

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* OPENING SONG "We Lift Our Voices" #710

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are yours, we are an offering*

*All that we have, all that we are
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you
We lift our voices; we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you
We are an offering, we are an offering.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With lives scattered on the floor of the world, our limits pushed by stress and its best friend, impatience, we come:

All: For here, God would gather us, bringing us to the realm of peace.

One: Wondering if truth is fake or worth pursuing, questioning whether anyone is worth following or believing, we come:

All: For here, God would feed us with wisdom, sending the One who would lead us to the realm of hope.

One: Questioning the motives of everyone in power, doubting that justice can be found anywhere, we come:

All: For here, God brings us to worship with our sisters and brothers, scooping us up from every place we have strayed.

One: Let us worship the God who is here.

All: Let us worship our God indeed!

* HYMN #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Lord God, Ruler of the Universe, we appreciate your creation, we are impressed with the gift of life, and we are grateful for redemption. We do plan a "thank you" in the Kingdom Come. But for now we would rather go our own way. We make our rules rather than study your instructions. We'll take convenience over discipleship. We'll talk of the game, or argue our point, without ever making your witness. Our hearts are on local things, our plans are short term, our vision is nearsighted. You have the glory forever and ever, just give us the other stuff here and now. O Lord, forgive us the sins we can name, and open to us the truth we do not yet see. Heal us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In every time, in every place, in every life, God shows compassion and mercy. Thus, we know God has heard our prayers and has filled us with grace and hope.

All: In this time, in this place, in our lives, our grace and hope are sustained by this abiding love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #681 "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

FIRST LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "There's Within My Heart A Melody" Bridgers

SERMON "Behold the King: A Blinding Light" Stacey Steck

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Jesus Shall Reign" Weinhorst

* Doxology:

***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.***

* Prayer

* HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response #318, vs. 1

***In Christ there is no east or west
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.***

* POSTLUDE "Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty" Young

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

VISITORS: We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

LITURGIST: Today – Leigh Anne Wetmore
Next Week – Phares Sechler

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Carly Moore, Michelle Patterson

Next Sunday – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After three weeks in November we have reached 54% of our monthly goal. Can we finish the month strong?

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal

- The family of Millard Goodnight who passed away this week
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues
- Thelma Walton in rehab at Liberty Commons
- The family of former West High School Coach Scott Young
- Phares Sechler, recovering from surgery on her hand
- Barbara, in rehab at a nursing facility
- Carol King
- Bob Freeman's cousin Frank, recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Tom Long, friend of Charles Newsome, receiving treatment for cancer
- Evaun Bulman, friend of Sharry Davis, undergoing cancer treatment
- Bill Hall
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- A friend of Keith Townsend, being treated for cancer
- Families facing challenges
- Mary Deal's sister, Margaret, being treated for an infection
- Betty Morgan, sister of Ruth Albright, recovering after serious car accident
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- OC Shoaf
- A friend of Phares, Cindy Pope, being treated for some serious health issues
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Africa

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: November 28 – Henry Hampton, Ashlyn Seaboch
29 – Allyson Teague
December 2 – Richard Luther

JOY GIFT PROGRAM AND OFFERING: Join us as we greet the Advent season on Sunday, December 3 when our young disciples lead us toward Christmas with their musical program. We'll also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and collect the Joy Gift Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

COSTUME HELP NEEDED: Millicent is in need of some help with costumes for Joy Gift Program.

ROWAN HLEPING MINISTRIES-WEST thanks Thyatira for the recent donation of 108 pounds of canned goods.

GIFT GIVING PROJECT: Greetings! For our church wide gift giving project this year, we have been challenged to fulfill needs through the PCUSA gift catalog. This endeavor seeks to meet the needs of both National and International communities. Be on the lookout from the Lost Sheep Sunday School over the next few weeks for more information!

BATTERY RECYCLING: You may bring used household batteries to the church office to be recycled. Please place batteries in the basket labeled for battery recycling. (Single use alkaline, lithium, nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, and small sealed lead acid batteries only.)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place 10:00am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am Worship 6:30pm Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am Preschool 6:30pm Boy & Cub Scouts 6:30pm Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	8:15am Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am Preschool 6:30 pm Prayer, Song, and Study
Thursday	8:15am Preschool
Friday	7:15pm Book Club
Next Sunday	8:00am Men of the Church Breakfast 9:00am Deacon's Meeting 9:30am Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place 10:00am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am Worship – Joy Gift Program 5:00pm Youth Meeting 6:30pm Adult Choir