



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



Christ the King Sunday bridges Ordinary Time and Advent, inviting us to shift our attention to preparation for the Incarnation, even as the retail commercials are already pushing us headlong into Christmas. The day is normally scheduled on the last Sunday before Advent. It helps worshipers, who are already thinking about Christmas, to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the “Prince of Peace.”

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

J.S. Bach

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

Pride slays thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grow. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.

Henry Ward Beecher

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Thanksgiving!” (9:00)

John Ness Beck

“What a Wonderful World” (11:10)

William Reynolds

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: “God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13-14).

People: “Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything” (Colossians 1:18).

All: We worship and adore you, Christ our King.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

(*Please stand if you are able)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that you are our refuge and our strength, and that you are our help when we are in trouble. Yet, while we know you are present with us, we are impatient in waiting for your

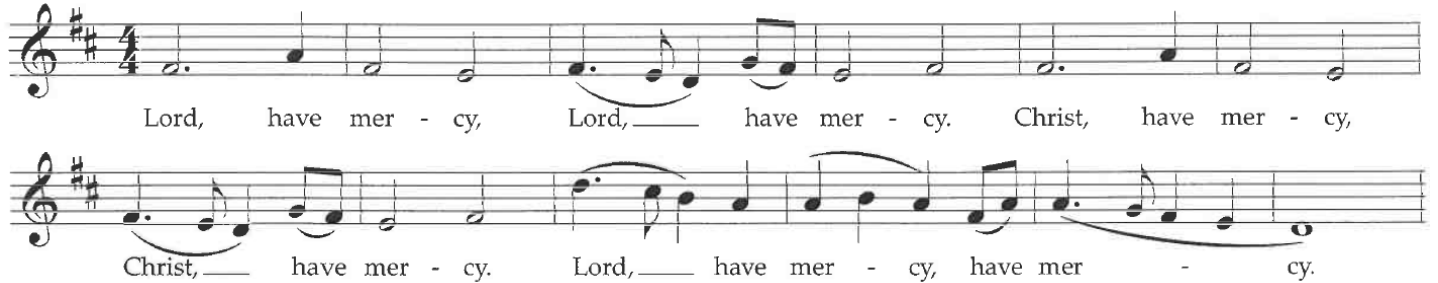
response. We lash out at you, wondering if you have forgotten us, and we quit responding to the world as your disciples. Forgive us. Help us remember that you are God, that you are with us always, and that we can trust in your presence. With this reminder, give us strength to reach out to others in your name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON

“Lord, Have Mercy”


Schubert



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI



All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en, to Fa-ther and to Son and Spir-it now be giv-en: the
one e-ter-nal God, whom heaven and earth a-dore, the God who was, and is, and shall be ev-er-more.

WELCOME

ANTHEM (11:10)

“Thankful”

Natalie Sleeth

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:10)

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

page 633 of the pew Bible

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:00)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23: 33-43

page 859 of the pew Bible

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Christ as King – Quaint, Fake, or Earthshaking News?"

Dr. Zieman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our World Belongs to God, st. 1-2, 29, 56

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him!

God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne. There he hears our prayers, pleads our cause before the Father, and rules our world. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule and every resistance to his will shall be crushed. Then his kingdom shall come fully, and our Lord shall rule forever.

*SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS (Schubert)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — heav - en and earth are full, — full —
of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (9:00)

Dale Wood

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (11:10)

Michael Larkin

*DOXOLOGY (#607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the most vulnerable among us. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #265** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (9:00) Peter Lutkin
"Go Now In Peace" (11:10) Don Besig

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
stead-strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you be-lieve.
Reach out to oth-ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch-ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in
faith, and in love. — A - men. — A - men. — A - men. —

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

For your convenience during worship: Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and white prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential.



Thanksgiving Offering: We are collecting a Thanksgiving Offering today and next Sunday, November 27. You may use the special offering envelopes in the pews or write "Thanksgiving" on a blue envelope. The PCOC Mission Committee uses the funds to provide Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in Omaha through our mission partner Completely Kids. The funds we collected from last year's offering provided dinners for 70 families this Thanksgiving.



