MORNING WORSHIP

November 22, 2026 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 "We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalms 146:5, 32:1, 106:3, 119:1, 144:15

Leader: Happy are those…
People: whose help is in the Lord their God; who made heaven and earth.
Leader: Happy are those…
People: whose wrongdoings have been forgiven, whose shame has been forgotten, and in whom Love Divine finds a home.
Leader: Happy are those…
People: who embrace justice, and who are virtuous throughout the day.
Leader: Happy are those…
People: whose ways are blameless, who live with spiritual integrity, who seek God with their whole heart.
Leader: Happy are the people…
People: to whom such blessings rest and who love the Lord God.

+*HYMN 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession is spiritually cathartic. Our transparent admission that we are not all we want to be, and certainly not all God calls us to be, is the only means of nearing the goal to which we and our creator mutually aspire.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord, our God, our Maker, our Redeemer, our Sustainer, we confess the plethora of times we have failed to call on You, or doubted Your readiness to hear our pleas. Forgive our failure to believe the words of the Gospel and our reticence, or outright reluctance, to share the Good News with others. We know You love us, and that You are wise, and patient, and that You want the lives of all Your children to be abundantly joyful. Should we keep this Good News to ourselves? Absolutely not! So, open our hearts to others that we may share Your goodness and kindness with all whose paths we cross…(silent prayer)**. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR MADELYN GRAY SHEKLETSKI Sally Moore, 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: Madelyn Gray Shekletski is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Madelyn to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Matt and Margaret as they nurture Madelyn and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Madelyn 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 488 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" WATERLIFE

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.

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17, pew Bible p. 1074

SERMON "Why Do We Go to Church?" Grady Moseley

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "We Are" arr. Ysäye M. Barnwell

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

The mutuality of life together is a blessing in itself. But we pray, as we now combine a portion of our individual resources, that there is a wholeheartedness which unites us with You, and with one another, in word and deed. May these be used to bear witness to Your generosity.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 619	"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"	LAUDA ANIMA
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	"Lift High the Cross"	CRUCIFER
*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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