



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday
Communion

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

He is Exalted

arr. P. Keveren

Psalm 145:1: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

“He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name; He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!”

(words and music by Twila Paris, 1985; Jubilee Communications Inc./Mountain Spring Music)

this piano solo: Ariose Music and Mountain Spring Music, 2003

Welcome and Announcements

Interim Pastor Janna VanderWoude

Gathering

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist Sarah Trodden

One: Open your hearts and your ears!

All: God has a word for us.

One: As the assembly of God’s people

All: we come to turn from hurtful ways.

**We turn toward the Sovereign One,
the humbled One whom God exalted.**

We confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

****Hymn – 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
v. 1, 2, 4

Call to Confession

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

Common Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

you are the sovereign one, Lord of heaven and earth.

You call us to live in your kingdom even now.

We confess that we have often put our trust in earthly rulers,
looking to human leaders who do not pursue your way.

We hear your word and bump it up to “higher authorities”,
waiting for them to interpret it so we know what we can safely ignore.

We wait for someone else to speak up so that we can follow them,
Instead of responding to your call when we hear it.

Forgive us, God,

when we have manipulated your word to serve ourselves.

Forgive us, God,

when we have disregarded your covenant.

By your Spirit may you write your Word on our hearts.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel.... *(Pause to hear the Good News!)*

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**Response -647

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart
(no repeats)

WORD

Moment with Children

Wes Millard

**Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

Word in Music

Rejoice the Lord is King

arr. D Forrest

1 John 4:19: *We love because he first loved us.*

(the first verse of *Holy, Holy, Holy* is included in this arrangement: words: R. Heber, 1827; music: J. Dykes, 1861; public domain)
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Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Gospel Text: Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶I tell you, I won’t eat it until it is fulfilled in God’s kingdom.” ¹⁷After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, “Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸I tell you that from now on I won’t drink from the fruit of the vine until God’s kingdom has come.” ¹⁹After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, “This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you.

Hebrew Bible Narrative Lectionary Text for the Day:

Jeremiah 36:1-8; 21-23; 27-29; Jeremiah 31:31-34

In the fourth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² Take a scroll and write in it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah, and all the nations from the time of Josiah until today. ³ Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I intend to bring upon them, they will turn from their evil ways, and I will forgive their wrongdoing and sins. ⁴ So Jeremiah sent for Baruch, Neriah's son. As Jeremiah dictated all the words that the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them in the scroll. ⁵ Then Jeremiah told Baruch, "I'm confined here and can't go to the LORD's temple. ⁶ So you go to the temple on the next day of fasting, and read the LORD's words from the scroll that I have dictated to you. Read them so that all the people in the temple can hear them, as well as all the Judeans who have come from their towns. ⁷ If they turn from their evil ways, perhaps the LORD will hear their prayers. The LORD has threatened them with fierce anger." ⁸ Baruch, Neriah's son, did everything the prophet Jeremiah instructed him: he read all the LORD's words from the scroll in the temple.

36:21-23; 27-29

²¹ The king sent Jehudi to take the scroll, and he retrieved it from the room of Elishama the scribe. Then Jehudi read it to the king and all his royal officials who were standing next to the king. ²² Now it was the ninth month,^[a] and the king was staying in the winterized part of the palace with the firepot burning near him. ²³ And whenever Jehudi read three or four columns of the scroll, the king would cut them off with a scribe's knife and throw them into the firepot until the whole scroll was burned up.

²⁷ The LORD's word came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll containing the words written by Baruch at Jeremiah's dictation: ²⁸ Get another scroll and write in it all the words that were in the first scroll that Judah's King Jehoiakim burned. ²⁹ Then say to Judah's King Jehoiakim: The LORD proclaims: You burned that scroll because it declared that the king of Babylon will come and destroy this land and eliminate every sign of life from it.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

³¹ The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. ³² It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the LORD!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Writing on our Hearts"

**Hymn -692

Spirit, Open My Heart

THANKSGIVING/EUCHARIST

**Invitation to Offering

Liturgist Sarah Trodden

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!

