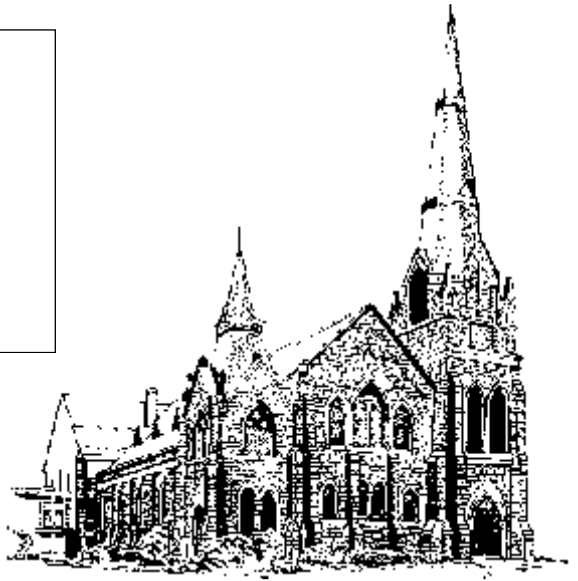


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, November 26, 2023
9:30 am
Christ the King Sunday

REFLECTION

"At the end of the day, to claim Christ as king, to believe in God's reign, has to be a claim on our present, and not just the future glory of 'thy kingdom come.' That how we decide to live matters."

Rev. Karoline Lewis

PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's;

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN NO. 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBIA

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting to Everlasting, we confess that we are short-sighted. We make quick decisions to help ourselves now and do not foresee the long-term consequences of our actions. We make choices that benefit us and fail to notice how our choices impact others. Call us into repentance, into turning back. Broaden our view. Guide us into ways of sustainable living, caring for those in need around us, and remembering Your intention and commandment for our lives: to love our neighbors as ourselves. For You first loved us, called us into being, and set us on this earth with intention: to have dominion as You have dominion over us, to care for this beautiful planet You gave us as our home. May we work to do our part to help Your reign be established on earth as it is in heaven. In Your precious name we pray, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the new covenant that God declares is written in our hearts: God loves us. God’s wisdom is planted in our hearts. Jesus Christ will forgive our wrongdoing, and remember our sin no more.

We know that we are God’s beloved children. May we share the good news of Christ’s love, grace, and forgiveness. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 582

“Glory to God”

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cookie Walk

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Page 756, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andrae Crouch

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

Page 27, NT

SERMON

"Jesus Incognito"

Rev. William Schram

*HYMN NO. 363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Refrain

3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

Refrain

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge,

shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home.

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

*HYMN NO. 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“May the Peace of God Go With You”

Hal H. Hopson

POSTLUDE

“O Worship The King”

Robert A. Hobby

* Please rise in body or spirit

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FPC Chancel Choir
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Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

✚ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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