# Service for the Lord's Day

# November 23, 2025 Christ the King Sunday

# Gathering Around the Word of Worship



Christ in Glory. Building: St. Charles Seminary<sup>2</sup>

**Gathering Music** 

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Choral Prelude Lord, We Come Together Here
David Lantz III

Lord, we come together here to worship you with song, To praise with heart and soul, for praise to you belongs. To praise you for the harvest, for life and health You give Our voices sing Your praise; in gratitude we live.

Lord we come together here with voices raised as one Our thanks belongs to You for all that You have done. We praise for fruitful harvest, for life and health you give Our voices sing Your praise in gratitude we live.

Lord, we come together here to thank you for Your Son, Confessing now our sin that Christ may make us one. We praise for fruitful harvest, for life and health You give. Our voices sing Your praise; in gratitude we live. Amen.

### Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him

with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**Opening Hymn 268** 

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe and have sent your Son to be King of kings. However, we confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We readily bow to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. to Refrain

## **Declaration of Good News** (responsive)

based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has ransomed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Thanks be to God!

# Passing the Peace (responsive)

The reign of Jesus Christ is peace. The peace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** 

Anthem

Give Thanks Children's Music **GIVE THANKS** 

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

## Hearing the Word

All Sit

**Prayer for Illumination** (unison)

Everlasting Lord, mighty and lifted up! Grant to us your Holy Spirit, that in these words of Holy Scripture our hearts and minds may be lifted up and, contemplating the reign of our Lord, we may long to be with him and enter into the joy of his eternal kingdom. Amen.

# **Old Testament Reading** (responsive)

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Anthem

Hark, Then Thousand Harps and Voices

**Howard Helvey** 

Hark! ten thousand harps and voices Sound the note of praise above; Jesus reigns and heaven rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of love: See, He sits on yonder throne; Jesus rules the world alone, Halleluia! Halleluia! Amen.

Come, ye saints, unite your praises
With the angels round his throne;
Soon we hope our Lord will raise us
To the place where he is gone.
Meet it is that we should sing,
Glory, glory, to our King Meet

Meet it is that we should sing "Glory, glory to our King!" Halleluia! Halleluia! Amen.

All Stand

# **Gospel Reading**

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

All Sit

**Sermon** The Woven Crown

Kyle Otterbein

# Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

**Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 31

Jesus Christ has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal King who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us. He ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of his church and that the Father rules all things through him.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Hundredth Psalm Tune John Blow

All Stand

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

Lord God, heavenly King, we offer these our gifts as a sign of love, devotion, gratitude, and praise. Through these, as through our praises, we acknowledge that you are our Lord. And we ask that these gifts may be used to lead others to your gracious and loving rule. Amen.

All Sit

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

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.

# Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

Benediction Hark, Then Thousand Harps and Voices Howard Helvey

Halleluia! Halleluia! Halleluia! Amen.

Postlude Nun danket alle Gott Johann Pachelbel

transcr. Nathaniel Brown

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Note: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy for Christ the King Sunday in the *Worship Sourcebook*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Notes: "YOU ARE COME TO MOUNT SION TO THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM AND TO THE COMPANY OF MANY THOUSANDS" -- the inscription in the mosaic. City/Town: Carthagena. State: OH.

# Sermon Notes

## **Announcements**

**USHERS:** Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Sammy Del Rey, Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and

Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Julia Roberts

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Laura Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Terry Johnson

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30:** Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11–14;

Matthew 24:36-44

## **TODAY**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Georgeanna Capito. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

**BUCK IN A BASKET** for today will go to support Angel Tree Meals. Buck in a Basket Offering is an opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

**JOIN US TODAY: LILLY IS HERE!** To help us welcome Lilly to our congregation as our new Director of Student Ministries, join us today for a special pot luck meal after the worship service. **This is a "Sandwich and Salad" potluck**. The church is supplying some deli-style sandwiches and drinks. Here is what you can bring: salads, chips/dips, veggies/fruit, or non-deli sandwiches. We hope to see you there!

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet today at 2:45 p.m. at Mind Bender Escape Room, located at 861 Fairview Ave, Suite A5; followed by pizza at Donatos Pizza located at 861 Fairview Avenue. The Youth Group will start promptly at 3:00 p.m. Pick up is at 5:00 p.m.

