

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Bob Naumann, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (Please sign the friendship roster.)

Call to Worship from Psalm 95:1-7

One: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

One: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**All: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

One: O that today we would listen to his voice!

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" #263  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Invitation to Confession: If today we hear God's voice, then let us harden not our hearts. Faults and failings truly confessed are truly forgiven. Let us bow before our King in humility and honesty.

Prayer of Confession: ***Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all, as Head of your Church, and Head of our lives. We confess that we have not bowed down before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. We think of Christ's church as our church. We close our eyes to those in need where, Jesus has told us, he will be found. In your mercy, please forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus Christ as ruler of our lives, that we may be loyal witnesses, obeying the commands and demonstrating the love of our Lord, our Savior, and our King. Amen.*** (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" Vs. 1 & 3 #802

Declaration of Forgiveness: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation!

**All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Thanks be to God!**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Our Song of Thanks" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Rev. 1:4-8 Elder Naumann

Scripture Reading Luke 23:33-43 Rev. McMahan

Message "The Present King" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "Trust and Obey" See Screen

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

***We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! This we believe. Amen.***

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors) Elder Naumann

Offertory "At the Name of Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "Lead On, O King Eternal" #269

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest Name I Know" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand.

***Bold italic type indicates our shared response.***

**To Our Visitors & Guests:**

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God's child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship or by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

**From Pastor Rosemary:**

Christ the King Sunday

The special Sunday was designated by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and it entered into the Protestant Church during the 1960's as more and more Protestant denominations began to use the Lectionary (or fixed schedule of readings) each Sunday. At the time of its first observance, Mussolini had been the leader of Italy for three years; an agitator named Adolph Hitler had been out of jail for a year and his Nazi party was growing in popularity; and the world lay in a great depression: a depression that would become far worse. In such upheaval and uncertainty, Pius XI asserted that, nevertheless, Christ is King of the universe. The Church needed to be reminded then. We need to be reminded now about who is worthy of our allegiance and who is Sovereign over all. The liturgical color for this day is white which symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the Church Year.

**Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity:**

Individual prayers for Healing and Wholeness are available after church on the first Sunday each month and Wednesdays by appointment. Please contact Pastor Rosemary.

*"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." Jer. 17:14.*



***"Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;  
Living in God's Love."***

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**Scripture Reading Bob Naumann: Rev. 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. *Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged

there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”