



Christ the
King
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The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018 ~10:15am

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

“We thought, because we had power, we had wisdom.”
-Stephen Vincent Benét

All Youth from 6th thru 12th grade begin in the Youth Room

Chimes

Prelude

“Andante”

Josef Haydn

Isaiab Mason, trumpet soloist

As we gather together in the sanctuary, please listen to the music and spend time in silent reflection in preparation for worship.

Introit **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** *George Elvey*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Mathew Bridges (1851)

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God reigns; let the earth be glad
God's word is truth; let all people rejoice.

People: **We bow before God's strength and majesty;
we come in awe before God most high.**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the One who is and was
and is to come.

People: **God's rule is from everlasting and forevermore;
all creation bows before God's holiness.**

Leader: Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth,
to worship and make faithful witness.

People: **God is our righteousness and our peace.
We come to be renewed in God's truth.**

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

Ruler of the universe, Creator of all worlds, Giver of life, we gather as your own people to praise you and marvel at your goodness to us. Bring us back from our scattered lives and fragmented loyalties to the shelter of your fold. Assure us once more of your loving care, and teach us again that we may bear witness to your truth. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 263 **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

Coronation

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Monarch, you who rule over all of us with justice and care, we your people confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule, that we do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity, that we have not followed the example you set forth.

Instead, we often place our trust in leaders who let us down, and in our own flawed leadership of others. Lead us, Christ our Sovereign, and set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

▲ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ Hymn No. 581 **“Glory Be to the Father”**

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Life on the Hill

Today (November 25):

✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

Being Presbyterian Class 6:30pm

Wednesday (November 28)

✠ Being Presbyterian Class 10am

Session 7pm

Thursday (November 29)

✠ Adult Study w/lunch 11:30am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Friday (November 30)

✠ Middle School Retreat - Johnsonburg

Next Sunday

✠ WORSHIP with Holy Communion 10:15am

Being Presbyterian Class 6:30pm

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“Ye Servants of God”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Congregation – please
join the choir singing the last stanza

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high almighty to save;
and still He is nigh his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall ever sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
Alleluia! We serve the living King!

**Now let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love!**

Alleluia! We serve the living King!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Dismiss ALL children through 5th grade

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



Ed Kelsey

First Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 23:1-7(NRSV)

¹ Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,^[a]
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

² The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

³ The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

⁴ is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵ Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

⁶ But the godless are^[b] all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.^[c]

Second Scripture Reading

John 18:33-38 (NRSV)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[1] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My

kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

SERMON

"Hanging in the Balance"

Rev. Deb Packard

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

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.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

▲ Hymn No. 804 **"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

Marion

Stanzas 1,3,4,5

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”** *arr. Dan Forrest*

▲ DOXOLOGY – Hymn No. 607
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE 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.

▲ Hymn No. 267 **“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”** *Madrid*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude **“Madrid”** *arr. Howard Helvey*

▲ *Indicates when, if you are able, the congregation stands.*

Our worship has ended – now our service begins.

We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of my Dad, Carl Engemann, on his 86th birthday by Gail Loeser.

Serving Today

†**Greeters:** Tina Ellis, Laura Evernham, Pierson & Piper Ryan

†**Ushers:** Team 4: Lloyd Pearson, Capt., Maureen Bonney, Bob Bonney, Jamie Montero, Charlie Shaw

†**Flower Duty:** Jamie Montero, Elda Gall

†**Trustee Duty:** Mike Ryan, Kurt Kaboth

†**Fellowship Host:** Deanne Nirider

†**Worship Prep:** 11/24 - Diana & Tom Griffith, 12/01 – Carol Cox



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

A special thank you to Isaiah for sharing his trumpet skills with us this morning. We are so blest to have him here at PCOH!

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing Christmas music this Thursday evening. If you can make the commitment for the month of December, please come and join us for this festive music!

Operation Christmas Child – UPDATE

PCOH collected **84** gift filled shoe boxes

As a relay center we processed **572**

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO

Packed a shoe box

Donated money for the truck

Volunteered during collection week

We couldn't have done it without YOU!



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Scripture Readers



Greeters

Life on the Hill Notes

November 25th



PCOH NURSERY

TODAY

Cheryl Miller

December 2 Jean Brown December 9 _____
 December 16 _____ December 23 _____



Saturday Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury is in need of volunteers on **Saturday, December 1**, from 9:30-1:30 and on **Saturday, December 29**, from 9:20-1:30. Sign-up sheet is in the rear of the church. Any questions please call or text Holly Hansen at 848-466-0284.



The Ministry of Flowers



Flower Chart is posted outside the Office. If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with one of the Deacons. Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

December 2nd

Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Jessica Pursell
Cheryl Schleuss

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)

Meghan Pringle
Laura Morales

Meghan Pringle
Sherri Ryan

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)

Nick Robinson
Jill Vacchiano

No Sunday School
Holy
Communion

FAMILY PROMISE--SAVE THE DATES!

Church on the Hill will host Family Promise guests, (anticipated to be 5 families!) for the week of **December 23 - 30**. As is the tradition of Family Promise, the guests are able to celebrate Christmas at a local hotel through donations from FP supporters, so we expect that all of the guests will begin their week with PCOH on Dec. 26th at 5pm. (Details to follow.)

The PCOH Mission Community greatly appreciates anyone that can volunteer during this week, please see Wendy Robinson or Marilyn Dicken if you have any questions. Thank you!

“CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “God alone is Lord of the conscience” (Historical Principles), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

□ **FAITH** □ **LOVE** □ **HOPE** □ **FORGIVENESS** □ **UNDERSTANDING** □



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:*

Trinity Needs Food

*When you are cooking,
please remember that:*

The Center Needs Meals



“CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE”

If you, or a neighbor, co-worker or friend could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leader Deanne Nirider (281/744-1054)

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