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*Following Christ  
So All May Thrive*

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*November 25, 2018*

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Christ the King Sunday*

November 25, 2018

10:00 A.M.

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Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC                      *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*                      J.M.Black/C.Curry

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                                      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*                      M. Teschner/Smith&Hustard

INTROIT:                                      *Chapel Invocation*                                      J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)                                      [verses from Psalm 132]

L: Let's enter God's dwelling place; let's worship at the place God rests his feet!

**P: Let the priests be dressed in righteousness; let the faithful shout out with joy!**

L: And for the sake of your servant David, do not reject your anointed one.

**P: The Lord swore to David a true promise that God won't take back: "I will put one of your own children on the throne."**

\*HYMN                                      *This Is My Father's World*                                      #370

CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader)                                      [based on I John 1]

"If we claim, 'We don't have any sin,' we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us." Trusting in God's desire to make things right within us and between us, let us admit our failings before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Holy God, enable us to see how we fail to fully honor you as Lord of our lives! Forgive us for falling into comfortable patterns that do not reflect the ways of your kingdom! Empower us to accept your healing grace so that our loyalties may be realigned! Rekindle our commitment to live as your holy people! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS ASSURING US OF GOD'S GRACE (Responsive): [based on I John 1]

L: This is the Good News: "God is light and there is no darkness in him at all."

**P: Praise God: grace shines on us!**

L: As we "live in the light, we have fellowship with each other" and are "cleansed from every sin."

**P: Thank God: in Jesus Christ we are made new!**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* #582

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also, with you.**

*Please welcome your neighbors, sharing the peace of Christ with them.*

## A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

## JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 11)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE *Almighty Father* Cathy Truskowski

## OFFERING

Offertory

*Christ Victorious, Christ Now Reigning*

Steve Carocciolo

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, we open our hearts out of our need for your guidance; by your Spirit, enable us to hear and receive your Word this day! Hear us we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

(CEB, below)

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen. 7 Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. † **People: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

(CEB, below)

33 Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?” 34 Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?” 35 Pilate responded, “I’m not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” 36 Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.” 37 “So you are a king?” Pilate said. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. † **People: Thanks be to God.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF FAITH

Invitation

Words from Scripture concerning the meal

(I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Please hold the elements until all have been served, so we can eat/drink together. The small cup in the center of the bread tray contains gluten-free bread.*

\*HYMN

*Soon and Very Soon*

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\*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Seven-Fold Amen*

P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

*O Lord, Thou Art My God and King*

Edward Broughton

L = Leader

**P = People**

\*indicates that one is invited to stand in body or spirit

Hymnal: # indicates the hymn number in *Glory to God*

Bibles: NIV — *The Holy Bible: New International Version (pew racks)*; CEB — *The Common English Bible*

\*\*\* THE LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK \*\*\*  
**Jeremiah 33:14-16**, Psalm 25:1-10; I Thessalonians 3:9-13; **Luke 21:25-36**

Questions for Reflection

Even in the midst of trouble and turmoil, God allows us glimpses of the kingdom to come. What signs of promise do you see that bolster your hope in a new heaven and a new earth?

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you for this new day to sing your praise and watch for signs of your kingdom.  
By your Spirit, let me abound in love for you and your children, that in living and loving I may point to your coming reign. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you for the signs of your coming reign, and for the power of your saving love. Bless all those whom I met today, and strengthen their hope in your power and grace. Now as I close my eyes, I relinquish all anxieties and fears, trusting in your providence and mercy. Amen.

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**THE TEXTS IN BOLD** will be used in worship next Sunday; please read them during the week and pray that God's spirit will help and guide us all as we encounter God's word!

**OUR STAFF**

Rev. Rebecca Taylor, Pastor  
Barry Dietsch, Director of Music  
Heather Dietsch, Organist  
John Lasher, Percussion

Marilyn Dunkle, Office Manager  
Betsy Griffin, Financial Secretary  
Kyle Brecht, Property Manager  
Ben Check, Night Custodian  
Jen Neall, Worship Child Care  
Terri Shaw, Worship Infant Care

**\*\*\* OUR WORSHIP SERVICE \*\*\***

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH, and are interested in uniting with this congregation, please speak to Pastor Rebecca or one of our Elders. We would love to have you as a member of our church family. Visitors are encouraged to fill out the pink visitor card found in the pew rack.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, BULLETINS, Children's Activity Bulletins, and hearing assist radios are available from the ushers.

THE PRAYER REQUEST FORM is located on the lecterns at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill in your concerns prior to worship.

