

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reign of Christ

November 23, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Image of the invisible God,
firstborn of all creation, Prince of peace,
Word through whom all things were made,
rule our minds and hearts with
justice born of righteousness
and mercy born of love.
Guide us to participate in your kingdom,
where all God's people have a share
in the strength that comes
from God's glorious power. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude on We Gather Together

John Carter

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

**We are the inheritors of the promises
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**From across the street, from halfway around the world,
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,
we are those redeemed by God.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymnal, No. 268

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we
have not lived as your people:**

we stand by watching

while those in need struggle to survive;

we cast our lots with those

who worship power and success;

we offer insults rather than words of grace

to those who care for us;

we scoff at your words

which call us to a different lifestyle.

**Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others,
to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior,
who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.**

(Time for silent reflection)

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us!

**God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life.
Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.**

***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 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

Julie Forthman

SCRIPTURE READING

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Colossians 1:11-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

ANTHEM

Worship the King, Our God

Andy Albritton and Dave Black

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Christ Our Ruler

Rev. Elizabeth Affsprung

*SONG OF FAITH

Soon and Very Soon

Hymnal, No. 384

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the triune God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through the Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe

- **that God has revealed themselves as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people**
- **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged**
- **that God calls the church to follow them in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry**
- **that God frees the prisoner, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, and blocks the path of the ungodly**
- **that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream**

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

To the one and only God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: We lift up our hearts,...**in trust and gratitude.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*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 Kings Recessional Herbert Howells

*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 30: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for November are canned goods and non perishable items. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.