

MORNING WORSHIP

November 24, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Christ the King

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. John Leavitt

CHORAL INTROIT "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God.

People: Honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary.

Leader: Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation.

All: All power and glory of the Almighty belongs to Christ!

+*OPENING HYMN 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty God, You brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose.

People: We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored Him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege.

Leader: We have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence.

People: We have lived in fear of death and loss.

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with those we disagree.
Therefore we pray:

People: Break our rebellious wills.

Leader: Instruct our hearts in the way of peace.

People: Expose our insincere thoughts.

Leader: Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

People: Release us from the fear of death.

Leader: Grant us courage in the face of evil.

People: Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

Leader: Empower us to live as citizens of Your kingdom.

All: For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:13-14

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Baptism, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR LEONARDO DUBLIN ROBIDEAUX MILLER Zach Houston, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Leonardo Dublin Robideaux Miller is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism God has put His seal upon Leo to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Chris and Erin as they nurture Leo and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Leo into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

*HYMN

"I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 26, selected verses, pew Bible p. 1019

SERMON

"Encounters with a King"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Dan Forrest

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Almighty God, receive our offering for the sake of Christ our King. Make us worthy stewards of Your gifts and generous citizens of the kingdom of Your Son, Jesus Christ through whom we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

*POSTLUDE

In Christ, there is no East or West

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God’s creativity in human diversity. We’d like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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