

Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021

Welcome and Announcements
 Gideon Presentation

Prelude		Christopher A. McCroskey
Call To Worship	<i>“I Love You, Lord”</i>	Choir
Centering Words		

Opening Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”</i>	715

Prayer of the Day		
The Lord’s Prayer		895

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination		
Old Testament Reading	2 Samuel 23:1-7	294-295 (O.T.)
Psalter	Psalm 132:1-5, 11-18	849-850
*Hymn	<i>“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”</i>	154
New Testament Reading	Revelation 1:4b-8	236 (N.T.)

Anthem	<i>“God Will Take Care of You”</i>	Choir
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Gospel Reading	John 18:33-37	108-109 (N.T.)
Sermon	The Kingdom Not of This World	Rev. John D. Jordan

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith	<i>“The Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
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Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		Christopher A. McCroskey
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95

*Hymn	<i>“Lead On, O King Eternal”</i>	580
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*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response	<i>“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”</i>	Choir
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*Postlude		Christopher A. McCroskey
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*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor:	John D. Jordan	AV Director:	Marie Stiles
Choir Director:	Christopher A. McCroskey	Time Together:	Dee Senn; Linda Maloch
Church Musician			

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Today’s Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Marie Stiles	Bonnie Ramsey	Jeanette Hornsby	Patsy Zeigler	Dale Wells	Charles McNeill
Pauline Wenner	Bill Pearson	Latson Lewis	Irvin Wells	Steve Aiello	Patsy Shuler
George Taylor	Oren Edwards	Esther Carter			

Shut-Ins: Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Carolyn Hardee; Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Georgeann Pace; Shirley Padgett; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Wayne Tallon; Irvin Wells

Family and Friends: **Family of Brenda Jackson** (aunt of Melissa Abrams); **George Teague** (father of friend of Ellen Matthews); **Mildred Hart** (mother of Dee Senn); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Jane & Bob Bryant** (sister and brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler); **Wessli-Ann Hardee Singleton** (niece of Lynn Martin); **Addie Kinard** (cousin of coworker of Edwa Meek); **Stuart & Penny Lloyd** (son & daughter-in-law of Tom & Marilyn Lloyd); **Cindy Ellenberg** (friend of Ray Frady); **Megan Corby** (daughter of Carlis Edwards); **Mitch Kelly** (Dale Wells' nephew); **Chip Hooker** (Wayne Hooker's father); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Dino & Wanda Moore** (friend of Tommy Gleaton); **Dave Burrell** (Business Associate of Tommy Gleaton); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Wade Albert Payne** (friend of Mary Louise Robinson); **Audrey Cassady** (sister-in-law of Mary Louise Robinson); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Betty Jean Newton** (sister-in-law of Mary Kamoroff); **Beth Ann Feimster** (sister of Christopher McCroskey); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Katelyn Rose** (daughter of co-worker of Kathy White); **Vickie Edwards** (neighbor of Kathy White); **Heather Stevens, Ty Moore, George Dorn** (friends of Kay Jordan); **Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Dianne Schmotzer** (sister-in-law of Gale Frady); **Denise Paul** (cousin of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Ray Culbreth's Group House; Nellie Gantt** (mother of friend of Ray Culbreth); **Amelia Zinski** (great-niece of Linda Maloch); **Wayne Blair** (son of Dot Johnson); **Xavier Crane** (grandnephew of John Ballentine); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Debby Harden, Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Jeff DuBrul** (son-in-law of Walt and Janet Beck); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 11/14 SS: 8 Worship: 32

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 11/14 \$ 7,780.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Calendar for this Week

11/22 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

GLIA Articles Due

11/25 Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

11/26 Office Closed

11/27 Decorating for Advent

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Help Us Decorate for Advent and Christmas

On **Saturday, November 27**, we will meet from **9 a.m. until 12 p.m.** to decorate for Advent and Christmas. Plan to join us as we prepare for the upcoming season.



Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

The Congregation
John D. Jordan
Jonathan Holston
Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



JOHN 18:36

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The idea of a king rankles our American sensibilities. The overthrow of a king birthed our nation. Instead of a king, who comes into power because of lineage, we have a president the people elect. We base our government on freely elected officials, not kings. Yet, as Christians, we swear allegiance to a King named Jesus.

The word Christ means anointed one. Anointing with oil signified that one was set apart for a special purpose. Kings were anointed as a sign that they were given authority to rule the people. Thus when we say Jesus Christ, we are saying Jesus is the one anointed to rule our lives. Jesus' authority to rule our lives comes from God.

When we claim Jesus as our Savior, repenting of our sin, we also proclaim Jesus as our ruler. We live our lives according to the divine rule of Jesus. So what does it mean to live according to the divine rule of Jesus?

This divine rule of Jesus conflicts with the rule of the world. We see this played out in the interrogation of Jesus by Pilate. Pilate represents rule from a human political standpoint. Jesus represents rule from a divine theological standpoint. Pilate represents the imperial kingdom while Jesus represents the heavenly Kingdom.

The Kingdom of Jesus is not from this world. The rule that Jesus brings into Creation is not how the kingdoms of the world rule. As proof that his Kingdom is not of this world, Jesus points out that his followers are not fighting to keep him from being handed over. This is not because his followers are a bunch of cowards but because violence is condemned in the heavenly Kingdom. When Jesus was arrested in the garden, Peter took a sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant. Jesus told Peter to put away the sword. In the divine Kingdom Jesus presents, violence is not the way.

Nearly every earthly kingdom throughout history has gained and maintained power through violence. Israel was attacked and oppressed by the Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans. Rome maintained control throughout its empire by violence. Eventually, every one of these empires fell, as have other kingdoms throughout history. Even in recent history, we have seen the defeat of Hitler's thousand-year Reich and the breakup of the Soviet Union. Empires based on violence and oppression will eventually fall. They are not eternal. These earthly kingdoms did not follow God's rule. They did not follow the rule God set forth in the beginning. They did not follow the truth.

The truth is that God's Kingdom is not just near but is happening through the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus was with God in the beginning. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him, not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:1-4) Jesus was the Word of God that was with God from the beginning of Creation. Through Jesus, life came into being.

The truth to which Jesus testifies is this, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3: 16-17

The truth is that God is reclaiming and restoring the divine Kingdom, the Creation. Jesus came into the world to give eternal life and restore Creation. We belong to this truth as we listen to the voice of Jesus, the good shepherd, the good King. We hear and follow the voice of our King as sheep follow the voice of the shepherd.

We follow the voice of our King as he calls us to invite others to follow him. The voice of our King calls us to heal the brokenness in the world. We are to heal the broken relationships and divisions, so all may be brought into the reign of our King.

The voice of our King calls us to feed the hungry, those that hunger physically and spiritually. Our King calls us to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our neighbors.

Our King calls to give sight to those who do not see Jesus. We are to re-present Jesus to those around us by living our lives as Jesus did.

We are called to serve. As our King served by washing his disciples' feet, we are called to help each other and serve all people.

Most of all, we are to give ourselves entirely over to our King. Our lives become his to use for his purpose. The divine Kingdom of which Jesus is King demands our complete loyalty and obedience, even though that leads us to the cross.

The Kingdom of God is here and now. The reign of God was revealed to the world in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. The rule was revealed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God's Kingdom is coming on earth as it is in heaven. We are part of that Kingdom as we confess Jesus as our King. We heed and follow the voice of our King over all earthly agents, obeying his commands, as he leads us onward to eternal life in the restored Creation.