Offertory

Great is thy Faithfulness

arr. S. Landon

Lamentations 3:22-23: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

“Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!”

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**Doxology - 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe..... joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Song---552

Holy, Holy, Holy

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.....With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.

Song--553

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break....Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup (Please eat and drink when you are served.)

The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

Communion Music:

Sheep May Safely Graze

arr. D. Wells

Psalm 23: 1-3, 6:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(this instrumental solo by J.S. Bach, 1713; public domain; organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1976)

Prayer after Communion with the Lord's Prayer ("debts, debtors")

SENDING

The Search for Our Permanent Pastor

Jim Schroll

Jim Schroll is an Elder at First and Franklin Presbyterian Church and a long-time member of Baltimore Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. Jim is the appointed liaison for our Interim Process here at Christ Memorial.

**Hymn -269

Lead On, O King Eternal
v.3 only

**Benediction

We regret that due to licensing restrictions we are unable to stream our shared listening to this benediction song. We hope that if you have joined us online you will follow the link below to the song, *Kingdom of Jesus* by The Porter's Gate.

<https://open.spotify.com/album/1lqsuIW2cynRT37z8bwM5l?si=aGnRzC1pT6iDcnQwKIsFHg>

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. L. Shakley

Psalm 97:1a: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!
"Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!"

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Pastoral Search

Today we welcome Jim Schroll, our Interim liaison to Baltimore Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. Jim will be speaking about where we are now, what comes next, and Presbytery's role in our process of seeking an installed pastor. He will be available at coffee hour Fellowship to meet members and answer questions about upcoming steps.

Women's Bible Study

Come meet with the Women's Bible Study group on Monday November 25th to discuss The Book of James Chapter 3 at 9:30 am in the Trinity Room!

Christmas Angel Tree

As in previous years, we will be collecting Christmas gifts for families in need during this Advent Season. Beginning Sunday, November 24, a Christmas tree will be in the downstairs vestibule with paper ornaments containing gift suggestions for children and adults from our community. To participate, please:

- * Take an ornament tags (feel free to take more in the coming weeks if ornaments remain)
- * Purchase the gift – please include a gift receipt when possible, especially for clothing
- * Return the gift to the collection box or church office no later than Sunday, December 15
- * Returned gifts should be UNWRAPPED with the ornament tag taped to the gift
- * If you prefer not to shop but would like to contribute, monetary donations may be given on the CMPC website under the online giving category for Angel Tree.
- * If you have any questions, please contact Sue Ashman (301-821-2345)

Thank you in advance for your participation in our Christmas Angel Tree. It will surely brighten the lives of others this Christmas!

Stewardship Update

Thank you to those who have completed their 2025 pledges. With your help, we have reached 70% of our goal! Stewardship is rooted in faith – in Jesus and God's mission. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." If you have not completed your 2025 pledge, it's not too late! This year, we are asking you to thoughtfully, prayerfully and hopefully consider rolling over and adding what you have graciously given in the prior capital campaign to your 2025 Annual Stewardship pledge. To make a pledge, (**no login required**), scan the code or fill out a paper pledge card and place it in the Offering plate.



41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 Refrain F B^b F B^b C7



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B^b Gm7 F B^b F



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B^b F B^b



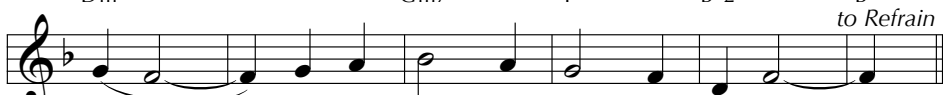
1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B^b C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

Holy, Holy, Holy

552

Capo 3: (D)

(A)

(D)

(G) (A)

(D)

F

C

F

B^b

C

F



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A)

(D/F#)

(F#m)

(G)

(A) (Bm)

C

F/A

Am

B^b

C

Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G)

(D)

(A) (Bm)

(Em7)

(A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b

F

C

Dm

Gm7

C

Fsus

F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

SERVICE MUSIC


553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
F C F B^b C F C F/A Am



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C F_{sus} F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on “deeds of love and mercy” and courage for life’s journey.