

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

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

Come, Worship God
David Marvel, Organist

Michael Perry

*LITANY FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Vince Leseney

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.

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior,
you pour out your power for the powerless
and your salvation for the lost.
Remember us in your new creation,
so that we may live in peace with you
in the presence of the Holy One,
to whom be all honor and glory,
through you, in the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymnal, No. 267

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
(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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Alice Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 93

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;

your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than
the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!**

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

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MESSAGE

What Kind of King?

Tracy L. Evans

*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: ...Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Hymnal, No. 378

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

*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.

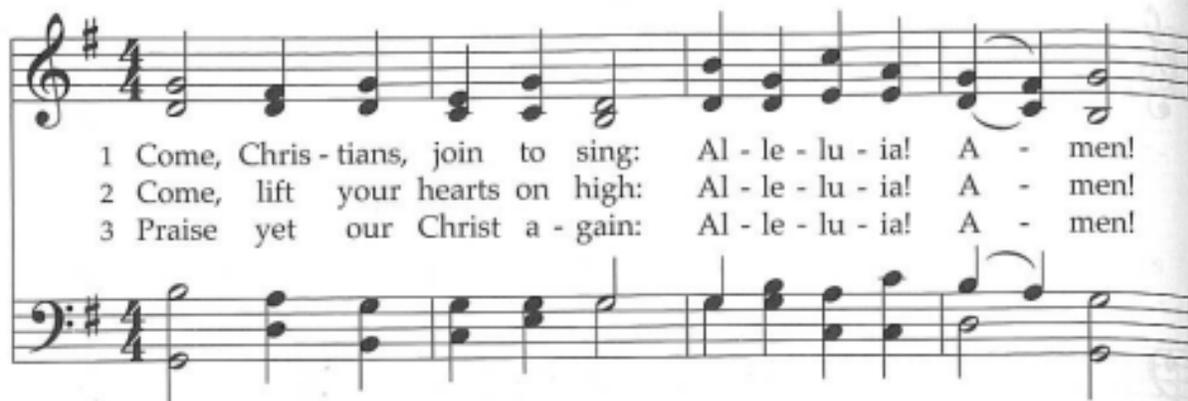
Lectionary Readings for November 28: Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

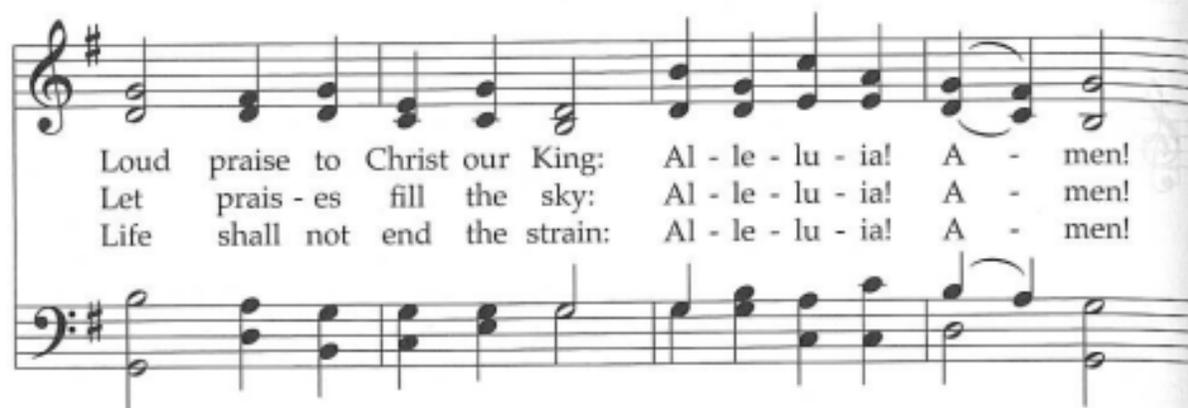
The Food & Shelter item of the month for **November is any non-perishable Thanksgiving items**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table

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

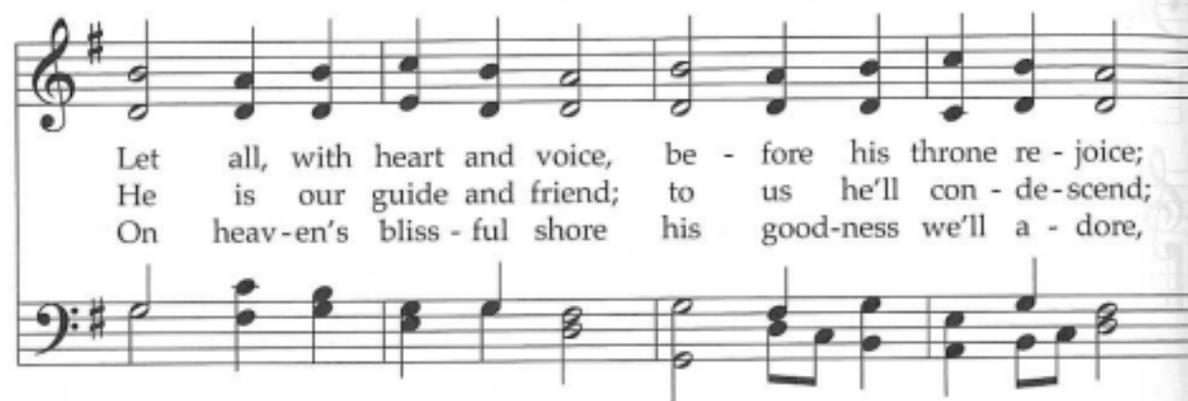
267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



