

Christ the King Sunday

November 22nd, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Praise God on His High Throne

J. S. Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

One: "I will search for my sheep," says the Lord.

All: Like lost lambs or scattered sheep, the Lord seeks us and calls us home.

One: "I will be their shepherd," says the Lord.

All: We listen for the voice of the God who seeks us, and follow with devotion and gratitude!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not made ourselves ready for your kingdom. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: However long we wander, however far we stray,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Sisters and brothers, be assured:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalm 100

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Grateful Heart

Mary McDonald

As we gather in your house to worship, Let us bring to you a heart of praise.
For your love will never fail us; To your Name, our thanks we raise.

For your love and tender mercy; For your goodness and your grace.
May we ever praise you, Father, When we seek your Holy face.

Lord, we know your love is everlasting; From your favor, we will ne'er depart.
This our prayer we offer to you, Father: Bless us with a grateful heart. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Michael Burkhardt

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE 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.

HYMN OF SENDING *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Virgil Fox

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Dean Farmer – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Technicians: Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Imogene Posey, Katie Sergent Keene, Betty McCollum, Brenda Goslee, Mariann Thuesen, Emily Rose, Dr. Ed Carver, Bill Gosnell, Aggie Bell, Dotty Barbour, Donna Downen, Douglas Hamilton, Frances and Mary Johnson, and Jennifer Levy-Tatum.

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Betty McCollum, in memory of Brick McCollum.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary:

Nov 22	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's Prayer
Nov 29	Mark 13:24-37	<i>Those Who Dream...</i> keep awake
Dec 6	Mark 1:1-8	<i>Those Who Dream...</i> prepare the way
Dec 13	Luke 1:46b-55	<i>Those Who Dream...</i> sow joy

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: If you, your family, your group of friends, Sunday School Class, Fellowship Group, or any other combination of folks are interested in lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath – VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON – this Advent season, please let Pastor Tim know.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A PASTORAL CARE PAGE is now on our website under the 'About Us' tab. For the password to access, please contact the church office.

MEALS FOR THE HOMEBOUND: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowlilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

DISCIPLESHIP

OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY IS ON HIATUS through the end of the year. Keep checking the Friday email and newsletters for details on upcoming studies!

FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS WILL BE AVAILABLE beginning this week. A digital version is on our website under the "Publications" tab. Hard copies are available on the table in the vestibule outside the atrium. Advent begins next Sunday, November 29th.

ADVENT PRAYER PARTNERS. The Discipleship Team is offering a new spiritual growth opportunity this Advent season through becoming an Advent Prayer Partner. Since we must stay distanced, we hope that this prayer partnership will draw us closer together. To participate, visit the home page of the website or call the church office.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

DONATIONS OF STUFFED ANIMALS are being collected by the Second Readers. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule outside the atrium Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

A CHURCH WORK DAY will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. See the Friday email for more details.