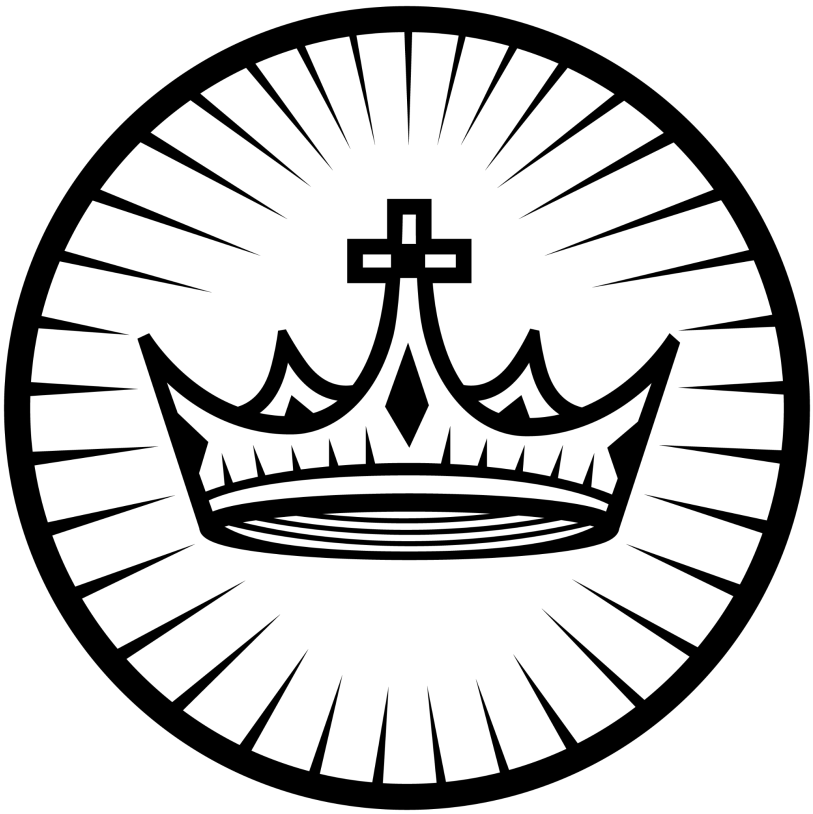


Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

November 22, 2026, 10:30 AM

Welcome to Church of the Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.

Nursery is available for children up to age five in the Parish Hall across the courtyard. Children of all ages are welcome in the service. You can find coloring sheets and children's bulletins in the narthex.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the "S" pages from the hymnal appear at the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black-and-red hymnal at both ends of the pews.

Our services are live-streamed and available to the public via our YouTube channel. Please speak to an usher if you prefer not to be on camera.

New or Visiting This Morning?

We would love to pray for you by name this week and to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

Prelude: *Little Prelude* in G J. S. Bach

The Word of God BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* Hymnal #481

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be His holy kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

The Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis* Hymnal S-278

† *The children are invited to follow the cross to the Children's Chapel.* †

The Collect of the Day BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as able.
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in Your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under His most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson — Ezekiel 34:11-24

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek
them out. 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their
scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places
to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will
bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,
by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them
with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I
will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen
the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

17 As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and
sheep, between rams and goats: 18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good
pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When
you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? 19 And must my
sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled
with your feet?

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the
fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and
butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and
wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge
between sheep and sheep.

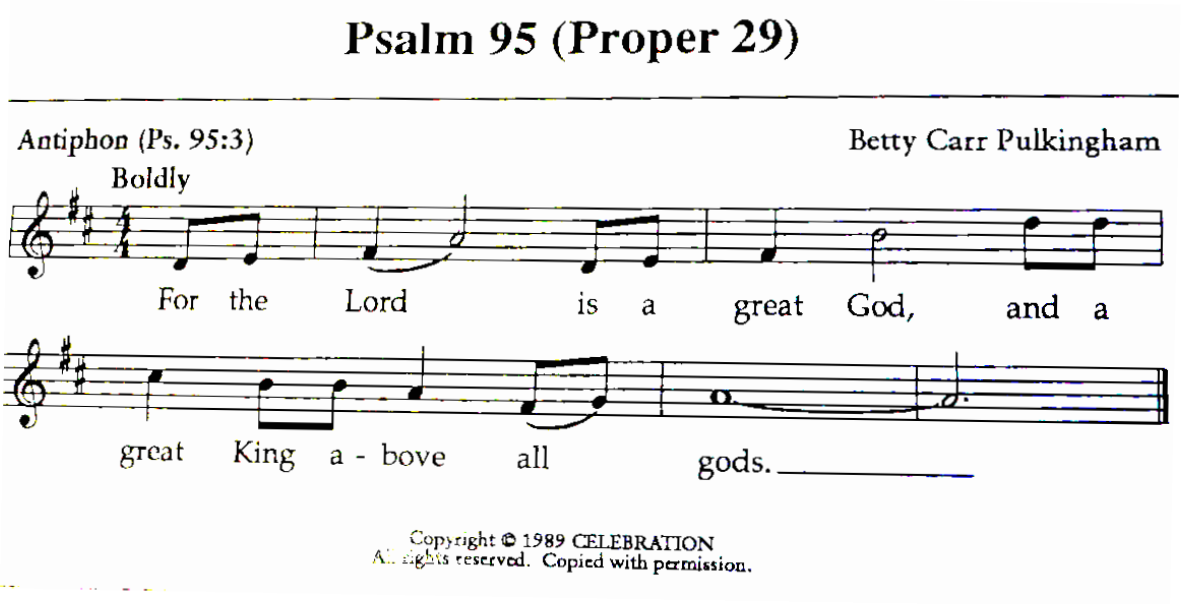
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed

them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*



[1] O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
[2] **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
[3] For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
[4] **In his hand are the depths of the earth;**
the heights of the mountains are his also.
[5] The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

[6] **O come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
[7] For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Second Lesson — Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17] I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Gospel Hymn: ***They kingdom come, on bended knee*** Hymnal #615

The Gospel — Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

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 that 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 who are members of my
family, you did it to me.” 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that
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.’

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord
People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Brian McVey

Please stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed **BCP p. 358**

The Prayers of the People, Form III **BCP p. 387**

The Confession and Absolution **BCP p. 360**

Please stand as able.

The Peace **BCP p. 360**

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

Make your offering in the plates being passed along the pews or online through the QR code on the right.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *Nearer, Still Nearer* arr. W. Wensell Advent Choir

Please stand as able.

Presentation: ***Praise God, from whom*** **Tune: Old Hundredth**

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP p. 361**

Sanctus: ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord*** **Hymnal S-125**

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Lord's Prayer **BCP p. 364**

Fraction Anthem: ***Christ, our Passover*** **Hymnal S-152**

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music: Organ meditation

Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer **BCP p. 365**

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Hymn: ***Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*** **Hymnal #544**

The Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

Postlude: *Postlude on the closing hymn* W. Wensell

The altar flowers are given today for the glory of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*
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Lector: *David McVey*
Chalice Bearers: *Lindy Womack, Candida Bannister*
Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*
Vestry: *Janet Brown*
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Altar Guild: *Edith Nau, Paula Taylor, Carol Lynn McCarty*
Ushers: *David McVey, Jerry Rice*

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