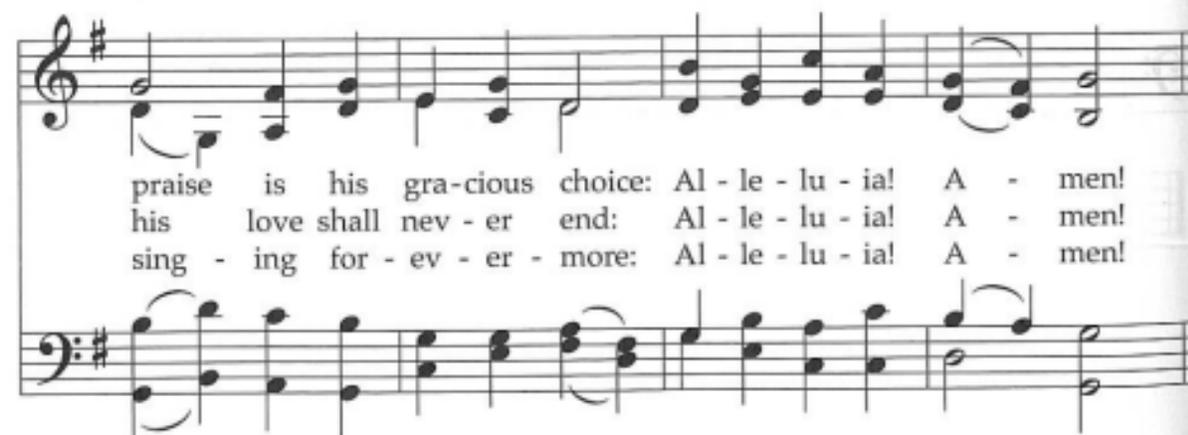
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

At the Name of Jesus

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Capo 5: (Am)

Dm

(G) (Am) (C) (Am)

C Dm F Dm

(Dm) (Am)

Gm Dm



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C)

F

(G)

C

(Am)

Dm

(C) (Dm)

F

Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G)

C

(Em)

Am

(Am)

Dm

(G)

C

(D)

G

(G)

C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am)

Dm

(G)

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(Em)

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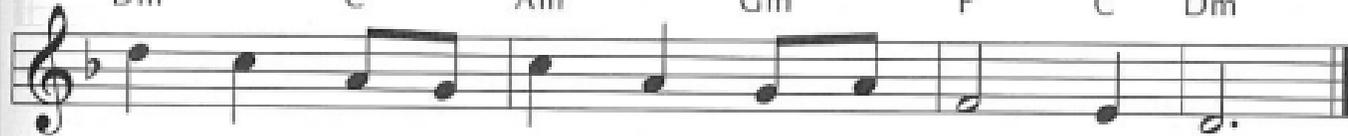
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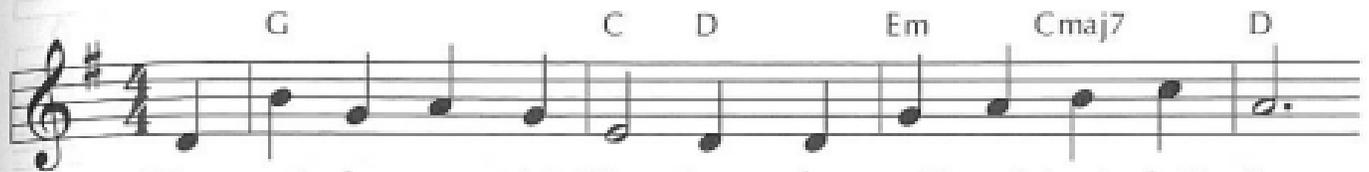
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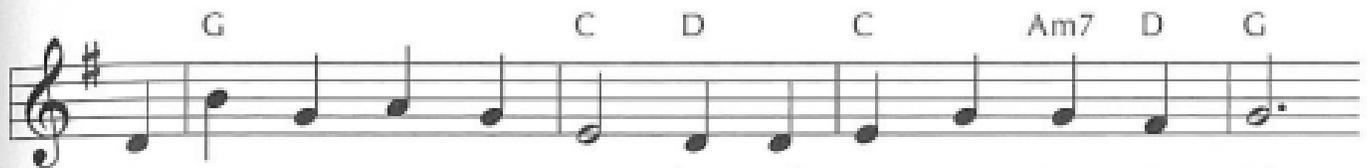


who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

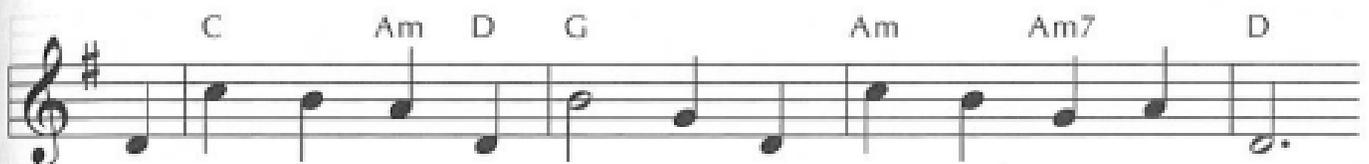
We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?
3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,



in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,
We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.
when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"
to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.



when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;
Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:
still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:
The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.
sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.