# **OTHER NEWS**

**FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT** As the demand for food assistance continues to rise, we are in need of your support to help us provide food for those in need within our community. Your generous donation will help us meet the need of families and individual struggling with food insecurities. We are currently accepting donations of non-perishable food items and monetary contributions. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make all checks payable to: The Presbyterian Church. In the memo, please write: FOOD PANTRY. If you need additional information, feel free to contact Robin (officeasst24@bgpres.org) or Terry (administrator@bgpres.org) or call the church office at 270-843-4707.

**DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN** began for us on November 20. DRITI is gearing up now for another winter season. This overnight shelter assistance for our local homeless population is a community-wide effort. We will host each Thursday night through the winter. Signup sheets for volunteers are ready at the chapel landing. Helpers will be needed for meals, setup and cleanup, inn-keeping, dinner hosting, etc. Check it out the next time you visit church. You may sign up for only one, or for more than one Thursday in a slot. Everything helps!

JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER Is your family at a long distance? Are you looking for others to share Thanksgiving dinner with? Then join your Presbyterian Church family at noon on Thanksgiving day, November 27. Wayne and Sharon Hendrix will host our dinner in the fellowship hall. Turkey, dressing, mash potatoes, and gravy will be provided. We just ask you to bring a side dish (corn, green beans, salad, etc.) or a dessert to share with others (and if you can bring enough to share with our guests for David's Room in the Inn, that would be wonderful as it has been our practice to share the food from our Thanksgiving meal for the dinner that night!). Look for the sign-up sheet next to the DRITI sign-up sheets on the landing next to the chapel and sign up soon.

**ANGEL TREE** is up and we need your help providing for our family members on the tree. If you would like to take an angel to buy gifts please sign beside the number on our signup sheet so we know every kid has been taken care of. Please ensure the gifts are wrapped and returned to the office by December 14 with the angel attached so we can have them organized for delivery on December 20.

If you would like to help with our angel tree but aren't able to shop, donations are welcome and we can have people shop for you instead. Any questions regarding the Angel Tree can be directed to Terry Johnson at <a href="mailto:administrator@bgpres.org">administrator@bgpres.org</a> or you can call the church office at 270-843-4707.

**SOCKS FOR SENIORS** Once again CECELIA MEMORIAL is participating in the "Socks for Seniors" drive with Christian Family Radio. This year the senior facilities have requested "gripper" socks to be donated. Cecelia Memorial will be collecting socks now through December 4 to be delivered to the radio station. CFR is also asking for volunteers to deliver the socks to the senior facilities. We do not have a specific date for deliveries at this point. If you can, please donate whatever socks you can. They much be new socks. You can put them in Lovelyn's cubbie in the office, drop them off at Cecelia or contact Lovelyn for pickup at 619-368-2103. Thanks to everyone in advance for your participation.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE MEET-UP** coming on December 6! Join Pastor Kyle at the church on the morning of Saturday, December 6. Kyle will be there making pancakes for anyone who wants to enjoy breakfast together before the Jaycees Christmas Parade. The parade begins at 9:30 am, so Kyle plans to share breakfast between 8:30 and 9:30. If you are coming for breakfast, feel free to bring something to share.

**ART EXHIBIT** The Sunny 16 photography exhibit on display in the fellowship hall will continue until December 4th. The exhibit showcases the skill of capturing light by photographers from South Central Kentucky.

**INSPIRATIONAL MEDITATION** The Tuesday morning yoga class has a new name. It is now Inspirational Meditation. Class meets here at the church on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you would like the opportunity to learn how integrate your mind, body, and spirit to align with God's Spirit, please come join this class. Instructor: Trudy Burkeen.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



# **WELCOME VISITORS!**

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey Treasurer: Steve Moore

**Elders:** Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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## Calendar

## Sunday, November 23

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering 9:15 a.m. Children's Music

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts 9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Godly Pla 10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 p.m. Special Potluck- Lilly Hunter2:45 p.m. Youth Group- Mind Bender

Escape Room and Donitos Pizza

## Monday, November 24

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

## Tuesday, November 25

11:00 a.m. Special Care 1:00 p.m. CUICHM

6:00 p.m. Cooking Circle of Grace

## Wednesday, November 26

12:00 p.m. OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group9:30 a.m. No Crisis and Creation

Class

5:00 p.m. No Chancel Choir

## Friday, November 28

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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