

**Benediction**—*The Lord Bless You & Keep You*—Peter Lutkin

**Postlude**—*Nun danket alle Gott*—J. S. Bach

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Sarah Demeter's birthday by Joe and Linda Demeter.**

**Music**—One License A-731491

\*\*Please stand as you are able.

**Clergy & Staff**

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

## Christ the King Sunday

**10:45 am**

**November 24, 2024**

### GATHERING

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

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**—*Fanfare for Thanksgiving*—Walter Pelz

**Introit**—Sing Praise—Ruth Elaine Schram

#### **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.”

Blessing and honor and glory

and might be unto the Lamb!

**Opening Hymn 715\*\*** —*Rejoice the Lord is King*

#### **Invocation**

Sovereign God, you clothe your people in the garments of salvation, and you bless them with grace and peace. Open our eyes to the glory of your Son, who comes to rule with justice and reign with righteousness. Open our ears to the sound of his voice, and open our hearts to love as he loves, that we might shine like dew on the grass and dwell in Christ's peace. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION

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

**Scripture Reading**—*Psalm 132:1-7*

**Gloria Patri**—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

**Anthem**—*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*—Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

Chad Wagner, Gabe Coletta, trumpets; Jacob Bodnar, horn; Nolan Miller, Tristan Roach, trombones; J.C. Sherman, tuba; Neil Lantry, percussion, Phil Lantry, piano

*The anthem is given in honor of the 90th birthdays of Fred and Janet Dodson by their children.*

#### **God's Word for Young Disciples**

**Scripture Reading**—*John 18:33-37*

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

**Sermon**—“*What Kind of King is Jesus?*”

Pastor Howard Pippin

### RESPONSE

*The People of God respond to the Word.*

**Hymn of Response 694\*\***—*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

#### **Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory**—*I Will Give Thanks*—Allen Pote

Epworth Choir

#### **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.

#### **Prayer 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 102\*\***—*Now Thank We All Our God*

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## OPENING HYMN

*Hymn #71, Rejoice the Lord is King*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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!

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn #694, Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Hymn #102, Now Thank We All Our God*

1. 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.
  
2. 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.
  
3. 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.

**Stewardship Update:** Please see the graphics set up in the Sanctuary and Breezeway for an update on our campaign. Nancy will be here after worship to assist you with any questions about pledges and electronic banking set-up.

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** Join us for this Ecumenical worship service on Tuesday, November 26 @7:00pm. Hosting this year is St. Luke's Lutheran Church on 6th Street in Cuyahoga Falls.

**Holiday Nut Sale:** Purchase your nuts on Sundays, and in the office from 9-3pm/M-F. All proceeds from the sale benefit 2025 Work Camp.

**City Tree Lighting:** FUMC is joining the City and the Church Square to host community activities during the Cuyahoga Falls City Tree Lighting! Please join us on **Saturday, November 30 from 4-6pm**. If you are interested in being a greeter please arrive at 4pm and wear your name tag and a smile. We are looking forward to this event.

**St. Nicholas Brunch/Santa Shop:** Join us December 8, 9:30-12:30am in Wesley Hall. The cost is \$7/ adults, \$5/children 3-11, under 3 is free. Questions or to volunteer contact: melinda.chase@gmail.com.

**Open M Holiday Collection:** Open M has begun their Christmas campaign "For the Love of Children." If you would like to donate towards the purchase of gifts for children in need, please mark "Open M Christmas" on your giving envelope. Any amount is appreciated. Open M is also asking for volunteers to help with the holiday campaign. You can find more information on the flyer at the Welcome Center or fill out their volunteer form. <https://www.openm.org/christmas-volunteer-form>. Thank you for your consideration.

**Advent Study:** Based on the book *God Is in the Manger*. Please contact the office, 330-923-5241, to secure a copy of the book for \$10. The study will meet the first four Mondays in December (2, 9, 16, 23) @7:00pm in the Parlor.

**ROCK Reminders:** December 4 will be our *Advent Event* during the regular ROCK time of 5:30-6:30 p.m. Music rehearsals will be at 4:30 (Bells and Choir) and snack-supper @5:00. After, we will make a craft, prep the candles for Christmas Eve and begin our Advent celebration! This will be the last 2024 ROCK session. We will resume on January 8, 2025. *There will be a music rehearsal on Wednesday, December 11. The children are singing on December 15 and 24.*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Scott Adie	Bonnie Michaud
Bob Ahonen	Delores Marefka
Joanne Ames	Lee Miller
Debbie Amundsen	Lee Minier
Mary Ellen Atwood	Becky & Jerry Pecko
Dorothy Bates	Becky Petty
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Sandi Robinson
Suzanne Callahan	Kathi Sawyer
Jim Evans	Todd Schneider
Becky Folsom	John Toomey
Mary Griest	Kathy Walker
Jim Henes	Rose Ann Youngkin
Dwight Konic	
Kristopher Lewis	

**Deepest Sympathy & Prayers:** to Becky Higgins, Sandy Rouse and family on the death on their mother, member Delphia Lowe on 11/9. The family of Kathleen Petrone on her death on 10/23.

**In our greater world:** We pray for mechanics. We pray for Green Valley UMC and Park UMC.