



*The Chi-Rho symbol overlays the Greek letters Chi (X) and Rho (P), the first two Greek letters of Christ's name and has been used as a primary symbol of Christ since the early 300s.
The addition of Alpha and Omega signifies that Christ is "the first and the last."*

November 23, 2025, 10:30 am
Christ the King

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. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Our service today includes the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to share in this joyful feast of the people of God as you are served in your pew.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠ We rise in body or spirit.

We say or sing words in bold together.

GATHERING

Prelude *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* James Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Gathering Prayer

Lord God, the words "Jesus is King" come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. Open us

to you in this hour and give us a vision for how we may live more fully in your kingdom every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Introit

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Hymn 268)

Call to Worship *based on Revelation 1:4-8, 7-12* Liturgist: Marty Wilder

We gather in grace and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.

Glory and strength to Christ, who loves us and freed us from our sins!

Look! He is coming with the clouds for every eye to see.

May it be so!

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,

honor and praise to God forever and ever!

Come let us worship Jesus Christ our Lord!

✠Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

*Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

*He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

*On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

✠Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have turned away from our created purpose. We confess that we have not honored him with our lives. We have elevated idols above your ways, ignored those in need and failed to seek reconciliation with our enemies. Forgive us, Lord. Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace. Expose our insincere thoughts. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Release us from the fear of death. Grant us courage in the

face of evil. Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom. For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

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

✠ Joyful Response (Hymn 353, verse 1)

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

✠ Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *Luke 1:68-79*

p. 70 in the pew Bible

Colossians 1:11-20

p. 244 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Rev. Bruce Smith

Anthem

Rejoice!

Scripture Reading: *Luke 23:33-43*

p. 108 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Something about that Name Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith from *The Confession of 1967* (inclusive language text)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of

disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

✠Hymn 510 *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name (Come, Share the Lord)*

*We gather here in Jesus' name;
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.*

*He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

*We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise . . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts, . . . all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

during the last verse, children K-5th grade are dismissed to Covenant Choir

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by David and Tammy Hancock
in celebration of the marriage of Sarah Hancock to Carl Banks, Jr. on May 20, 2025.*

Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Communion Servers: Linda Benn, Porter Blakemore, Robert Fidler,
Tristin Fidler, Debe Garrison, John Garrison, Mike Gibson, Bruce Harvey,
Adam Nelen, Steve Spratt

Ushers: Paul Leimer, Gary Vaughn

Elevator Assistant: Bryan Eland

Sanctuary Guild: Linda and Steve Spratt

Videographer: Vicky Wilder, Jerry Zekert

Church Family News

We continue to pray for: Betty Ellett, Shirley Eye, Carole Fariss, Kaci LeFebre,
Mary Lowman, Lista Winger-Eger

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