



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* ARR. ANNA LAURA PAGE

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord,

ever singing your praise, O God.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

✠ HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

LAY LEADER VIDEO-EMILY GARNER

OFFERTORY *Praise His Holy Name* HAMPTON

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

11:00- Children 5 years old through 6th grade can meet at the side door for Children's Church. They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building. Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.

HYMN *Christ Is the World's Light* UMH 188

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God; with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might live in hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



THE GATHERING

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NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist: Alicia Searcy

Communion Servers: Nadine & Barry Baskin, Jane & Don Dolan

Music: Mitch Johnston

Media and Sound: Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

Stephen Minister: Brian Norris

Ushers: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Searce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year: Christ the King Sunday is the final Sunday of the liturgical year in which we anticipate the Second Coming of Christ and celebrate His rule.*

OPENING SONG *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 84

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Resurrecting

Amazing Love

King of Kings

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SERMON *Christ the King*

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THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

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✠ HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd
Lead Us*

UMH 381

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name*

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COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Adonna & Jim Bridges,
Janie Mullins, Thomas Yow

11:00

Ann Claunch, Tom Hood,
Kimberly McKeough, Steve Pearson

PREACHER:

(8:30) Rev. Michael Precht
(11:00) Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

LITURGIST

(8:30) Jan Pringle
(11:00) Steve Pearson

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

(8:30) Robyn Simons
(11:00) Ann Claunch

USHER:

Head Usher, Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist, John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Toby Monckton

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday and memory of Vester J Thompson III - by his family Amy, Mattie, Kathryn & Major.

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