the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 22, 2026, 10:30 am

Reign of Christ

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Today's worship service includes the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to share in this joyful feast as it is served in the pews. See our ushers for nursery information, assisted listening devices, restroom locations, or other needs. We are glad you are here!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠We rise in body or spirit.
We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Centering Bells, Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Prelude — *Processional* — Arnold B Sherman
Jubilate Ringers

Silent prayer of preparation
Almighty God, reveal to us the greatness of your power, that we may see your presence among the lowly and the lost and know the authority and sovereignty of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 100* Liturgist: Laura Chewning

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
We come into God's presence with gifts of laughter and song.
Know this: God is God, the one who made us and calls us his own.
We are God's people; well-tended sheep.
Enter with the password: Thank you! Make yourselves at home talking praise.
God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.
Praise God! Let us worship.

✠Hymn 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail through-out eternity.

✠Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

✠Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24* p. 984 in the pew Bible

Anthem *Come Celebrate* Mark Patterson
Covenant Choir

Moment with the Children Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46* p. 35 in the pew Bible

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Kingdom and Kin-dom

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
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✠Affirmation of Faith *from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal . . . In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Presentation of Offerings

Whether your gift is placed in the plate, given online, or shared through your time and talents, all are invited to pause as the plate is passed to you for a prayerful moment of thanksgiving.

Offertory *Ride on, King Jesus* Moses Hogan

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on the conquering King! Oh ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man no can a hinder thee. I was but young when I began, but now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, the ribber of Jordan he did cross. Jesus is the Lord of Lords! Jesus is the prince of peace, Jesus is the first and he's the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords Jesus is the prince, prince of peace. Ride on, King Jesus!

✠Doxology (Hymn 606) and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and these your gifts . . .
we join together in the prayer Christ taught us:
. . . forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . .

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Today communion will be served in the pews. You are welcome to consume the elements in a moment of personal prayer or hold them until all have been served so we may partake together. All the bread is gluten-free and the cups contain grape juice. These are the gifts of God for the people of God!

Prayer After Receiving

SENDING

✠Hymn 517 *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

during the last verse, children are dismissed to the ed building for Covenant Choir.

Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all our weariness upon you lean.

Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; the bread and wine remove,
but you are here, nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.
Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,

yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *Blessed Assurance*
Jubilate Ringers

Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



Serving in Worship Today:
Organist: Amy Shirk
Director of Music: Mike McCarthy
Ushers: Ralph Lewis, Gary Vaughn
Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart
Communion Servers: Sherman Brown, Porter Blakemore, Susie Davis, Erik Fino, Debe Garrison, Mike Gibson, Bruce Harvey, Barb LeRoy, Adam Nelen, Steve Spratt, Patty Toler
Sanctuary Guild: Linda and Steve Spratt
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