Announcements

For the week of November 20, 2022

The Week Briefly

Sunday, November 20

PANTRY SUNDAY

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- Noon Advent Workshop & Lunch
PCOC Nominating Committee
- 9:00 College Bible Study on Zoom

Monday, November 21

- 9:00 & 11:00 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 5:30 Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 23

- 10:00 OAC Meeting
- Office Closed Starting at Noon

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving

Office Closed

Friday, November 25

Office Closed

Saturday, November 26

- 10:00 Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 27 – Advent Begins

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- 12:00 New Member Class
- 1:00 Resound Rehearsal
- 8:00 College Bible Study on Zoom

Joys and Concerns

- Longtime PCOC member Penny Cassling passed away on November 11. A family service was held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, November 16.
- The flowers for today's service were provided by Jim and Joan Gayle Chapin in honor of 50 years of wedded bliss and by Sally Hansen & Angela Holdren in celebration of 3 generations of birthdays (Jack, Angela, Colton).

Advent Workshop & Lunch is Today. If you signed up for crafts and/or lunch, join us in Fellowship Hall after late service.

Time Change for College Bible Study Tonight. Anyone of college age is invited to join us on Zoom at 9:00 p.m. (check your email from church for Zoom information)

Nominate an Officer Today! In the Presbyterian Church, we have the privilege and responsibility of nominating and electing our own congregational leaders. Now is the time to nominate a new class of Elders and Deacons. Your input is both appreciated and necessary! Forms are available online, in the Church Office, and at the Information Desk. The deadline is December 18. Questions? Contact a member of the church nominating committee: Brad Gibson, Jim Chapin, Anna Sumner, Earlene Uhrig, Jeff Boyum, and Pam Otto. The Nominating Committee will meet at noon today in Room 14.

Office Closures for Thanksgiving. Please note that the office will be closed starting at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and all day on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Advent Dinner Is Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. Advent Dinner is a festive and meaningful way to start the Christmas season and includes a catered meal, lots of fun, fellowship, and the long-awaited Christmas pageant by our PCOC children. Our theme this year is "The Star of Bethlehem." Bring a dessert to share - pre-cut bars, cupcakes, or cookies. No cakes or pies this year, please. **Sign up online by November 23!**

Stewardship Update

77% of pledge cards have been returned, and we are 94% of the way to next year's budget goal financially. I encourage everyone to do their best to complete and return their financial giving commitment for next year to my office.

Rock Sumner, Business Administrator



Hanging of the Greens on Saturday. Join us on November 26 at 10:00 a.m. to assemble and decorate Christmas trees, hang wreaths and garlands, and enjoy treats and music. This is a fun event for the entire family. Sign up online on the church website by November 23, so we know you're coming.



Light the Advent Candles. Starting November 27, we need families to light the Advent candles during worship. You will read the Call to Worship as you light the Advent candle. Please sign up at the Information Desk.

Pick up your Greenery on November 27. If you ordered wreaths or centerpieces from the SHF Fundraiser, please pick up your item(s) in Fellowship Hall after early service or after late service on Sunday, November 27.

A Hope-Filled Christmas for HHM. It's time to think about making Christmas happier for Heartland Hope Mission (HHM) families. The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Just choose an angel from the tree, shop, and return your unwrapped gift to the church by December 11. Want to do more? You can also adopt a family, shop online, or donate funds to support HHM's Christmas efforts. Find details on the church website. Also, remember the food and hygiene item needs for the HHM pantry.

New Member Class on November 27. Do you know someone interested in joining the church? If so, let them know that the next new member class will be Sunday, November 27 after late service. We will meet in Room 15. A light lunch will be provided. Sign up online or call the church office.

Active Minds Closes Out 2022 on November 29. Join us for one final day of Canasta, Pinochle, or Jumbo Sequence. Active Minds will not meet in December. Hope to see you join us sometime in 2023 -- January will be Mahjonn, with details coming right after Christmas.

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle on December 1. Join the discussion on Lesson 4, Sabbath and Surrender lead by Charlene Weyand at our Presbyterian Women's Circle on Thursday, December 1 at 9:00 am in Room 15. Direct any questions to Cindy Nisley.

