

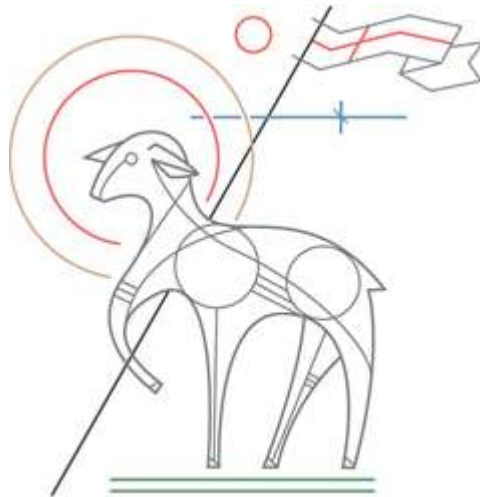
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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

10:00 am



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find
the love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today!

Some things you should know:

- Please silence mobile devices when entering the sanctuary.
- Please stand as you are able when *asterisk appears.
- Nursery care is available in the education wing for children from birth to 36 months during the 10 am worship service.
- At the 10 am worship service children Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in the Christian Education wing following the Children's Sermon. Youth participate in a different activity each week.
- Communion is served at the pews during the 10 am service on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is served each Sunday by intinction at the 8:30 am service. Gluten free bread/wafer is used at all times.
- We live stream the service each Sunday and as well as special services throughout the year.

Additional assistance available from the ushers:

- Large print Hymnals, Bibles & Bulletins.
- Printed copies of today's sermon available prior to the services; available online on most Mondays.
- Location of the Elevator, Hearing Devices, Recorded Services.

**Please join us after the Worship Service for
fellowship and coffee in the Narthex.**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Arioso"

James Denton

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

A TIME FOR STILLNESS: "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest Near to the Heart of God"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a great God;

A great ruler over heaven and earth!

The Lord God is our shepherd.

We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

*HYMN: #363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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. (moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: "Kyrie eleison"

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Hymn #578

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "We Are Forgiven"

Hymn #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children PreK through 12th Grade will leave for Sunday School.)

ANTHEM: "The Way We Love"

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

The mountains give thanks by reaching to heaven. The oceans give thanks when waves clap their hands. The trees give Him honor by rising above and we show our thanks in the way that we love, and we show our thanks in the way that we love.

The stars give their thanks by lighting the night sky. The high mountain snows whisper His name.

There's praise and thanksgiving in the song of the dove and we show our thanks in the way that we love, and we show our thanks in the way that we love.

All of creation offers its praises, thanking its Maker in glorious art. But we must choose to give more than phrases; our lives must reflect the thanks in our heart. Birds lift their thanks by singing each morning.

The sun gives its light in an offering of praise. The angels rejoice in the heavens above and we show our thanks, we show our thanks in the way that we love. We show our thanks in the way that we love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-24

Pew Bible p. 756

PSALM: Psalm 100:1-5

Pew Bible p. 522

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*RESPONSE: "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.***

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46

Pew Bible p. 27

SERMON: "Shepherd King"

*HYMN: #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.1 & 11.4

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**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!" Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in care facilities or homebound: Allene Falk, Wayne Gardiner, Chuck and Janet Hodges, Renee Mavis, Jane Schutz, and Wendy Taylor.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments and/or recovering at home: Bev Drake, Jared Grenzebach, Sue Kinnin, Norm Kreib, Scott Kronmuller, Ginger Lindner, Lynn McConnell, Debbie Meinzer, Sylvia Nascimben, Audrey Owen, Margaret Thayer, Bill Weikert, and Paull Utter.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Miniature #17"

Flor Peeters

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN: #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Trumpet Voluntary"

John Travers (1703-1758)

Thank you to Cathy Holmes for her musical contribution to our service.

Minister:

Director of Music Ministry:

Sunday School Superintendent:

Bell Ringer:

Acolyte:

Bible Carrier:

Lay Reader:

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery:

Counters:

Christ Candle: The flame of the Christ candle is in memory of our loved ones, Emily and Ray Sted, from the Bullock and Keesee families.

Flowers: The flowers are in honor of our 30th Wedding Anniversary, given by Donald and Allyson Siegel.

Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing

Kotoe Shimojo

Jenna Abel

Zach Thompson

Sam Mondschein

Samantha Marranca

Carolyn Holmes

Greg & Julie Wolfley

Pat McKeighan, Gail McNamara

Mary Barron, Betty Behr

Cathy McCoy, Henry Meinzer, Sarah Thompson

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today

- 8:30 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary
Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing
- 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex
- 9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **Worship**—Sanctuary & Online
Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing
- 10:15 am Sunday School—Various
- 11:00 am Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex

Monday, November 27th

- 9 a m—noon CCNS—Upper S. End Christian Ed Wing
- 9 am—2 pm Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room
- 11:30 am CCNS & UPK Tae Kwan Do—UFH
- 6:00 pm Gordon Highlanders Rhrl—Upper Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Theology on Tap—Angry Buffalo

Tuesday, November 28th

- 9 a m—noon CCNS—Upper S. End Christian Ed Wing

Wednesday, November 29th

- 9 a m—noon CCNS—Upper S. End Christian Ed Wing
- 9 am Loose Screws Social Club—Various

Thursday, November 30th

- 9 a m—noon CCNS—Upper S. End Christian Ed Wing
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, December 1st

- 9 a m—noon CCNS—Upper S. End Christian Ed Wing

Saturday, December 2nd

- 11:00 am M. Stahley Memorial Service/Reception—Sanctuary

Sunday, December 3rd

- 8:30 am Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing
- 9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary & Online
Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing
- 10:15 am Sunday School—Various
- 11:00 am Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex

Theology on Tap will meet on Monday, November 27 6:30 pm in a conference room at the Stamm Law office building (formerly Dick Campbell's) at 10535 Main Street Clarence (on the east side of Asa Ransom House). The topic is "Is Religion Inherently Violent?" taken from a book by Karen Armstrong, *Fields of Blood*. Sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex and pick up your reading. Hope to see you there!

There will be no 8:30 am Worship Service during the month of December. The 8:30 am service will resume on Sunday, January 7.

Next Kids Night Out is on Friday, December 8, 6—8 pm. We will celebrate Christmas as we take an intermission from our regular theme. This is a free program for children K—5th Grade and their friends; dinner is provided. Sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Pantry needs this week are laundry detergent, canned sweet potatoes, and pizza sauce. Thank you!

A “Warming” Tree was set up by the Mission Committee to begin collecting gloves, hats, mittens, slippers scarfs, gently used coats, etc. for the clients of the City Mission. Please “warm your heart” and remember those in need. You may leave your items on/next to the Warming Tree located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Christmas Angel Project—You make take a numbered angel from the display table in the hall outside the sanctuary. Each angel represents an individual or family from our own Clarence Community Food Pantry and has some information about the person and their assigned identification number **which needs to be clearly marked on the gift** when brought in. Please bring your gifts on Sunday, December 10 or 17. If you have any questions, please call or text Jim Owen @ 716-310-5447.

Holiday Fruit Baskets—A collection box has been placed in the Narthex for your contributions to this project. All are invited to help us prepare Christmas fruit baskets for the families served by the Clarence Community Food Pantry on **Tuesday, December 12** in the Upper Fellowship Hall at 10 am. We will be collecting baskets of all sizes and non perishable items such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, candy, cookies, crackers and snacks in the weeks prior. Monetary donations for the purchase of fruit are also welcome. Thank you!

Our Congregational Meeting to elect officers will be held at 11 am on Sunday, December 3. Please plan to remain in the Sanctuary after the 10 am worship service for this meeting. All members of the church are encouraged to participate!

My Christmas Remembrance—For years poinsettias have filled our sanctuary during Advent. You have an opportunity to donate a Christmas Remembrance towards poinsettias or to the general gifts and memorials fund. If you wish to donate a poinsettia you may pick it up after the 11 PM Christmas Eve Service. Just fill out the designated envelope found in the pew racks. You may also call (716-759-8396) or email the church and give the needed information: office@clarencypresby.org. The names of those being honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletins on Sunday, December 17 and December 24. Turn in your dedication no later than Monday, December 18 for inclusion in the bulletin. If you have questions regarding this program, please call Barbara Utter at 716-741-3208.



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