

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Christ the King/Reign of Christ*  
*Cultivating Economic Wholeness/Eradicating Systemic Poverty*

November 23, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Bill Gast

## PRELUDE:

## CHIMING THE HOUR

**GREETINGS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,**

**People: whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** O God, in Your Son Jesus Christ You richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: grateful hearts to sing Your praise, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 612 "We Praise You, O God" KREMSER

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**Let us pray together**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God clothes the grass of the field and feeds the birds of the air. On behalf of the church and the world, we offer our prayers more from our need to be transformed by our awareness of them than from any need of God to be reminded of them. Forgive us when we forget Your gifts to us and when we resist Your transforming grace in our lives. (Say – **"Please pray silently," and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen**) Amen

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: Thanks be to God!

**You may be seated**

**A TIME FOR YOUTH** at this time would our youth please come forward.

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Lord, open our hearts to hear Your word. Free us from all fear and worry that, trusting in Your goodness, we may always praise Your mighty deeds and give You thanks for the bounty of Your gifts. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from **Psalm 46** please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shade in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with tumult.

Leader: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

People : God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.**

People: The Lord of host is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: **Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations He has brought on the earth.**

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.

Leader: **“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”**

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God!

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jeremiah 23:1-6, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 725 of the Old Testament  
**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 23:33-43 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 89 of the New Testament

**Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

**Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:**

**\*HYMN** No. 36 *“For the Fruit of All Creation”* AR HYD Y NOS

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 *“Glory Be to the Father”* GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

**You may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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 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**

### OFFERTORY:

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous God, You brought us into the abundance of our inheritance. Grant us the faith to be people blossoming with honor and truth, so that we may produce bountifully the firstfruits of justice and compassion, which are pleasing in Your sight. Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 804 "*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*" MARION

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 "*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*" GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

# Daily Bread

Supplement

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** – **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

## THANKSGIVING MEAL AT THE YUHANNA'S

The Yuhanna's are hosting a Thanksgiving meal and have invited whoever wishes to join them. So, if you would like to celebrate Thanksgiving with good friends and good food they live at 103 Brushy Way, Red Oak. They probably plan on eating between 1-2.

## DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT

We will be decorating the church on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am for Advent. If enough people show up to help it shouldn't take very long at all.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Lorrinda Alexander on December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. I think the sanctuary will be standing room only, so I suggest you try to get here early if you're going to come.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON/COOKIE EXCHANGE

There will be holiday luncheon/cookie exchange on December 14 following the Worship service. Please notify Ivan and Heidi Yuhanna about what dishes/food you plan to bring as soon as possible.

## POINSETTIA SIGN-UP SHEET

Ordering poinsettia's: the congregation may contribute \$10 for each poinsettia, deadline to sign-up is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettia's will be ordered and picked up by Pat and will be placed out on December 18<sup>th</sup>. You may take yours home after the service on December 24<sup>th</sup> but no later than January 4<sup>th</sup>. Any plants left after January 4<sup>th</sup> will be thrown away.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will be having our traditional Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Lessons on December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Mirielle said the election went well, but the current leader refuses to leave office, so  
please continue to pray for Cameroon

Please pray for Pat Nash as she is undergoing medical tests

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Lori is celebrating Joe and Russel for all the hard work they do at the church