49ers on December 6. Our December speaker will be a SURPRISE GUEST FROM THE NORTH POLE. You won't want to miss this!!! Join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room. Everyone is welcome, whether you are 49, younger, or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up at Information Center.



Sign Up for the "Tables for Eight" - Winter Session 2023. The deadline for registration for the winter session (January, February, March, and April) is December 10. New "Regular" participants (couples or singles) are definitely welcome to join this fellowship opportunity. New "Substitutes" are welcome as well. Questions and answers about "Tables for Eight" are on the registration form, and the form is available at the Information

Desk or on the church website. Please return registration forms to the Information Desk on or before December 10. Questions: Contact Pam Otto.

Come One, Come all, to Friday Night Gourmets' Hearty Hors d'oeuvre Christmas Party! Join us on Friday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Tim and Kris Goodman's Home, 17206 Fairway Drive, in the Tiburon South Subdivision. Please bring either a dessert or appetizer and the beverage of your choice! We will provide wassail and a signature cocktail. It will be a fun and festive occasion. Questions? Call Kris or AJ & Judy Sundberg. Please sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

Presbyterian Men Volunteers Needed to Ring Bells for the Salvation Army. Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to ring bells for the Salvation Army's Christmas campaign on Saturday, December 17, at Hy-Vee on 132nd and Dodge. Each volunteer will ring during 1-hour shifts starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. (2 people at the east and west doors/shift). Volunteers should check in with one of the PM Board Members about 5 minutes before the start of your shift. This is an easy and enjoyable opportunity to assist the Salvation Army in helping those among us in need during the Christmas season. Please sign-up at the Information Desk by Sunday, December 11. Thanks to Jim Chapin for coordinating this activity.



Sign Up for Education in the New Year!

Stories for Life in God's World: A Study of Parables - Led by Kirk Ryckman

Wednesdays, January 11 – March 15 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Room 15

Using a study from the Kerygma Bible Study Series, Kirk Ryckman will lead a class on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. during Cornerstone. Together we will study these timeless stories that speak to our faith and influence the decisions we make while discovering what makes a parable unique. We hope to grow in our appreciation of how Jesus used these short and seemingly simple stories to express the heart of the good news he brought. Register online!

The Ten Commandments - Past, Present, and Future - Led by Pastor Christine

Sundays, January 29 – February 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 15

The Ten Commandments are foundational to our faith and to God's story. It's the "setting in stone" of God's expectations for humanity. Yet, the law has had different emphases in the Christian tradition over the years. In this class, we will analyze the Ten Commandments from several different lenses from Biblical scholarship to history to contemporary culture. There is no book, but Pastor Christine will provide some readings for you throughout the study.

Drug Education Class for Parents and Children

Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Join members of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m., as they provide an overview on the latest drug threats facing the country and more specifically what's being seen in Nebraska. The presentation for adults will focus on the methods used by drug trafficking networks to move illicit drugs into and across the country while both growing a consumer base and aiding in a nation-high overdose death record. Students will be broken into groups by grade and given age-appropriate presentations on drug education and awareness. Students and adults will have time to ask questions at the end of their presentations. Sign up online. For more information about the class, contact DEA Public Information Officer Emily Murray at Emily.A.Murray@dea.gov.

Please consider joining an Usher Team! Ushers serve at one service, one Sunday every month. We have openings on the 3rd Sunday at 11:10, 4th Sunday at both services, and 5th Sunday (in Oct., Jan., and April – at both services). Sign up online. Contact Jayne Frederickson with questions.

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music	9:00	Alleluia Singers; Kristi Treu, director; Annette White, organ	
	11:10	Children’s Choir; Jayne Frederickson, director; Betty Baddley, piano; Annette White, organ	
Childcare Ministry		Kari Murry, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher	
Ushers	9:00	Tim Graumann (captain), Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Cheryl Bedell, & Jeff Boyum	
	11:10	David Hopp (captain), Joe Weaver, Neal Hubbard, John Stalnaker, & Patty Ritchie	
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Sally & Bill Hanley	Circle Drive Door: Doug Larson
	11:10	North Door: Sue Jenkins	Circle Drive Door: Inga Wagner
Information Center	9:00	Sue Meusey	11:10 Kris Goodman
		Coffee in the Lobby - Pam Otto and Mimi Bauer	

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