WE WELCOME AND THANK Georgeann Chamberlain, today's liturgist, and Gloria Lasher for providing the Children's Sermon this morning.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Alma G. and Allison G. Fisher and Hazel A. Drummond, and in honor of Robert D. Drummond, by Chuck, Amy, Elizabeth, and Joshua Davidson.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE is an ancient tradition of acknowledging the unique fellowship we have in Christ Jesus. Please take this opportunity to share the peace of Christ by whatever means you and the one you are greeting are most comfortable; a handshake, a hug, or a simple verbal greeting.

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES — From babes in arms to elementary school age children, we welcome the children forward to the chancel at this time. Parents should feel welcome to accompany younger children. After sharing and a closing prayer, children age 5 and younger may go upstairs for childcare or return to their seats with their parents.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP — Our church welcomes children and families in worship. Nursery care is available on the second floor for infants and very young children. Elementary aged children are encouraged to be part of the service and are welcome to use the worship kits and books located in the back of the sanctuary. Silent pagers are available from the nursery and Terri will be happy to arrange notification of your child's needs.

### \*\*\* EVENTS \*\*\*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND DINNER WITH FRIENDS – An invitation is being extended to everyone to join us for this year’s nursing home caroling event on Saturday afternoon, December 8. The Dinner with Friends event will take place following the caroling. Everyone is invited to attend either one or both events. The choirs annual Christmas party also follows the caroling.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY – “When Isaiah enters the temple after the King Uzziah’s death, he hears this: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’ [Isaiah 6:3] What do we understand about holiness? glory? and fullness? Have these concepts lost their power for us? How do we see them in Jesus whose birth on earth we celebrate again this time of year? Through Eugene Peterson’s exploration of God’s Holy Revolution, we are invited into Holy Living, mindful that ‘the holy cannot be perceived through a peep hole!’” Join in these three weeks of study and reflection! All are welcome! *(Please note that the morning study is moving back to 11:00 A.M. The evening study is staying at 5:30 P.M.)*

- Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>                      **11:00 AM** or 5:30 PM                      Craft Room
- Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>                      **11:00 AM** or 5:30 PM                      Craft Room
- Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>                      **11:00 AM** or 5:30 PM                      Craft Room

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 3 – Red Cross Blood Services from 1 – 6 PM in Fellowship Hall
- December 8 - Christmas Caroling & Dinner with Friends/Choir Party
- ~~December 9 – Picnic in Fellowship Hall – Postponed~~
- December 10 – Unglued Church Project invitation to join the conversation
- December 16 – Special Luncheon in honor of Barry, Heather, & Natalie Dietsch in Fellowship Hall. Reservations appreciated.
- December 19 – Staff Christmas Luncheon
- December 23 – Christmas Cantata “Ceremony of Candles” & Open House at the manse from 11:30 until 3:30 P.M.
- December 24 – 5:30 PM Children’s Service & 8 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service
- December 30 – 10 AM Service of Lessons & Carols at First Lutheran Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL – The Adult Sunday School Class **will not meet this morning, November 25**. The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 A.M. in the Craft Room. All are welcome! The study is from the Book of Genesis. We will talk about the myths and the metaphors behind the Scripture and compare the ancient legends and their similarities around the



world. We all worship God, but by different names and in different ways. We will also look at the strong roots of our faith in Judaism.

UNGLUED CHURCH TEAM - What's up with the Unglued Church Project now that the formal process is complete? If you are interested in learning more out of curiosity and/or are interested in joining in new ministries as visions are implemented going forward, please join the conversation! Mark your calendar now for a gathering on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Memorial Parlors! Refreshments will be provided, and your fresh energy will be welcomed! There will be other opportunities at other times in the near future, but you are encouraged to jump in now if you can! If you have any questions, please ask any member of the team:

Betty Bauer	Larry Dyke	John Lasher	Jen Rossey
Ross Bryan	Jim Holding	Mark Phillips	Lynn Sears
Gale Dyke	Gloria Lasher	Ray Pring	Colleen Vignere

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – This year's Christmas Cantata "Ceremony of Candles" by Joseph Martin will be presented Sunday, December 23. Soloists, ensembles, and choral music will be featured as the choir shares with you this very beautiful and meaningful musical setting of the story of the birth of Jesus. Following the service, Rebecca will host an Open House at the manse from 11:30 until 3:30 P.M.

