



Community Presbyterian Church

Christ The King Sunday
26 November 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) The Lord is King, God is robed in majesty.

(All) The Lord is robed, God is girded with strength.

God has established the world; it shall never be moved.

(One) We gather on this Christ the King Sunday to be reminded that God is the supreme ruler of all and that Christ is the King over all creation.

(All) God is our rock, our strength, our redeemer.

(One) Come, let us worship our King!

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 100

(One) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

(All) Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

(One) 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.

(All) Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

(One) For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn (23)

All Creatures of Our God and King

(1) All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(2) O rushing wind that art so strong,
you clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
O rising morn in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(3) O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(4) All you who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, Alleluia!

All you who pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(5) Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

***Hymn (358)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(1) Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

(2) Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

(3) Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

(4) Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... **Hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Games Up Here

No games this Monday, November 27.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, November 29th at 5:00pm** in Darley Hall and on Zoom as we begin the third chapter of Parker Palmer's *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*. Previous studies are available on our Youtube page. You can find the links on our website.

SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

34:11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

34:12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

34:13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

34:14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

34:15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

34:16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

34:20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

34:21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide,

34:22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

34:23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

34:24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-23

1:15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

1:17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

1:18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

1:19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

1:20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

1:22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

1:23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

25:33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

25:34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

25:35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

25:36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

25:38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

25:39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

25:40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

25:41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

25:42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

25:43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

25:44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

25:45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."