

Christ the King Sunday

10:30 a.m.

November 26, 2023

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name

Prelude - *Prelude in F, Op. 101, No. 1* - C.V. Stanford

Introit - *His Name is Wonderful* - Audrey Mieir

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

Praise God with lives of compassion.

Sing with acts of kindness.

Glorify God with acts of mercy.

Praise God with works of justice.

Praise God with overflowing love.

Opening Hymn 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

God of grace and God of glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our love. Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day. Help us know the hope to which we are called, that we may be the servants you craft us to be. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Anthem - *Crown Him With Many Crowns* - Paul Manz

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;

Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,

Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;

Fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem;

The root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem.

(choir) Crown him the Lord of Love, behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;

Crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.

Crown him with many crowns as thrones before him fall;

Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all.

God's Word for Young Disciples

Scripture Reading - Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

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

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

Sermon - *Shout for Joy to the Lord!*

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn of Response 160** - *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud.
(Refrain)*

*Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.
(Refrain)*

*At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home,
Jerusalem the blest.
(Refrain)*

*Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.
(Refrain)*

Offertory - *Fugue in G Minor* - J.S. Bach

(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

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 89** - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,*

in the triumph song of life.

Benediction and Response - *Let Us Share God's Love* - Ruth Schram

Postlude - *God of Grace and God of Glory* - Paul Manz



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

Service Music: Chancel Choir; Epworth Choir

Music: One License A-731491

CHURCH NOTES

Holiday Nuts: The nut sale is back! You may purchase them between and after services on Sundays, in the office during the week, or you may pre-order and pick them up on the Sunday of your choice. We have Deluxe Mixed, whole cashews (both at \$10/lb.) and raw pecans (\$12/lb.) You may drop your order form off at the Welcome Center. Proceeds will benefit Work Camp.

Advent Remembrance Service - On Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 pm we will hold our Advent Remembrance Service in the Sanctuary. This event is a way we can remember those who have lost loved ones, or experienced other loss in the past year. If you plan to attend, please bring an ornament to hang on the Christmas tree in memory of your lost loved ones for the service. You may take the ornament home after the service ends.

OPEN M Gifts For Kids: You may make a check out to First Church with Open M in the memo and turn it in to the church office or you may go online to www.openm.org/christmas and follow the instructions to either make a donation or choose to sponsor a child. They are also looking for volunteers to shop for the gifts with the money given. If you would like to do that, please contact Kelly Daw at 330-434-0110, Ext. 418.

Christmas for Good Neighbors: Good Neighbors has begun their holiday drive in order to provide gift bags for the children they serve. Items they are requesting are winter-themed reading books, coloring books, sticker books, and puzzles. They would like to have an such donations by early November.

Acme Receipts: Remember to turn in your Acme receipts dated from August 1. All proceeds from the Cashback program go towards Work Camp.

ROCK: The Annual Advent Event will take place during ROCK on December 3. It will include snacks, a chance to help prepare for Christmas Eve, a craft, making cards for our shut-ins, and coloring for Christmas. Registration is requested and will be needed **by November 27**. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

Men's Time Out: All the men of the church and community are invited to gather on the first Saturday of every month for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! It runs from 8:30 to 9:30 in Asbury Hall and the next one will take place this **Saturday, December 2**.

OPEN M Turkeys: We have committed to help OPEN M provide turkeys for 200 Akron area families for Christmas. You may sign up to donate a frozen turkey or you may sign up to make a cash donation until Friday, December 1. If you are going to donate a turkey, please let us know as OPEN M would like a count by December 1 so that they know how many turkeys they must buy. Please bring your frozen turkey donations to the OPEN M refrigerator truck in our parking lot on Saturday, December 9 between 8-10 am.

___ I will donate \$20 toward the purchase of a turkey.

___ I will donate a turkey

Name _____

St. Nicholas Brunch: Everyone is invited to a St. Nicholas Brunch on December 10 in Wesley Hall. This special breakfast will be served from 9:30 a.m. to noon and all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations will be requested to cover the cost of the event.

A special guest will be present and family or children's pictures can be taken. If you'd like a picture, please bring either a winter hat and gloves or a \$5 contribution to be given to Family Promise. Pictures and crafts will be from 9:30 to 10:30 and 11:30 to noon. Registration is required by December 3. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

Are you new to First Church? Not new, but thinking about joining? We want to help you get connected through our Discipleship Pathway. Please let Pastor Pippin know you are interested and mark your calendar for an initial gathering on Sunday, December 10, at 9:45 in Asbury Hall. You may reach him through the church office, or at fallsfirstpippin@gmail.com.

Advent Study: Please join the churches on the Square for a combined Advent Study which will be hosted by First Christian Church next door. The study will meet on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning on November 30.

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PRAYER BULLETIN
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