

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Christ the King / Reign of Christ

November 22, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need in his name. Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Betsy Lord, Organ

arr. Eithun

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God has come near; the reign of Christ has begun. Enter into this time of worship with joyous expectation.

We gather to experience the presence of God. May our eyes see all that is right and true.

Incline your ear to hear all that God would teach. Seek to experience God’s steadfast love.

We are here to embrace God’s blessing and to receive God’s wisdom. We are here to worship and serve our King.

Praise God for signs and wonders all around us, secret and small, bold and bountiful.

Praise God for the power of mercy, and the hope of grace.

Let us worship God!

HYMN (GTG) 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
Verses 1 and 2

(Madrid)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love and surprising grace, we offer you thanks for your willingness to venture into the midst of humanity. We know that your decision to be with us and one of us gives us grounds for deeper joy and stronger hope. Yet we confess that all too often we fail to recognize the treasure of your presence or the authority of your reign. We are distracted by the world and tempted by its vision of power. We are repulsed by weakness and suspicious of humility. Forgive us for the times we disparage the power of love to transform or doubt the reality of your realm. By your Spirit, free us from our self-centered ways, and cleanse us of our preconceptions and preoccupations. Fill us with your grace, so that we may see you and serve you now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46; NT Page 29

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:4-11; NT Page 197

SERMON

“Have You Seen the King?”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Thanksgiving Medley”

arr. Anderson

Ruth Andrasco, Carlene Craytor, Cory Gimperling, and Terry Puls, Bells

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 9, ¶15)

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: The Kerry Family: Steve, Susie, Caroline, and Leanna

Prayer institution of the week: Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church (Annapolis, MD)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Melissa Hildebrand (410-956-5214) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

Today's liturgist is Betsy Lord.

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<i>The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.</i>	
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