

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King

November 24, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Francis Linley

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*LITANY FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Let the heavens be glad
and let the earth rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty
and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world,
and God's realm will never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world
has become the kingdom of our Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

*SONG OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymnal, No. 263

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God of wonder and might,
Forgive us when we put our faith in earthly power
instead of in your promises.
You call us to work for your reign in this world,
"on earth as it is in heaven."
Forgive us when we take those words
as a platitude instead of a pledge.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Move us and challenge us
to be servants of peace and justice.**
(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:11-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
Nicholas Lindley, Trumpet

Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks and sing.
Your festal banner wave on high,

the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Praise Him who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore.
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

A Different Kingdom

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn

Hymnal, No. 461

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,
such as a heavenly city, the household of God,
a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast,
and an unending day
culminate in the image of the kingdom.
The kingdom represents God's triumph
over all that resists the divine will
and disrupts God's creation.
Already God's reign is present
as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in all people
and preparing the world
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress
with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair
in the face of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope,
the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54–55

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY My Shepherd, You Supply My Need Raymond H. Haan

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG At the Name of Jesus Hymnal, No. 264

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION O Risen Christ, Ascended Lord

*POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Mark Hayes

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for December 1: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 12; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for November is **blankets, sweatshirts and gloves**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles.

Mark your calendars for the **Christmas Potluck and Pageant on Sunday, December 15** following worship.

The Worship and Music committee joyfully invites you to assist in **preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas season**. Joan Cole and Vince Leseney will be "directing the decorating" at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 29. All are welcome!

This year we will be **providing Christmas gifts for the Women's Resource center**. Information is available on the hallway bulletin board.

NO KIDS CLUB Wednesday, November 27th.

SUNDAY

November 24

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

THURSDAY

November 28

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY

November 29

10:30 A.M. – Sanctuary Christmas Decorating
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KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jan Cunningham
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Karen Girdner
Blair Lanning
Judd Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Gary Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Devyn Upton
Karen Upton
Janann Yeager
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)
Jim Leseney

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Mike and Joan Cole whose brother Jim Cole died November 12.
Linda Eckel and family whose husband Jim Eckel died October 31.
Lisa Upton whose father Nolan Spaugy died on October 30.

Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

November 25– Josh Hudson

December 1– Gabe Benson

Bruce Bunce

Carl Forthman

Nick Lindley

Anniversaries

November 27– Jim & Linda Rodriguez

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore**

We **give thanks** for:

- Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized
- economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many
- policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources
- those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony.

We **pray** for:

- more just, participatory and democratic rule
- locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources
- greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation
- the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries