





Service of the Seasons







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Christ the King Sunday

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+ Those who are able please stand.

(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

The Church Year

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH has its own year which is divided into seasons instead of into months. We have our Church Year to remind us that God is the Lord and Giver of Life, and that each year is a gift from him. The Church Year also serves to remind us that our life now is but a small part of the eternity of life that is ours through Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH YEAR is divided into two halves. The first half of the year from Advent through Easter follows the events in the life of Christ. It teaches us what God has done for us through his Son Jesus Christ: this is our justification. The second half of the Church Year, beginning with Pentecost, relates the teachings of the church to us as believers in Jesus Christ. During this portion of the Church Year, we learn what we shall do to fulfill our responsibilities as the people of God: this is our sanctification.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



ANTHEM "Lord of the Dance" Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Festival Half of the Church Year

The Life of Jesus

ADVENT

THE ADVENT SEASON begins the Church Year and is experienced over a period of four weeks. As the word "Advent" means "coming," the Season of Advent prepares us for the celebration of the first coming of Christ in Bethlehem and also for His second coming when "He shall come to judge the living and the dead."

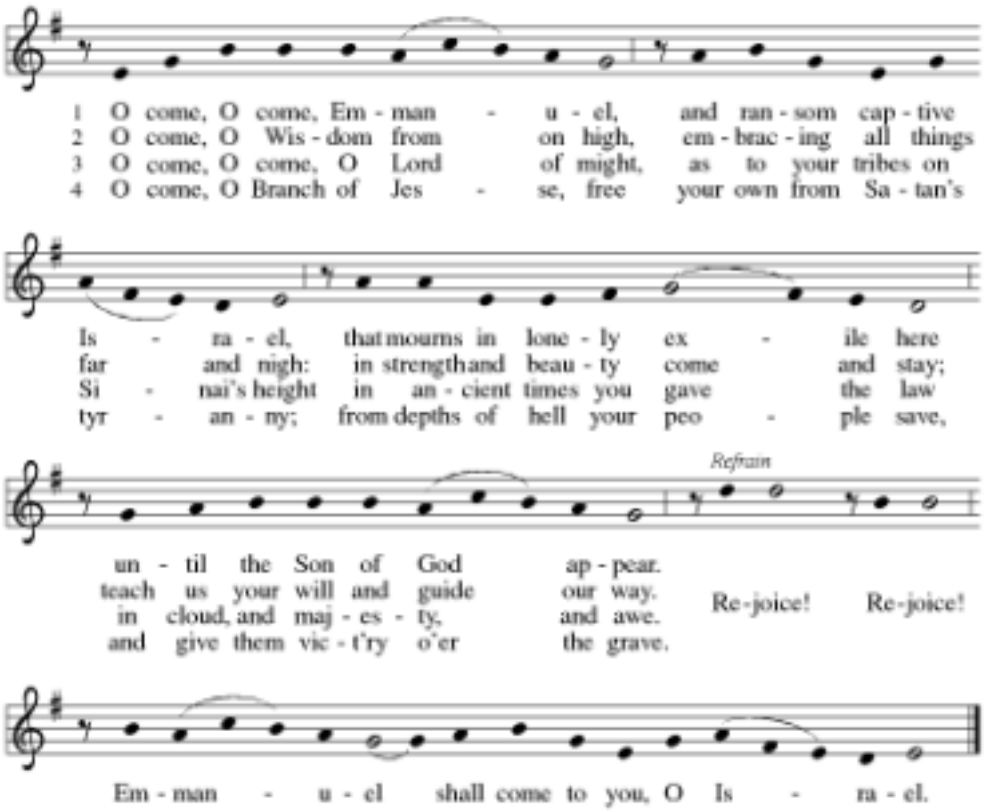
The liturgical color is Blue which symbolizes hope.

ADVENT PRAYER

Let us pray together...

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ADVENT HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"



ADVENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

ADVENT HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway"

1. Prepare the royal highway;
   the King of kings is near!
   Let ev'ry hill and valley
   a level road appear!
   Then greet the King of glory,
   foretold in sacred story:

Refrain
   Hosanna to the Lord,
   for he fulfills God's word!

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
   it comes from heav'n above.
   His rule is peace and freedom
   and justice, truth, and love.
   So let your praise be sounding
   for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

CHRISTMAS

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ as Lord and Savior of the world. Christmas is also called the INCARNATION which affirms that the invisible God of eternity became human in the person of the "Babe of Bethlehem." The Gospel writer John proclaims that truth in his account of the Christmas story: "And the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father."

The Season of Christmas begins on December 25 and continues for the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

The liturgical color is White, symbolizing the glory of God, the Light of the World, and the angels. Gold may also be used to symbolize the kingly divinity of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray together...

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

+ CHRISTMAS HYMN: "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

+ CHRISTMAS LESSON: Luke 2 1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

+ CHRISTMAS HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

EPIPHANY

THE EPIPHANY SEASON is known as the "Season of Lights" as it manifests Christ as the Light of the World. The season begins with the story of the Wisemen following the star of Bethlehem and highlights the childhood of Jesus.

The season begins with the liturgical color of White to symbolize the light and then is changed to Green to reflect growth of life.

EPIPHANY PRAYER
Let us pray together...
Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPIPHANY HYMN: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

5 In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

EPIPHANY LESSON: Matthew 2:1-2
Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

EPIPHANY HYMN: "Arise, Your Light Has Come"



LENT

THE LENTEN SEASON is a six-week (40 Day) period of repentance, introspection, and preparation for Easter. The season begins with Ash Wednesday, where we are reminded of our mortality and need for Grace and concludes before Holy Week. The season is traditionally marked with fasting, that is giving something up for the season. This fasting helps us prepare to hear again the message of Easter with new and glad hearts. Sunday's are not included in the 40 days of Lent because every Sunday is an Easter Celebration. That being said, we do not say the word Alleluia on Sundays as a commemoration of the repentant season.

