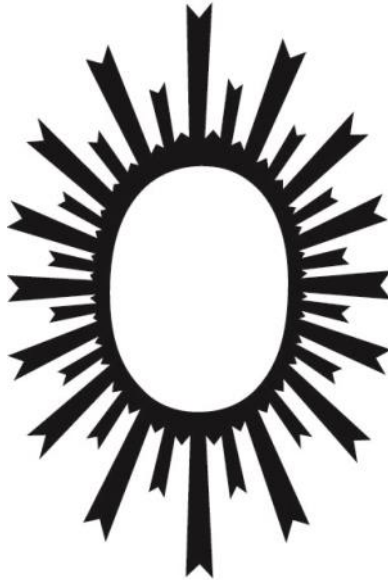


# The Service for the Lord's Day



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**November 20, 2022**

Christ the King Sunday

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*Please silence all devices*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

“Fanfare”

*William Mathias*

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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

*The liturgical year is an adventure in bringing the Christian life to fullness, the heart to alert, the soul to focus.*

~Joan Chittister

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: On this Christ the King Sunday, let us hear from Scripture the story of God’s purpose.

**All: We come to worship God who is known to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh.**

One: From the line of Jesse shall come the One filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

**All: We celebrate the promises of scripture and the birth and ministry of Jesus. We mark his death and resurrection. We give thanks for the faithfulness of his followers.**

One: We sing the praises of our God and Savior with our whole hearts.

**All: We lift our voices in joy on this eve of a new church year, celebrating Christ our Lord, our Shepherd, our King.**

**(10:30)**

#### **ANTHEM**

“We are Marching in The Light of God”

*South African Folk Song*

~Sunburst Singers

*“We are marching in the light of God. We are singing in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God.”*

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#### **ADVENT**

Micah 5:2

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 966*

#### **\*HYMN #176**

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

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#### **CHRISTMAS**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON**

One: God came to be with us in Jesus and to reconcile us to God. Trusting in this good news, we turn to God with truth and honesty. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** God of the manger, we move so quickly at Christmas that we often forget what happened at the manger: You became one of us! Forgive us for ignoring your presence with us or assuming you don't know what we're up to. Forgive us for forgetting how vulnerable you were, held in your mother's arms. Forgive us for the ways we, like the innkeeper, still say "there's no room for you here." Help us invite you into our lives and our hearts to transform and heal us.

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: Through Emmanuel—God with us—we pray,

**All:** Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The birth in Bethlehem holds the promise of rebirth. Our redeemer has come! Our salvation and healing are assured!

**All:** We are God's holy people, forgiven and freed! Praise God!

## **\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #185, v.1**

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

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## **EPIPHANY**

Matthew 2:1-2

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 2*

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Though the wise ones brought gifts to Jesus, Jesus brings so many gifts to us, especially the gift of an abiding peace. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.*

**(10:30)**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

## II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy God, we know that Jesus grew up to be a carpenter and rabbi. His family taught him the lessons of faith at home, while the elders helped him understand the common story of the people of God. Help us now to hear that story anew and to let your Spirit transform our lives as we come to understand it. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-79

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 59*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(10:30)**

### ANTHEM

“King of all Ages, Throned on High”

*Paul Isom*

~Chancel Choir

*“King of all ages, throned on high, yet savior too of those with faith, death at your onslaught dies in fear and grace triumphant rules supreme. Risen from death, the heavenly Christ receives from God the Father’s hand power over all created things: a gift he could not know on earth. Then at your coming on the clouds with shining strength to be our judge, cancel the debt we owe you still, give back the glory we have lost. Glory to you, O Christ our Lord, exalted far beyond our sight, reigning in bliss for evermore, with father and with Paraclete.”*

Paraclete=Holy Spirit

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### SERMON

“What They Get is Us”

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN #342

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: John Darwall (1731-1789)

### LENT

Mark 8:34-37

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 44*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

“King Ever Glorious”

*Eric Thiman*

~Brady DeVecchio

*“King ever Glorious! The dews of death are gathering round Thee, upon the cross Thy foes have bound thee, Thy strength is gone! Not in Thy Majesty, robed in heavens supremist splendor; but in weakness and surrender, Thou hangest here. Who can be like Thee? Pilate, high in Zion dwelling? Rome, with arms the world compelling? Proud though they be, Thou art sublime! Far more awful in Thy weakness,*

*more than kingly in Thy meekness, Thou son of God. Glory, and honor: let the world divide and take them; crown its monarchs and unmake them; but Thou will reign. Here in abasement, crownless, poor, disrobed, and bleeding; there in glory interceding; Thou art the King!"*

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### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **HOLY WEEK**

Luke 22:14-16

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 88*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

### **EASTER**

Luke 24:24-27

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 92*

### **RESPONSE #289, vs. 1 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.***

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### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>2</sup>**

