# - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

*11:11am • November 15, 2026*
*Christ the King Sunday*

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**GATHERING SONGS**

*Greater*
*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

**CALL TO WORSHIP USING THE PSALMS**
**CENTERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**
**GATHERING THE CHILDREN**

Pastor: From the Book of Psalms, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" *(Psalm 122:1)*

**Congregation: "In Your presence is the fullness of joy. At Your hands are pleasures forevermore."** *(Psalm 16:11b)*

Pastor: Entering God's presence brings peace, because being close to God calms troubled hearts; strength, because worship gives us new energy for daily life; and community, because gathering with other believers creates shared encouragement and love. I invite you now to center and focus and prepare your hearts for worship.

*(silence for reflection)*

Pastor: From Psalm 16,

**All: "My heart is glad and my whole being rejoices. You make known to me the path of life."** *(Psalm 16:11a)*

Pastor: We gather to worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ✠

**Congregation: Amen.**

**PARISH NEWS**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46** *pew Bible page 906*

Jesus said to the disciples: 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. 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, 33 and
he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at
his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world, 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, 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.' 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? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed
you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and
visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least
of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,
'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels,
42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.' 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?' 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.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal
life."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *What Does It Mean To Call Christ King?* Pastor Bob Stelter

*Sermon manuscript is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/media*

**SERMON SONG** *Gratitude*

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

**OFFERING SONG**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Merciful God,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION**

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All people are welcome at The Lord's Table! You will receive a piece of bread and then, dip the bread into either the wine (chalice) or grape juice (clear glass). Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers, just ask. All ages are invited to commune.*

*If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. We believe communion is a way to experience the presence of Jesus.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*
"The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."
*and each person may respond:* **Amen.**

**COMMUNION SONG**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**
Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
**Congregation: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**
Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all evil. The Lord will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. ✠ *(Psalm 121:7–8)*
**Congregation: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do* *(Children are invited to the altar)*

**DISMISSAL**
Praise Band: Our mission?
**Congregation: Love God. Love others. Serve.**
Praise Band: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

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| **ALTAR GUILD** | Vicki Adams |
| **GREETER** | Yvette Edwards |
| **USHERS** | Linda & John Shoemaker |
| **COMMUNION MINISTERS** | Carrie Parrott, Connie Rist, Lilly Cogburn, Dawn Ellis, Jack Parrott |
| **TECH BOOTH** | Ian Britton, Dan Primka, Frank Weldon |

*The arrangements on the altar are given by* ***Deb, Matt & Ethan Miller-Gray***
*in* ***memory of Matt's mother.***

**CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TEAM**
David Mabry, President · Stephen Dean, Vice President · Mary Bales, Secretary
Carrie Parrott, Treasurer · Pastor Bob Stelter · Ritchie Case
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## PRAYERS

*(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)*

**MEMBERS:** Aaron Benorden, Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Jan Bishop, Betty & Roger Brown, Ben Campbell, Jaigne Christman, Nancy Cole, Mac Curtis, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki & family, Dawn Ellis, Patsy & John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Doug Goins, Ethan Gray, Jonas Greenman, George Herbold, Anya Holbert, Deb & Doug Houck, Eric Johnson, Peggy Jurkoic, Peggy Lanning, Kris Lehman, Lin & Mike McKinley, Elaine & Gary Mount, Jen Page, Harold Peters, Joe Pigott, Linda Pigott, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Ann Stewart, Randy Stewart, Pat Weaver, John Woods, Matt Wright.

**FRIENDS & FAMILIES:** App family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Carol Bone, Courtney Briscoe, Katie & Cora Canone, Noble Carper, Hilda Chapel, Father Bruce Corrigan, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Bobby Duncan, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Pastor Brad Felix, Cindy Gioe, Angel Gobel, Gutelius family, Karen Hall, Jeff Herbold, John Hickey, Joy Hymer, Nicole Kanneman, Tammy Krueger, Loyacano family, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, George Owen, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Bob Pinchok, Sr., Bill Porter, Tim Rachke, Shannon Remington, Christian Rowe, Sarah Ryg, Salles family, Lainey Savilisky, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Bea Schultz, Richard Sena, Lynn Siegfried & family, Mary Spencley, Leora Stewart, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Janet Wengert, Willaim, Florence Willis, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Wolfe, Zenher family, Adam, Hadley & Houston, Darcy, Diane & family, Dottie, Jan & Frank, Jodi, Judy, Kayla & family, Kevin & family, Monica, Rachel, Terry *and those we name to You.*

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF:** Patsy Magnuson, Clyde Alcon, Marilyn Ball, Gale Christian, Jacob Roesler, Jane Scates, Chloe Birkholz, Rosemary Weber.