The liturgical color is Purple which symbolizes royalty and repentance

LENTEN PRAYER

Let us pray together...

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy, and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ LENTEN SONG "The Glory of These Forty Days" (verses 1 and 4)



+ LENTEN SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:1-4

[1]Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,[2]where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.[3]The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."[4]Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK begins with Palm Sunday and shouts of "Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!" But by the end of the week, we cry, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" It is during this week that we hear about the proclamation of Jesus as King, Maundy Thursday and the Institution of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday and Christ's death on the cross, Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil. This is the most solemn, yet powerful week of the entire Christian Year. Without this week, there would be no joy at Easter Time. So, together, let us commemorate this week by sharing in that presence of the Lord that is found during the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

+ CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the bread and the wine, Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign and a symbol of his love, these gifts become, by mystery and miracle, his very body and blood.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.	**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
Refrain

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain

HOLY WEEK HYMN: **Jesus, Remember Me**

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. (X4)

GOOD FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:35-38

And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

LENTEN HYMN: **O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

(A Generous Time of Silence is kept as we reflect
on the power and solemnity of Our Lord's Sacrifice on the Cross)

EASTER

THE EASTER SEASON begins with the Easter Day celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. This is the "Queen of Feasts of the Christian Church." The season is celebrated for the seven Sundays following Easter Day, however, every Sunday in the Church Year is a remembrance of Easter. "Christ was raised from the dead on the first day of the week."

The season, with its liturgical color of White, concludes on the 40th day after Easter Sunday, which is the remembrance of the Ascension of Jesus.

+ EASTER PROCLAMATION

HE IS RISEN!!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!!

+ EASTER PRAYER

Let us pray together...
Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

+ EASTER HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

+ EASTER LESSON: Mark 16: 1-6

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, brought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him."

OFFERING

ANTHEM "Praise the Everlasting King" Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray together..
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ EASTER HYMN: "Thine is the Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The Non-Festival Half of the Year
The Life of the Church

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST begins on the 50th day after the Resurrection and the 10th day following the Ascension, as the Holy Spirit of the Resurrected Christ was given to His followers, empowering them to continue His ministry and proclaim the Gospel. Therefore the Day of Pentecost is called the Birthday of the Christian Church.

The liturgical color of Red symbolizes the blood of the persecuted Christian martyrs, the fire of the Holy Spirit, and love as the greatest of all the gifts of the Spirit.

PENTECOST PRAYER
Let us pray together...
God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PENTECOST HYMN: "O Day Full of Grace"

1 O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

+ PENTECOST SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

+ PENTECOST HYMN: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

THE SEASON AFTER THE PENTECOST begins with the celebration of Trinity Sunday and continues throughout the summer and fall until the new Advent Season. During this long period of approximately 20 weeks, the New Testament readings highlight the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles, which give direction to our living out of the Christian life.

The liturgical color is Green, symbolizing our life and growth as the Children of God.

+ PRAYER

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.
Amen

+ SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

HOMILY

+ HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”



5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

+ BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Serving 11/22/2026	
Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Heather Basinger
Lector	Megan Bame
Communion Assistant	Duane Nolan, Chris Sloop
Acolyte	Ila Sechler
Security Team	David Diggs, Chad Rivers
Sound System	Finn Basinger
Teller Team	Alex Storey, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop
Ushers	Michael & Kristi Miller, Cooper & Olivia

Serving 11/29/2026	
Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Sheila Basinger
Advent Wreath & Lector	Sonny Pope Family
Communion Assistant	Sheila Basinger, Dan Roseman
Acolyte	Clara Linker
Security Team	Ted Lotti, Bobby Roberson
Sound System	Cody Ritchie
Teller Team	Alex Storey, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop
Ushers	Michael & Kristi Miller, Cooper & Olivia

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter & Velma Shoe by their children and grandchildren.

PRAYERS & PRAISES baskets are located in the Narthex and at the front of the Sanctuary for anyone who would like to submit a Praise or Prayer to be read during the Prayers of the People. They will be taken to Pastor Josh at the Children's Sermon.

SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS BAGS should be returned by December 6 or take to your shut-in.

POINSETTIAS will decorate the church on 12/20 through Christmas Eve. They can be in memory or in honor of loved ones. Cost is $15.00 each. Indicate on a Poinsettia Order Form which are located in the narthex.

LUNCH & LEARN BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday at Noon in the Parish Hall. Bring your lunch or email Pastor Josh for the link. Readings for next week are Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

ANGEL TREE for China Grove, Knollwood and Milbridge Elementary are on the back wall in the sanctuary. We have 30 students to help this year. Take an angel, shop and return the items to church, unwrapped with the angel, by November 29.

CONGRATULATIONS to newly elected council persons: Megan Bame, Jamey Basinger, Kristi Miller, Rick Morris.

CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE will put up and decorate the trees on Monday, November 30 at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to come help.

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Earl Thomas, Ted Miller

Community Concerns:

Jessie Martin (*Cassie Martin),* Tony Wilhelm *(Gary Elmore),* Kassana Alexander *(Fish Fry Recipient),* Tommy Sloop & Dale Schenk *(Barbara Schenk),* Carlisha Gray *(Greta Elmore)*

Comfort:

Family and friends of Luther Frye

Ongoing Needs:

John & Barbara Miller, Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Nancy Speck, Allen Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Margie Martin, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Parris, Jerry Heilig

Those who serve others

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