

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

November 21, 2021
Christ the King Sunday

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

II Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; John 18:33-37

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 2 *Come Thou, Almighty King* (Verses 1 and 2)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 113)

Minister: Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord.

**Congregants: Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.**

Minister: From the rising of the sun to where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Congregants: The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
His glory above the nations.**

Minister: Let us worship God

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

we come before Your throne of grace

**to give You our offerings of thanksgiving and service,
of love and faith, of dedication and commitment.**

In Christ, You have declared Your Kingdom

over all that is and ever will be,

the Kingdom of righteousness and goodness,

the Kingdom of peace and justice through eternity.

But too often we do not hold Christ as King in our hearts.

**We follow the rule of the gods of materialism and greed,
the gods of selfish desire, division, and despair.**

**Forgive our foolish ways, and turn our eyes to the one Lord.
Open our hearts and our spirits to Your Spirit,
that we might follow where Your lead.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

(Worshippers shall enter a time of silent prayer before God.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 93

¹ The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; ² your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. ³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. ⁴ More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! ⁵ Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* (Hymn 44)

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ '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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And 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." ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.”⁴⁴ 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?”⁴⁵ 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.”⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

CHRIST THE KING

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 708 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (Verses 1-3)

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 348 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your food to the full and live securely in your land.” Leviticus 26:5

EARTH CARE: Never dump paint, oil, pharmaceuticals, or other chemicals down toilets, storm drains or into streams or lakes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marie Haines would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and notes of encouragement following her recent surgery.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN CALLED for today following the end of the morning worship service, for the purpose of receiving the report of the congregation's Nominating Committee and electing persons to serve as elders.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SESSION will be held today following the worship service. If you would like to join the church family, or have matters for the Session, please contact the Minister.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the narthex if you would like to fill one. We also have labels for each box specifying girl/boy and the age group. Gift suggestions for each group are on the table with the boxes. Boxes will be picked up from the church on Monday, November 22nd. Thanks for your help with this mission. If you need fillers for your box, check out the table in the narthex. There are items available for your use.

We will **NOT** be collecting used printer cartridges anymore. RAM is no longer involved in this project. If you know of anywhere else where they can be recycled, please contact Holly Woodson. Thank you for your participation in this recycling project.

JUST A REMINDER: there are boxes in the narthex to recycle your bulletins.

Calendar

Today	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship / Communion Session Meeting
Thursday Friday		Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed) Office Closed
Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Minister. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Minister know.

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Jessee Amos	Ann Bailey	Bill Bailey
Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer	Warren Campbell
Charlotte Cooley	Jim Cregger	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Reba Kling	Bob Lancaster	Stan Lanford
Homer Linton	Susan Lockard	Floyd Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Jo Ann Threlkeld	

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Donna Betters (Sherry Moses)
Berkley Persinger (Elise Lanford's cousin)
Carl Utley (General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks)

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Kathy Baker, Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Tom Hale, Vee Hayes, Daniel Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Jeremy Newman, Gayle Wise