**SHEPHERD OF HOPE PANTRY FRIENDS:** Galud & family, Rodney, Samantha, Jessica, Teresa, Jesse, Mary, Ted & Sandra, Kristi & Trent, Charline, Judy, Duff, Judy, Jimbo, Connie & Pat, Sharlene, Carolyn, Tommy, JD & Jennie, Greg, Connie, Mike, grandbaby Sonya, Emma, Kriston, Ellis, a baby in the NICU, Omar, Jackie & family, Conni, Jeff, Arthur, Megan & her grandpa, Powell & her husband, Marianne, Meridith, Kenneth, Lindsay, Krissy, Lily, Diane, Joyce, Siler, Sonya, Theresa, Chance, Diane, Stephanie, Beth, Jackie, Lene, Jimmy, Tammy, Timothy, Linda, Angela, Hailey, Sandra's family, Conni, Willie, Regina, Anna, Vernon & Amber, John's family, Danny, Liz, Cole, Brittany, her father & grandfather *and those known to God.*

**SALVATION ARMY RESIDENTS:** Housing alternatives to be found for the men who must leave soon, and that needed funds will be restored. Megan, Lorainne, Vickie, Karla, Carissa & her unborn child, Camie, Michael, Roger, Michael, James, Thomas, Randy, David, Amy, John, John, Jacob, Steven, Fay, Donna *and those known to God.*

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Via de Cristo Ministry; Quiet Music Ministry; Bridge Refugee Services, Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Parkinson Band and Caregivers; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**PEACE & PROTECTION FOR ALL ARMED FORCES, ESPECIALLY:** Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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## WELCOME

We're glad you're here! Please fill-in a yellow worship card or scan the QR code so we can stay in touch!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Congregational Meeting |** *Today at noon*
- **Congregational Thanksgiving Celebration |** *November 22*
  - 10 a.m. Unified Worship Service
  - 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Meal
  - 12 p.m. Decorate the Narthex and Sanctuary
- **Candlelight Christmas Canticle |** *December 17*
- **Christmas Eve Worship Services |** *December 24*
  - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service
  - 7 p.m. Traditional Worship Service

## WAYS TO GIVE

Give with cash or check in the offering plate during service.

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*As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.*

# THIS WEEK

**Sunday, November 15**

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Learning Class
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 2 p.m. Choir Open House
- 4 p.m. Cello Recital

**Monday, November 16**

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6 p.m. Property Team Meeting

**Tuesday, November 17**

- 12 p.m. Generosity Team Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 5 p.m. Salvation Army Shelter Visit
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday, November 18**

- 10 a.m. WELCA Women's Group
- 4:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 19**

- 6 p.m. Council Executive Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, November 20**

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregivers
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, November 21**

- 11 a.m. Al Anon
- 6 p.m. English Language Learning Class

**Sunday, November 22**

- 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Unified Worship
- 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
- 12 p.m. Greening the Church

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# LECTIONARY READINGS

**M:** Zechariah 1:7-17, Romans 2:1-11, Psalm 9:1-14

**T:** Zechariah 2:1-5, 5:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18, Psalm 9:1-14

**W:** Job 16:1-21, Matthew 24:45-51, Psalm 9:1-14

**Th:** 1 Kings 22:13-23, Revelation 14:1-11, Psalm 95:1-7a

**F:** 1 Chronicles 17:1-15, Revelation 22:1-9, Psalm 95:1-7a

**S:** Isaiah 44:21-28. Matthew 12:46-50. Psalm 95:1-7

**S:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

## FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*Offerings last week:* *$13,7181*

*Offerings year to date:* *$759,720*

# SERMON NOTES