One: We believe in

**All: resurrection.**

One: We awaken to

**All: the one who walked our earth and whose God-light shone through**

One: God's only son

**All: the one whose life came from the very life of God**

One: our Lord

**All: our guide, our teacher, our friend**

One: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

**All: whose life was an intent of God's creative imagination**

One: born of the Virgin Mary

**All: who sang love's song at his beginning**

One: suffered under Pontius Pilate  
**All: rejected by the powers of the world**  
One: was crucified  
**All: executed by those same powers**  
One: died  
**All: sharing the same death of us all**  
One: and was buried  
**All: love had been killed**  
One: he descended to the dead  
**All: they thought this the end**  
One: but on the third day  
**All: nothing could bind the life Jesus began**  
One: he rose again  
**All: the story continues, is lived and proclaimed:  
renewal, transformation, and life again.**  
One: We awaken to  
**All: the love of Jesus**  
One: We live in  
**All: the light of resurrection.**

#### **IV. BEARING & FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

##### **PENTECOST**

Acts 2:1-4

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 123*

##### **\*HYMN #334**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

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Music: Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch, 1693, Public Domain.

##### **\*BENEDICTION**

**(10:30)**

##### **POSTLUDE**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

*Percy Whitlock*  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

**9 am Readers & Worship Assistants: Barb Stafford, Karen Thomas, Lindsey Harris,  
The Ryan Family.**

**10:30 am Readers & Worship Assistants: Linda Batcheller, Kara Watson, Edie Watson,  
Susan Huebner, Matt Watson.**

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### **SOLOISTS**

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*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.*

### **S.T.A.G.E. Schedule (Somewhere To Ask God Everything)**

#### **Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12**

- **Today! November 20–Rise Against Hunger** food packing event at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church from 3-5 pm**. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/29du7zvr>
- **Tonight! November 20–7 pm Zoom meeting** for youth and parents about the **2023 Chicago High School Mission Trip**, dates July 9-14, 2023  
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83294734371> Meeting ID: **832 9473 4371**
- **Saturday, December 3–Berkley Christmas Parade** in partnership with Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Meet at Greenfield at 4-4:30 pm.
- **December 11–Meeting to Plan Youth Sunday** at Greenfield Presbyterian Church.  
**All grades will meet together from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.**
- **December 18–White Elephant gift exchange** and prepare luminaria for Christmas at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church. **All grades meet together from 4:30 pm-7 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm.** Luminaria are an annual fundraiser to support the S.T.A.G.E. program throughout the year.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Lois Cafmeyer: Happy Birthday!

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**On Sunday, November 27, there will be one service only at 10:30 am.**

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### **Hanging of the Greens**

Can you help decorate the sanctuary and chapel for the Advent season? **After worship today**, lend a hand for a few minutes to put out wreaths, trees, and other seasonal items. After the 9 am service, help decorate the Chrismon tree which will grace Evans Chapel. After the 10:30 am service, all items will be ready in the Parlor to decorate the sanctuary and exterior doors.

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### **Special Building Rental Today, November 20**

We are renting our building to the **Sportsman's Dog Training Club**, for an American Kennel Club Scent Work Trial today. **A few requests for today:** Please stay in the Sanctuary, Chapel, Parlor, and Narthex areas of the church building as much as possible. The restrooms will be open. If you are able, please use the ones at the top of the stairs in the CE Lobby. The dogs are being timed, so please don't interact with them in any way.

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### **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program**

As the busy holiday season arrives, we are grateful for our blessings and are aware of the great need in our community for those families who are struggling. The Salvation Army has asked for our help to make Christmas brighter for children in our area who might not receive gifts.

This year, the Salvation Army invites us to purchase new, unwrapped toys for different age groups which will be displayed on the tag. Tags will be available in the church lobby, or there will be a QR code to scan and have your gift sent directly to the Salvation Army. **Bring**

**UNWRAPPED gifts to the church by Thursday, December 8.**

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### **Poinsettias to Honor Loved Ones**

It's time to order poinsettias to honor and remember loved ones. The flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Each plant is \$14 and **orders are due by December 4**. Order with the insert in your worship bulletin, or fill out the form online and print it before turning in at church. Or pick up a paper form at the reception desk. Payment is by cash or check payable to FPCRO.

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### **Luminaria for Christmas Eve**

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry is offering luminaria to honor and remember loved ones this season, at the suggested cost of \$5 each. The luminaria will be personalized with your loved one's name, lit and displayed outside our church on Christmas Eve. **Please submit orders by December 11**. Order forms are available at the CE reception desk or you may download an order form online. Pay for orders online with Paypal to stageyouth@gmail.com or by check, made out and mailed to S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry, 2119 Catalpa Dr., Berkley, MI 48072