

McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

November 26, 2023

THE GATHERING
WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Candice Holsinger, Organist

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 95 & 100)**

(L) The Lord is a great God.

C: Our Lord is a great King above all kings.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!.

C: We worship the Lord with gladness.

L: Know that the Lord is God, He made us and we are His.

C: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His presence with thanksgiving and praise -For the Lord is good.

All: His steadfast love endures forever, His faithfulness is for all people.

***HYMN**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (Vv 1, 2, and 4)

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION: [Psalm 25]**

God of mercy and steadfast love,

We turn to You, be gracious to us.

We are lonely and afflicted, our hearts are troubled.

Consider our affliction and trouble

and forgive all of our sins, for they are great.

[Personal Confession]

To You, our Lord, I lift my soul ...

In You, my God, I trust ...

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear [and see] the Good News. According to God's steadfast LOVE and Mercy, in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, once and for all - they are remembered no more!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For _(joy)_, Gracious God ..."

All "we give you thanks."

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please welcome the children to the front of the sanctuary by singing, "Jesus Loves the Little Children".

ANTHEM

"Let All Things Now Living"

**Chancel Choir
Arr. Traditional Welsh/ Fettke**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6: 6-8, Matthew 6: 7-13

Micah 6: 6-8

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 6: 7-13

⁷ 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ 'Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ **Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

SERMON

"Prayer Part Three"

Reverend, Michael Stanton

THE RESPONSE

WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY

Candice Holsinger, Organist

*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN

"Now Thank we All Our God" (Vv 1 and 3)

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THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Candice Holsinger, Organist

**All those who are able, please stand"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26, 2023

FELLOWSHIP II:

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship directly after Sunday's service.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please contact the church office.

TAKE CARE, THE FLU AND COLD SEASON HAS STARTED:

Please help keep everyone healthy. If you have a cold or flu, please utilize the masks available at the entrances. We all thank you.

PER CAPITA:

The 2023 per capita amount is \$35.70 per church member. These funds are sent to the Presbytery and are used by the Presbytery to provide services to local churches. Please make your checks payable to the church and note "per capita" in the memo line.

GIVING TREE:

Please drop off your unwrapped gift with your tag by **December 3, 2023**. We appreciate all of your donations.

PORTABLE GROCERY CARTS:

We need 2 or 3 portable grocery carts to be use each month for the Food Pantry. If you can donate one or more, please let Carol Lasch know or Robin in the church office, Thank you.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

The nominating committee will be looking for officers to fill positions for Elder and Deacon in the coming weeks. Elders and Deacons play an important role in the church. Elders are part of the Session which governs the church. They lead the congregation in its fellowship (its ministry to one another) and in its mission (its ministry to the world). Elders seek the will of God for the congregation so they can lead it in the direction they believe Jesus would have it go. They seek to model themselves after Jesus as they listen to people and serve the church. Deacons are called to be servants to others. They visit and pray for church members who are sick or bereaved and are bridge-builders between the church and the community. If you feel that you are being called to serve, please reach out to Pastor Michael or the nominating committee. If you are contacted by the committee to serve, please pray to God for guidance! We are always looking for servants.

We are called to work out the meaning of our own lives and to find our true vocation in the love and service of God. In God's service, true freedom is found.

BASKETS OF KINDNESS:

The Deacons are preparing our yearly, Christmas baskets. They collect Giant Eagle gift cards and/or monetary donations to provide for families in need during the holidays. All donations can be given to Luann Castro, Carol Lasch or left at the Church Office with Robin. We are grateful to all of our congregation for all of your heartfelt help.

LAP BLANKETS:

Each year at Christmas the Deacons receive donations of lap blankets for the local nursing home and personal care home residents. The residents greatly appreciate the blankets. If you would like to donate a blanket or two, please give to Luann Castro, Carol Lasch, or Robin in the office. Please have your lap blankets, donated by **December, 8th** so that we can take a photo of them in the church and ready them for delivery. We are thankful for all of your support and many blessings.

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