Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reign of Christ November 24, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

All-powerful God,
as we recognize Christ's reign,
we also recognize the earthly powers
that compete for our loyalty.
Guide us, Lord,
as we engage in the ordering of these days.
Train our hearts on your truth,
that your voice might lead us in all that we do. Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude on Diademata Jerry Westenkuehler

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

Through the power of God,

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

May this love guide our hearts.

Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

*SONG OF PRAISE Crown Him with Many Crowns Hymnal, No. 268

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray together:

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are.

Choosing the lies of the world.

your Word has not been on our lips.

Choosing independent and isolated lives,

we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others.

Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day,

we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake.

Do not turn your face from us,

but help us to face ourselves honestly.

Free us from our captivity,

so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King,

our Lord, our Savior.

(Time of silent reflection)

Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 132: 1-12

O Lord, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;

how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

"I will not enter my house or get into my bed;

I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,

until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

"Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

ANTHEM

The Lord Reigneth

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

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MESSAGE

What Kind of King?

Tracy L. Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world. stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope. the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54–55

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... Let your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer in the language and wording most familiar to you.

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING SONG Lead on O King Eternal Hymnal, No. 269

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Nun dunket Alle Gott S. Karg-Elert

*Please rise in body or spirit.

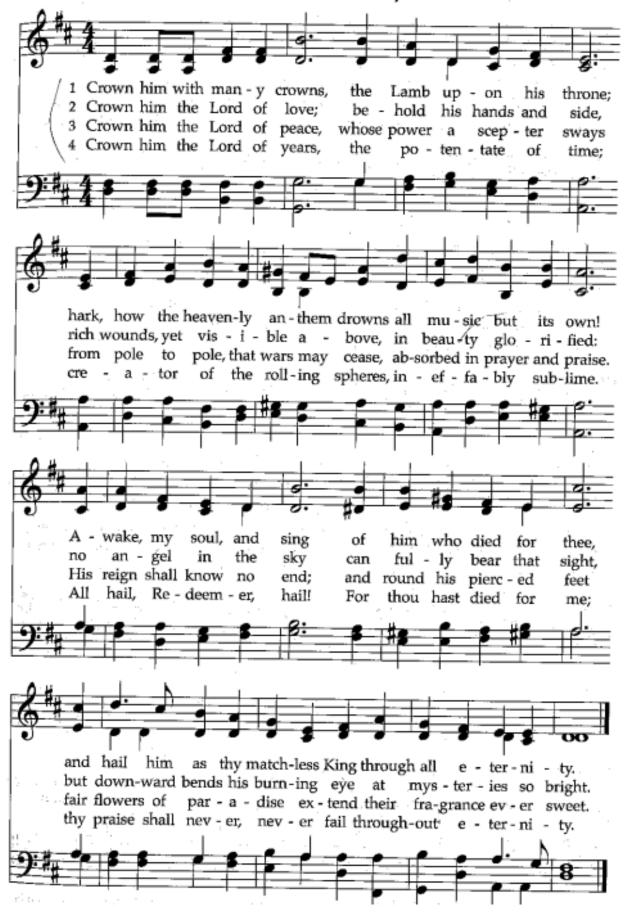
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for November 24: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for November are hand warmers and scarves. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



- 1 Some times a light sur pris es the child of God who sings;
- 2 In ho ly con-tem pla-tion we sweet-ly then pur sue
- 3 It can bring with it noth-ing but he will bear us through;
- 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei-ther their longed-for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings; the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new; who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too; though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a gain set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say, be - neath the spread-ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed; yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.

"Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."

and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread,

for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

