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“Christ the King Sunday”



Pastor Steven Clark
Sunday, November 24, 2024
10:30 AM Divine Worship

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 24, 2024
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

*is the invitation for worshipers to rise in body or in spirit.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Stilling Silence

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

We come weary, weighed down by the excesses and the sorrows of the past.

**Grace to you and peace,
from the God who is and who was
and who is to come.**

We come hopefully, knowing that the presence of God will not be limited by our human constructs.

**Grace to you and peace,
from the God who is and who was
and who is to come.**

We come thankfully, discovering abundance born not of possession but of the heart.

**Grace to you and peace,
from the God who is and who was
and who is to come.**

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!

***Opening Hymn:** *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

RED #543

**Revelation 1:4b-8
(NRSVUE)**

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

4 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2024 (CONT.)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS —WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24TH

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the church office will be open Tuesday, November 26th and 27th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

All donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets are due by November 24, 2024. If you have any questions, please speak to Jane Casey.

SAVE THE DATE: SIX MILE RUN'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK, DEC 8TH

The season is nigh upon us! So please mark your calendars and your recipe books! After service on Sunday, Dec 8th, we will be having a congregational Christmas potluck. A sign up sheet for your food contribution will be put out in the weeks prior. We hope everyone will be able to make it for a delightful time of fellowship, food, and maybe even some carols.

COMMEMORATION OF 1776 ARREST OF DERRICK VAN VEGHTEN

Attention all history buffs! On Dec 7th at noon, the Somerset County Historical Society will hold its third annual commemoration of Derrick Van Veghten's Dec 6th, 1776 arrest by British soldiers. Van Veghten was arrested as his house and interrogated to reveal a path up through the Watchung Mountains as the British sought to outmaneuver Washington's forces. This year, the reenactment will be held in the Old Dutch Parsonage on the grounds of the Wallace House State Site in Somerville, and it will feature our own Pastor Steven!

SAVE THE DATE: GAME SHOW NIGHT!

Mark Feb. 1st on your calendars, because SMR is bringing in a professional entertainer to host a night of smiles, laughter, and fellowship! Tell your friends, because you play the games as a team! Stay tuned for more details.

THANK YOU

A huge "Thank You" to Jane Casey and her family for another beautiful & bountiful Thanksgiving display on the chancel today. The display is given in loving memory of Jane's parents Clifford & Ruth Cortelyou.

Call to Remember and Confess

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Sovereign God, we confess we have given various, even contradictory idols power over us: the idols of power and victimhood, wealth and welfare, fame and self-loathing. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our identity in Christ. We have lost sight of Your reign here on earth, and instead have knowingly and in ignorance sworn allegiance to these other kings. Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

Words of Assurance:

Gloria: "*Sing Praises to Your Creator*" RED #550

Praise the LORD, all mountains and oceans, rolling thunder and wind
and storm clouds on high.

Praise the LORD your Maker, all living creatures, all the beasts in the fields
and birds in the sky.

***Passing of The Peace** L: The peace of Christ be with you!
 P: And also with you!
 L: Share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!

***Hymn of Peace:** "*Alleluia, Alleluia*" RED #958

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE WORD OF GOD

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

Choir: “O Praise the God of Harvest”

Scriptures: Revelation 1:4b-8 (Page 7)

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

Sermon: “Christ the King Sunday”

Choir: “Dona Nobis Pacem”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Call to Self– Offering

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory:

***Doxology:** “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gathering of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & 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.**

***Closing Hymn:** “Give Thanks” RED #358

*Benediction

Postlude

Today’s liturgical color is *White* for the Christ the King Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2024

“NOT JUST CHILDREN’S SONGS!”

"Not Just Children's Songs! - A Guest Recital by Shiloh Sharma": Join high school freshman Shiloh Sharma as she delights Six Mile Run with a short recital on December 6th at 6pm in the chapel. A student at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, NJ, Shiloh is excited to share with our community her thoughts and explorations of a repertoire spanning from Bach to Chick Corea, and much more. As always, these concerts are free to attend, and there will be a light reception served afterwards.

Future events in our Arts@Church series include returning violinist Alex Covelli, and newcomer Rutgers DMA pianist Lamis Shams in January. Stay tuned!