

Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 2022

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - Carillon - Dean Wagner

Call to Worship

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Blessings and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!

Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn No. 715** - Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice;
again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
th'archangel's voice; the trump of God
shall sound, rejoice!

Invocation

Almighty God, who gave your Son, Jesus Christ a realm where all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading (Hymnal page 208; read responsively)

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who has come to set the chosen people free.

**The Lord has raided up for us
a mighty Savior from the house of David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us;

**to show mercy to our forebears
and to remember the holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship without fear,
holy and righteous in the Lord's sight,
all the days of our life. R**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

8:30- *Clap Your Hands and Sing* - Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Clap, O clap your hands and sing. Lift up your voice in exultation.

Clap, O clap your hands and sing. Sing a joyful jubilant song.

Sing a new song, let the alleluias ring

11:00 - *Rejoice the Lord is King* - Kay Hawkes Goodyear

God's Word for Young Disciples

(Those in grades K-4 may be excused for Children's worship during the 11:00 service. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall.)

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn No. 166** - *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

All praise to thee, for thou. O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,
thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - Thanksgiving - Charles Callahan

(Please fill out the presence card found in the pews and place it in the offering plates in the narthex or bring it to the front during the offertory.)

Doxology**

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

Prayers of the People/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 trespasses, as

we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn No. 102** - Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 664 vs.2)

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face— our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Postlude - Fugue all Gigue in G major - J.S. Bach



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given

In honor of Sarah Demeter's birthday by her parents Joe and Linda Demeter

Service Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir; Chancel Ringers, Both
Music: One License A-731491

CHURCH NOTES

Fall Hiking Spree: Today's is our last hike and it will be at Gorge Metro Park on the Glens Trail (1.8 miles.) We will meet at 2:00 p.m. for a quick devotion.

Pastor Mike Ward graduated from the Course of Study program! Let's shower him with cards to congratulate him. Please bring or mail cards to First Church with "Pastor Mike" on the envelope. Thank you!

Holiday Nuts Are Back! Head down to Asbury Hall between and after church services and in the church office during the week to purchase delicious nuts for the holiday. Or order them now for a specific Sunday. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center. We are offering Deluxe mixed nuts and whole cashews for \$10/lb and raw pecans for \$12/lb.

Thanksgiving Service: There will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer service on Tuesday, November 22, at 7 pm at St. John's Episcopal. Rev. Priebe will preach that evening. Join us as we gather with the other churches on Church Square to give thanks together.

Socks! The Acts of Grace Circle will continue to collect socks during the month of November for the men and women at Haven of Rest/Harvest Home. Please bring in new socks and place them in the basket located outside the church library. Thank you!

Parent's Morning Out: We will sponsor a Parents Morning Out for infants through grade 6 on Saturday, December 10 from 9 am to noon. Children will enjoy a pancake breakfast, shop at the Santa Shop (included in the cost), watch a movie and more. The cost is \$10/child and \$25 max/family of preschool and elementary children. Families with more than 3 children, will need to pay an additional \$10 for each child under 3.

Santa Shop Items Needed: We are in need of items for our annual Santa Shop - especially for children, teens and men. We also need Christmas gift bags of all sizes, wrapping paper, and scotch tape. You may drop off your items in the bin by the Welcome Center by Wednesday, December 7. Please contact Karol Lewis if you are able to help the kids with their wrapping or Donna Curfman to help with shepherding the kids or with the pancake breakfast.

Operation Christmas Child: This organization helps more than 7 million children experience Christmas by collecting and distributing gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 100 countries. You can help by buying new items to pack, donating \$10 to cover the shipping costs, or taking a shoebox from the Breezeway display and returning it completed by November 20. A complete list of items is available at the Welcome Center. Please return items by, **tomorrow** November 14.

1st Church Feeds: Our December food distributions have been moved to the 3rd Saturday due to Christmas. Please mark your calendars for December 17. If you have not volunteered before, or you are interested in helping be the hands of Jesus to those in our community that need food assistance, please contact Jen LaFleur at jenlafleur98@yahoo.com for more information.

Hat & Mitten Mission: We will begin our Hat & Mitten mission at the end of November. If you are out shopping and you find gloves/ mittens/ winter hats, or socks, please consider purchasing them for this mission project. More information will be forthcoming as to where the donation table will be located.

OPEN M Missions: Once again it is time to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We are collecting money for Christmas turkeys and gifts for children. Last year we provided 156 turkeys and gifts for 78 children. Turkeys run about \$15.00 and children's gifts \$50.00 per child for two gifts. When donating please use separate checks and do not include it at the same time as usual church gifts. You can drop your check or donation off if you like while in church. Please make sure to designate OPEN M Christmas or OPEN M turkeys. Blessings for considering others.

First Church Apparel: Here's an easy way to get your Christmas shopping done AND help the Mission Committee give more to our local missions. We are selling shirts with our church name and logo. You order and pay through Bonfire. They will send you the shirt(s). They will be taking orders through December. We have two links with the Bonfire Company:

1. A simple design with church name only on the front of whatever type shirt you'd like we even have a hoodie:

<https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser/>

2. Shirt/hoodie with church name front and back: "I go to a great church" on back:

<https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser-1-1/>

Next Steps

Christ not yet King

Luke 1:6 – Zechariah had faithfully served God through disappointment
vs. 74 – he served without fear even though Israel had many enemies

Plodding with Hope

vs. 63 – yet full of hope, Zechariah does the next right thing
vs. 79 – Christ’s victory parade can be plodding through darkness with hope

Questions for Reflection: Zechariah’s faith caused him to praise God and bless his son, John, while he knew that the world was dangerous and broken. He served God faithfully through personal difficulties and outward pressures to live by fear rather than faith. Despite these things, he took the next faithful step along his path toward light and peace. What is my next, faithful, right step in the unique difficult places of my life?

Question for Discussion: When have you seen someone bless God and push forward in difficulty as Zechariah did? Did their faithfulness and courage cause you to live differently?

Memory Verse: **Luke 1:78-79** - By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Readings for this Week: Isaiah 58, 2 Cor 4:8-18, Luke 2:1-6

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Family of member Alice Becher on her death on 11/4.
Family of member Doris Warnick on her death on 11/7.