

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 25, 2018 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Christ the King Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Miss Avery Byrum and Mr. Henry Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Philippians 2:5-11 Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

INTROIT *Jesus Is Lord* arr. Sterling
The Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Zoch
O Christ, before whom all nations shall finally bow,
before whom all rulers will cast their crowns,
before whom all creatures shall acknowledge Your rule,
cause us to bow in adoration,
cause us to cast all before You,
cause us to acknowledge Your Lordship,
now in this time together,
now and when we go our separate ways,
now, each day and hour, and forevermore. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?
Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 11:28-30 Mr. Taylor Rose
In Pew Bible, page 14 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN 374 *I Thank You, Lord* GRATUS
Hymn of the Month for November

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Rose

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 126 Dr. Gilliam
In Pew Bible, page 704 of Old Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Dr. Gilliam

SERMON *Laughter in the Air* Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time or response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 377 *There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by the Worship Decorating Committee to the glory of God.

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

Babies: Lisa & Scott Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia Copeland

Age 3 – Kindergarten: J.C. Doughtie & Billie Jo & Michael Harrell

Floater: Judy H. Pierce

CHRIST THE KING

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson

Associate Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker

Music Associate

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)

Pastor

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas

Minister to Youth & Children

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom

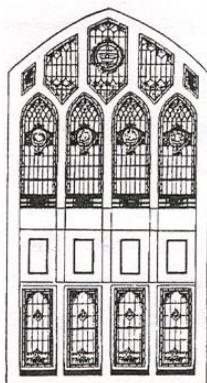
Pastor Emeritus

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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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✦ December First Wednesday – December 5 at 6:00 pm

A Christmas concert will be presented by Leah Wiggins Stubbs, piano, & Fletcher Stubbs, saxophone. The meal will be covered-dish, with meat & bread provided. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert that will feed six.

✦ Christmas Cantata – *Appalachian Winter*

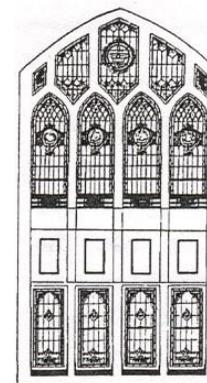
Presented by the Christmas Choir, Chair, the Vocal Ensemble, and Instrumentalists.

▪December 16 at 7:00 pm ▪December 23 at 11:00 am

On the evening of December 16, a Homemade Christmas Cookie reception will follow the cantata performance. Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share. It would be helpful if you would bring them on a serving tray.

✦ Christian Women’s Job Corps Angel Tree

If you, your Sunday School class or family is looking for a way to help a family or individual in need during the Christmas holidays, you’re invited to connect with our Christian Women’s Job Corps ministry as they set up an Angel Tree in our building. On the tree will be paper angels on which are listed items for a particular person in need. For more information, contact Pat Byrd, CWJC Director.



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

We come together to celebrate Jesus Christ,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
Instead, he emptied Himself completely,
not only taking on human form,
but the form of a slave.
He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even a humiliating death by torture on a cross of wood.

So God raised Him up with great honor,
and gave Him a name above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus
everyone—
in heaven and on earth and even under the earth
might bow down,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

This is our God—
the God we have come to worship!