

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2017 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Greeting** Karl Zinsmeister

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

# Preparation for Worship

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved and to minister to all in need. Then, at the last, bring us to your eternal realm, where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Prelude -** *Fanfare on THAXTED* 

Kevin Hildeband (b. 1973)

WMPC Brass Ensemble; Bob Phoenix, director

**Christian Welcome and Announcements** 

Chip Pope

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor; include all requested information.

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Let us worship the Lord, Christ our King, with gladness and enter his presence with song

*One: The Lord is God—we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.* 

All: Let us give thanks to him and bless his name.

One: The Lord is good—his steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 643 - Now Thank We All Our God

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

adapted from re:Worship website

We stock the food pantries

but brush aside those who hunger for friendship.

We give our hand-me-downs away

but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away.

We glad-hand those just like us

but turn a deaf ear to neighbors who cry out to us for help.

Forgive us, God of the ages.

Drench us in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by our King of grace, Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior.

\*Moment of Silence

Today is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next week a "new" year begins with the first Sunday of Advent.

Psalm 100 is the archetype for all psalms of praise. The last 50 Psalms, Psalms 100 through 150, are often referred to as "the book of praise." Each one builds upon the next until, at Psalm 150, the Bible tells us that "everything that breathes must praise the Lord."

This hymn is the most traditional and important thanksgiving hymn. We sing it today to celebrate Thanksgiving and because its final stanza affirms the providence, majesty and wonders of God.

We use multiple resources for our worship. Often we write all of our liturgy—our worship language—ourselves. For several weeks our confessions have been adapted from the web resource *re:Worship*. Today's confession includes a moment of silence. In this silence you are invited to pray your own personal confession, offering your heart and needs to God. In addition, our Assurance of Pardon, which is always part of our Confession, is responsive.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

One: God searches for the lost

All: and finds us.

One: God invites the hungry to the table

All: and feeds us. One: God sends Jesus

All: and frees us from death's prison.

One: God forgives all who sin

All: and heals us with mercy and grace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

# \*Passing of the Peace

# \*Response Hymn 755 - stanza 1

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure; by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure. Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days; may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - Ezekiel 34:11-16

pew Bible, p. 756

#### **Anthem -** *Give to Jehovah*

What does it mean when we say

grace is described by Ezekiel as

a shepherd? How has Jesus been

world become if we followed our

a shepherd in your life? What

does Matthew say about sheep and goats? What would our

shepherd-like King of grace in

every thought and action of our

lives?

that Christ is our King? What does it suggest that the King of

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Give to Jehovah, O ye mighty ones, give to Jehovah power and glory. Alleluia. Give to Jehovah pow'r and glory due unto his name, worship ye the Lord God, sing praise unto God. Alleluia. Ev'ry nation worships thy name, and sings praise to thee, sings praises to thy glory. Alleluia.

New Testament Lesson - Matthew 25:31-46

pew Bible, p. 27

# (11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

Following our time together, four-year-olds through second graders will meet Aidan, Livia and Sarah Colvin at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Liisa Ogburn from the OnPoint service, for Worship Enrichment in L215.

**Sermon** - The King as Shepherd, Jury and Judge

Christopher Edmonston

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn 757 - Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gloria Johnson

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.

# **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory Anthem - Sing a New Song

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672); arr. Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936)

Sing a new song to God the Lord, sing and give praise with one accord. For his salvation he doth give, that, through his mercy, we may live. Worship the Lord in holiness, hymns of great joy to God address. Honor his works and bless his name, God's grace and truth to all proclaim. Heaven above and earth below, ocean and field his glory show. All of God's creatures sing his praise, let us now too our voices raise. Glory and thanks to God belong, honor him evermore in song. - Psalm 96 paraphrased

# \*Offertory Response Hymn 708 - stanza 1

**SCHUMANN** 

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

# \*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

For several weeks our worship and scriptures have been primarily Christological - focused on the second person of the trinity, the Son. This affirmation of faith affirms what we believe and know to be true about Jesus. This affirmation was written in 1983 as the different branches of Presbyterianism reunited after more than 120 years of separation.

# WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn 265 - Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

# \*Charge and Benediction

# \*Congregational Response Hymn 269 - stanza 2

LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

# \*Chiming of the Trinity

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity. Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

\*Postlude - Fanfare

G. F. Handel; arr. Douglas Smith

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**Greeters:** 9:30 - Mike Carter, Meg Ellis, Celeste Chapman, Chris Chapman, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Elizabeth Thompson, Ann Rosar, David Rosar. **Ushers:** 8:15 - Kenneth Sykes, chair, Helen Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, Alva Moore, Charlotte Newby, Bruce Sharpe; 9:30 - Kelly Gold, chair, Susan Pittman, Randy Pulley, John Reeder, Stephen Riddick, Ford Robertson; 11:00 - Rob Wyatt, chair, Alexander Baah, Jackie Baah, Betty Baldwin, Julia Reeder, Adam Reeder.

