

PRELUDE

CHOIR - 9:40AM

Simple Praise

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Townley

Leader: Come, let us bow down and worship the

King of kings, the Lord of Lord.

People: At this birth the angels proclaimed it. He is

the Wonderful Counselor, Lord of Lords,

King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.

Leader: Through his teaching and his life, we have

learned how to live in God.

People: By his death and resurrection, we have

been saved and claimed by God as witnesses to God's eternal love.

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name UMH #155, vs 1-4

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet (1779) John Rippon (1787), Composer: James Ellor (1838)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation #885 UMH

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the

one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, Infinite in wisdom, power, and love, Whose mercy is over all his works,

And whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,

The gift of the Father's unfailing grace,

The ground of our hope,

And the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

As the divine presence in our lives,

Whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance Of the truth of Christ,

And find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself

In the service of love

As set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,

To the end

That the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 1:4b-8 (NRSVUE)

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of God for the People of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

SINGING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - 9:40AM

HYMN

Awesome God FWS #2040

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God!

> Words & Music: Rich Mullins © 1988 BMG Songs, Inc

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from Nancy Townley

Sovereign Lord Jesus, come into our hearts today and take your reign. Remind us that your kingdom is a kingdom of hope and light, in which there is no darkness, fear, or sadness. You have called us to be the Kingdom people, living our lives in the knowledge that peace, justice, and hope are not only possible, but can actually be the ruling factor of the world, for those who follow you. There are many who do not acknowledge your presence and your name, O Lord. But in your infinite love and mercy, you have acknowledged and claimed them. Help us to be the kind of disciples that welcome everyone with the words of kindness, that offer acts of mercy and peace

to all in need, to proclaim Christ risen and glorified. As we have brought before you, O Lord, the names of people and situations needing your healing and comforting touch, may we also open our hearts for that same healing and comfort. Remind us that we are never out of your grace and mercy. We know that you will give us the strength and wisdom to be true disciples, and we celebrate and honor you, now and forever.

Hear the silent prayers of our hearts...

(Silent Prayers)

Hear us as we pray:

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. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share the good news with one another: The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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GIVING

CHOIR – 9:40AM *RESPONSE

The Promise of Living #95, UMH

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.

SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-37 (NRSVUE)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom

does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

King of Kings and Lord of Lords Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King UMH #715

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope!

Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley (1746) Music: John Darwall (1770)

BENEDICTION

By Nancy Townley

Go now in peace. Bring the good news of God's eternal love, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to all you meet. Go in peace. AMEN.

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta Liturgist at 9:40 – Rev. Steve Hoard

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Marge Freshley in memory of her husband, Rev. Wendell Freshley.



Gather in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!







Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor Amy Voss, Director of Preschool Rev. Elizabeth Brown, Congregational Care Pastor Shanon Rice, Director of Digital Communications



Sunday November 24—4:30pm

Please bring the whole family! We will provide pizza and drinks, and if you'd like, bring a favorite side or snack dish to share.

Contact Jane Florer (jbflorer@gmail.com or 513-257-5844) with questions.



We are looking for couples / families / individuals to do a small reading and light the Advent candles during worship.

12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22 @ 8:20am, 9:40am, 10:30am

12/24 @ 5pm, 8pm, 11pm

SIGN UP AT https://bit.ly/4ha0j7l



River's Edge Brass Band & Armstrong Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 8 7:00pm in the Sanctuary



Grief is harder around the holidays. Know how to deal with the challenges. Our *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants discover:

- · How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

Monday, December 9 @ 7:00pm Armstrong Room Sponsored by Stephen Ministry

Sharing the Joy of the Season with Our Neighbors in Need

Christmas is right around the corner!
We are supporting Inter Parish
Ministry's Christmas Store, one of their biggest events of the year. IPM's mission is to ensure that every family enjoys a joyful and festive holiday season by extending the warmth and spirit of giving to those in need.

You can find a list of ideas on IPM's website along with their Amazon wish lists links at https://www.ipmfoodpantry.org/christmas-giving. Printed lists are also available on the desk in the Atrium.

UNWRAPPED gifts should be delivered to the Atrium no later than Sunday, December 15.

Volunteers will be needed at 11am on December 15 to sort the items we collect into age groups.

Questions? Connect with Niki Mitchell at nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org.



Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary starting in mid-Advent. You may purchase a plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones. \$20 per plant. You may take your poinsettias home with you on Christmas Eve. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 11.

Online order form: https://bit.ly/45uhV6G; write a note on the back of your Connect Card; or mail a note to the church office: include your payment = \$20 per plant, and who you'd like a plant in memory or in honor of (attn: Joy, 5125 Drake Rd, 45243).