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\***

DONATIONS AND GIFTS – The following donations have been received:

- to the General Memorial Fund in memory of Ann Zetterlind

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MUSIC CONCERT to celebrate the rebuilding of their organ console is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. this afternoon, November 25, 2018. The concert will feature guest artist Tim Elder, organ, with soloists Denise Pearson, flute; James Pearson, cello; and Martin Swolbaski, clarinet. A free will offering will support their organ fund. A reception follows the concert.

THE SESSION WELCOMES INPUT from our congregation. Suggestions, questions, opinions can all be expressed by e-mailing [marilyn@presbyterianwarren.com](mailto:marilyn@presbyterianwarren.com) or by directly speaking to an Elder.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY—25

- 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour – Memorial Parlor

### MONDAY – 26

- 11:00 A.M. Bible Study – Craft Room  
6:00 P.M. Scouting Groups – Downstairs Classrooms  
5:30 P.M. Bible Study – Craft Room  
6:30 P.M. Troop 8 – Scout Room

### TUESDAY—27

- 9:00 A.M. Staff Meeting – Minister’s Study  
12:00 P.M. AA—Calvin Corner  
7:00 P.M. AA (Women’s Group) – Calvin Corner

### WEDNESDAY—28

- 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. – Coffee Ministry – Warren Apartments  
5:45 P.M. Scotland Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room

### THURSDAY – 29

- 12:00 P.M. Advent Service – First United Methodist Church  
4:30 P.M. Sharing Place Meal – Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY—30

- 9:30 A.M. Story Time – Second Floor  
6:00 P.M. AA (Men’s Group) - Calvin Corner

### SUNDAY—2

- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION  
9:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study – Craft Room  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour – Memorial Parlor  
11:20 A.M. Mission Committee – Craft Room  
11:00 A.M. The Shepherds – Conference Room



FPC Bulletins



FPC Newsletter



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# Christmas Poinsettias

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Flower Memorial Fund for the Christmas season is requested to do so by Sunday, December 9, 2018. There is no set price. Please contribute as you wish. Christmas poinsettias may be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 23, and remain through the Christmas Eve services on, Monday, December 24.



Completed order forms must be turned into the church office no later than Sunday, December 9; earlier if possible, please. Payment must accompany the form.

Plants will be distributed to members, shut-ins, nursing homes, or hospitals following the 8:00 P.M. worship service on Christmas Eve, and throughout the week.

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In **memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In **honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ is included.

**\*\*\* JOYS AND CONCERNS \*\*\***

Ushers have word of encouragement cards. If you would like to write a word of encouragement to any of the people mentioned, or others on your mind, please raise your hand and indicate how many cards you would like. Fill them out and drop them in the offering plate and we will ensure they are delivered during the week.

**Joys:**

Congratulations to Tom Osborne and family as they celebrate the birth of a new grandchild

**Concerns:**

Our Christian sympathy to Bob and Debbie Hunter and family upon the death of Bob's father, Gale Robert Hunter, 95, of Lander, who died Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at Kinzua Healthcare.

Our Christian sympathy Todd & Veronica Andersen and family upon the death of their daughter, Stephanie Andersen, 28, who died Sunday morning, November 18, 2018.

Prayers for June Carlson recovering from hip surgery at the Rouse Home, Room 705B

Prayers of healing for Betty Jane Berdine

Prayers for John Gocal (Bob Sears's uncle), recent cancer surgery and rehabbing at St. Mary's Asbury.

Prayers for Bob Matteo who is recovering from open heart surgery.

Prayers for Lisa Hochberg

Prayers for Emma and Leila

Prayers for Pat Fankhouser

Prayers for Linda Michael, Kay Dolan's sister, preparing for cancer treatments

Prayers for Ed Seebeck, who has health concerns.

Prayers for Nancy (Babcock) Biekarck who is under Hospice care.

Prayers for Connie Bartholomew Waxman who is battling cancer

Prayers for Rev. George Johnson

Prayers for Seth

Pray for healing and strength for Katie Rodgers, a teacher at WAEC, who is battling cancer

Prayers for Coleen Christy

Prayers for Andy Slocum

Prayers for Larry Krespan

Courage, strength, and faith to all those affected by violent crimes.

Those serving in our military, people struggling with addiction, & those in jail

Let us pray for all the downtrodden and those facing famine and hunger in remote and desolate places. Let the Light of the Lord shine on all peoples in all nations.

**\*\*\* PRESBYTERY JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS \*\*\***

**Joys and Concerns:**

We acknowledge and pray for the churches and ministerial staff that constitute the Lake Erie Presbytery. This week we pray for the Cooperstown Presbyterian Church and Commissioned Pastor Diane Whitman, and Rev. John Dietz, Moderator of the Coordinating Committee.