Service Assistants: 8:15 - Coley Kirkland; 9:30 - Rosemary Raynal; 11:00 - Emily Agar.

Treasurer's Assistants: Rebecca Fisher, William Silverman.

Shuttle Drivers: Varner Olmsted, Kim Peters.

# Volunteers Needed for Poinsettia Delivery

Each Christmas, members of White Memorial take poinsettias from the sanctuary decorations and deliver them to our homebound members who can no longer attend worship. If you have some time on December 17 after worship or December 18 and 19 during the workday, please stop by the sacristy and take one of the plants. Names and addresses with enclosure cards will be ready for you in the sacristy. If you have time for even one visit, that would be a great help. To sign up or ask questions, call Judy Pidcock at 919-834-3425, ext. 238, or Sarah Clapp at 919-834-3425, ext. 210. Thank you!

Hymn 265 is all about the reign of Christ. Note how each stanza builds upon the next, until the final stanza which reflects the universal call to praise: that earth itself would shout out in praise.

# WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC(USA)

We are glad you are worshipping with us.
Visiting? Stop by the Welcome Table in Jane Bell
Gathering Space for information, directions and a
friendly greeting. New members are received after a
one-day Beginnings Class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206
for details, class dates and registration.

#### THINGS TO KNOW:

- Shuttle buses run every Sunday at five- to ten-minute intervals, 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., from Carolina Place, 2626 Glenwood Avenue, across from Glenwood Village Shopping Center.
- Restrooms are located in the Luther Building immediately behind the sanctuary/Jane Bell Gathering Space.
- Childcare is available for children up to four years old.
- Church School is offered at 9:30 a.m. for all ages.
- Refreshments are served in Carol Copeland Courtyard or Pickard Hall on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- The sanctuary has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- Live-streamed services are at whitememorial.org.
- Radio, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: December 3, 17 and 31.
- Bulletins left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation. WMPC is a certified Earth Care congregation of the PC(USA).
- We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

# Sunday, November 26 (Ezekiel 34:11-16; Matthew 25:31-46)

Worship (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)

8:00 a.m. - Christmas Share (Connector)

9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard)

3:30 p.m. - Youth Sunday Planning Meeting (K100)

4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (S300)

5:00 p.m. - Middle/High School Sabbath Sunday (Off Site)

#### Monday, November 27 (Ps. 62; Joel 3:1-2, 9-17; 1 Peter 1:1-12; Matt. 19:1-12)

5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (Pickard); Worship Committee (S300)

6:30 p.m. - Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem (C301)

7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300)

8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

# Tuesday, November 28 (Ps. 12; Nahum 1:1-13; 1 Peter 1:13-25; Matt. 19:13-22)

6:30 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Bruegger's Bagels, Creedmoor Rd.)

7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)

8:30 a.m. - Yoga for Exercise (C100)

9:00 a.m. - Preparing for Advent Contemplative Retreat (Off Site)

9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard)

10:00 a.m. - Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem (C301)

3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva); StepUp Co-Partner Training (C200)

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (S300); Weekday School Committee (C204)

7:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 395 (Pickard)

# Wednesday, November 29 (Ps. 96; Obad. 15-21; 1 Peter 2:1-10; Matt. 19:23-30)

6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)

9:30 a.m. - Bible Belles (Off Site)

4:00 p.m. - Haiti Trip Meeting (W400)

4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)

5:00 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Dinner (Pickard)

6:30 p.m. - Disciple 1 (K307); Healing Prayer (Chapel)

6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)

7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102)

8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

### Thursday, November 30 (Ps. 116; Zeph. 3:1-13; 1 Peter 2:11-25; Matt. 20:1-16)

8:00 a.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)

9:15 a.m. - Library Committee (C203)

9:30 a.m. - Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400); T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)

10:45 a.m. - Keenager Program: Presentation of Quilts (K100)

noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)

7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Sanctuary Choir (S300)

### Friday, December 1 (Ps. 84; Isa. 24:14-23; 1 Peter 3:13-4:6; Matt. 20:17-28)

9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)

8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

# **Saturday, December 2** (Ps. 63; Micah 7:11-20; 1 Peter 4:7-19; Matt. 20:29-34)

8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)

9:00 a.m. - Advent Wreath Lighting Practice (Sanctuary); Communion Preparation (Sacristy); Rise Against Hunger Set-up (Geneva)

10:00 a.m. - Boy Scout Court of Honor Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Let's Do Lunch (Geneva); Rise Against Hunger (Geneva)