

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day November 26, 2017

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ~ Ephesians 1:20-21

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come. Revelation 1:8

People: **We come to worship the one who rules justly.** 2 Samuel 23:34

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! Revelation 1:5

People: **Bread of Heaven, God with us!** John 6:51, Matthew 1:23

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine! John 10:11, 15:1

People: **Eternal Word, Great I AM** John 1, John 8:58

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! Isaiah 9:6

All: **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.** Revelation 19:16, 1:6

*Hymn: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #267

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Great and gracious God, for apathy, for meanness, for boredom, for pride, for judgment, for dismissal, for all those ways we hurt you by hurting each other and ourselves, forgive us. Turn us around to you; heal us, and make us whole, we pray.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy* #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory
*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 100**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

People: **Know that the Lord is God. You have made us and we are yours; we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

Leader: Go through the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise. Give thanks and bless God's name.

People: **You are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations.**

Scripture Reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Anthem: *The Name of Jesus* Craig Courtney
Kelley McAdams, soprano
Nathan Ponder, tenor
Chelsea Scott, soprano

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *Joy to the World* #266

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 25:31-46**

Sermon: **"Course he isn't safe. But he is good . . ."** Jennifer Marshall

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* #265

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Terri Moehring James Allums
 Sue Johnson Dee Allums
 Shepherd: Billie Kitchens
 Liturgist: Betsy Tucker
 Reader: John Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 27

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, November 28

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild
 5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, November 29

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 noon Communion Reception
 5:00 pm Youth
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Barbara Stump in loving memory of and gratitude for the life of her dear husband Mike.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

THE SESSION

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 Deborah Dalton
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 Michele Peck

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**November 26, 2017
 Christ the King Sunday**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'
 Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)