strength, and for a successful official launch.
- **Overall guidance:** Pray for God's continued direction, protection, and blessing over all the ministries and people involved in the church.



*Musa and Masana at the launch of Christ the Only Hope*