

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* Giardini

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS'

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God;

People: a great ruler over heaven and earth!

Opening Prayer

God of heaven and earth: You are the One who reigns in power, and your rule is majestic and peaceful. You love us with an everlasting love and reveal to us the path to justice and righteousness. In your Son and our Savior, Jesus the Christ, you have reconciled the whole world to you and marked us as your own in the water of baptism, so that we may live on this earth as the body of Christ administering, declaring, and enacting, your heavenly rule through acts of grace, compassion, hospitality, peace, and love. We gather to worship you in the name of Jesus, who called us into your beloved kingdom, and who taught us to pray....

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 PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)*

*Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

People: Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to our sisters and brothers in need. Consequently, we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us. Open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

Leader: Sisters and brothers: God's love endures forever. Therefore, trust this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 22:9

p. 567 OT

MUSICAL SELECTION

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

John Sharpe, soloist

arr. Sharpe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Campbell
p. 25 NT

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Kevin Campbell

"When Did We See You?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

CALL TO GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life-everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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ANNOUNCEMENTS' / UPCOMING EVENTS

DEAR ONES, please know that I am thankful for your prayers for my granddaughter Christina during her extended health issues. We are grateful for your many expressions of caring, as we grieve the loss of having our precious Christina with us. We are comforted knowing that she is no longer suffering and is rejoicing in heaven. May God bless you for your faithfulness. *Patricia Hudson*

THE SESSION has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 6, at 10am. The congregational meeting will be via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is twofold: First, the congregation will act on a report from the Nominating Committee concerning the nomination and election of elders. The Nominating Committee shall be placing in nomination the following individuals to serve as the class of 2023: Blake Baker, Rachel Fowlkes, Jeff Johnson, and Amanda Livingston. The Nominating Committee will also nominate Linda Cole to fill an unexpired term in the class of 2021. Second, the Pastor Nominating Committee will be making a report to update the congregation on the pastoral search process.

Thank you for sharing your blessings by FILLING THE CORNUCOPIA – the many donations will be used to fill the blessing box.

A THANKSGIVING OFFERING will be collected this morning to benefit the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands.

THANK YOU to everyone who filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Our congregation turned in 59 boxes.

ADVENT begins next Sunday, November 29, and we need volunteers. We need "readers and candle lighters" for the Advent wreath. If you would like to be part of this tradition, please let Randy Lowe or Bridget Lamie know ASAP.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR – The *Reverse Advent Calendar* is a mission activity for the entire family. Beginning December 1, place a food item from the list in a box and continue through Christmas Eve. Deliver the box to the church on Sunday, December 27. The food items will be used to replenish the Blessing Box.

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| December 1 | Variety pack of individual boxes of cereal |
| December 2 | Peanut Butter |
| December 3 | Canned tuna |
| December 4 | Macaroni & Cheese |
| December 5 | Fruit cups or pudding cups |
| December 6 | Canned chicken |
| December 7 | Slim Jim's |
| December 8 | Cereal bars/granola bars |
| December 9 | Canned ham |
| December 10 | Canned Beef Stew |
| December 11 | Variety pack of individual servings of oatmeal |
| December 12 | Beanie Weenies |
| December 13 | Toothbrush/Toothpaste |
| December 14 | Ravioli/Spaghetti & Meatballs |
| December 15 | Canned soup |
| December 16 | Peanut butter crackers |
| December 17 | Soap |
| December 18 | Canned corn |
| December 19 | Vienna sausages |
| December 20 | Potted Meat |
| December 21 | Canned green beans |
| December 22 | Spam |
| December 23 | Shampoo/Conditioner |
| December 24 | Toilet paper |

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Campbell will present an Advent Bible Study on "**NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH: An Advent Study**" by Walter Brueggemann beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 through December 20 at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM. Please contact the church if you would like to participate, study books are \$12.50.



SINKING SPRING'S ADVENT 2020 DEVOTIONAL BOOK entitled "Glad Tidings of Comfort & Joy" will be available next week. The book contains meditations and devotions written by members of the congregation.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, November 22
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 24
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 25
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

Thursday, November 26 THANKSGIVING
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NO -Men's Bible Study - Shoney's
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 28
6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study - Zoom

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Bob Horsch (Commonwealth), Sherrye May (home), Juanita Mullins (Quillen), Eleanor Munsey (home), Bob Tolar (Abingdon Rehab), George Treadwell (home)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Vickie Cornelius, Belden Evans, Randa McCall, Emma McCoy, Vickie Wilson

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Walter Holcomb Jr. (Afghanistan), John Nowell II, John Nowell III, Dexter Bevis and Travis Womer

Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 26 FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. The church office will also close at noon, Wednesday, November 25.



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*Responding to God's grace,
we are called to be a welcoming community,
following Jesus, serving joyfully,
and sharing God's love with each other
and the world.*

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