Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reign of Christ **November 22, 2026**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP
God of all people,
you welcome us.
In the faces of one another
we see your face.
Help us to look each other in the eye.
Lead us from our comfortable corners
toward those who live different lives
and those we have forgotten or overlooked.
Bring us face-to-face
with service and humility,
and call us into reconciliation
with you, with creation,
and with one another. Amen.

PRELUDE Adagio Felix Mendelssohn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lucy Lanning

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know this! The Lord is God!

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.

Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!

Come, let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE Crown Him with Many Crowns Hymnal, No. 268

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end.
All authority and power to direct the ways of the world
are in your hands.
Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind
with the same freedom to choose and act that you have.
We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it.
We choose to do the things we know not to do.
We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience
pulling us away from what is wrong.
We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is"
about the sufferings and injustices of the world
when we should be working to make a change.
Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action.
Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us,
that we be empowered to do justly,
love kindness
and walk humbly before you.
Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
(Time for silent reflection)

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. So believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 949

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 95:1-7a

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

ANTHEM Worship the King, Our God Andy Albritton and Dave Black

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 25:14-30 Page No. 807
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE When Was It? Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Come, Great God of All the Ages Hymnal, No. 309

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen
(I Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20;28)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Response:…Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Give Thanks Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG O Lord, You Are My God and King Hymnal, No. 270

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Sigfried Karg-Elert

*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for November 29: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

The Food & and Shelter items of the month for November are cough drops/ cold medicine and blankets. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Join us following worship today as we decorate the worship space for Advent/Christmas.