

Sunday, November 23, 2008
Christ the King Sunday
Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *God Himself Is With Us* arr. Hal H. Hopson
JoyBells

THE INTROIT *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99:1-2, 3-4

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

* HYMN OF PRAISE # 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* "St. George's Windsor"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

We are your people, mostly privileged, competent, entitled. Your people who make futures for ourselves, seize opportunities, get the job done and move on. In our self-confidence, we expect little beyond our productivity; we wait little for that which lies beyond us, and then settle ourselves at the center. And you, you in the midst of our privilege, our competence, our entitlement.

You say—fear not, I am with you. You say—nothing shall separate us. You say—something of new heaven and new earth. You say—you are mine; I have called you by name. You say—my faithfulness will show concretely and will abide.

And we find our privilege eroded by your purpose, our competence shaken by your future, our entitlement unsettled by your other children.

Give us grace to hear your promises. Give us freedom to trust your promises. Give us patience to wait and humility to yield our dreamed future to your large purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus who is your deep “yes” over our lives.

— from “Prayers of a Privileged People” by Walter Brueggemann

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God’s Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

MOMENT FOR MISSION

* HYMN OF PREPARATION # 559

We Gather Together

“Kresmer”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 2

pew Bible p. 463

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Ephesians 1:15-23

pew Bible p. 181

THE ANTHEM

Thanks We Give

Dale Wood

God the Father, show us creation; God the Brother, show us redemption; God the Spirit, show us celebration. Now! The fields are full of food, the hills are full of drink, the rocks are full of gold, the floors are full of crumbs, the cups are full of wine, the stores are full of fruits, the barns are full of grains, the stoves are full of pies; thanks we give for all these things. The stalls are full of cows, the hills are full of trees, the seas are full of fish, the air is full of birds, the earth is full of life, the skies are full of stars, the hands are full of toys, the mouths are full of food; God the Father, show us creation; God the Brother, show us redemption; God the Spirit, show us celebration. Thanks.

THE SERMON

“GODCARES 4 U”

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and of the manifestation of his own glory.

—Chapter 1, 3:01, Scots Confession

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANTHEM

The Water is Wide
JoyBells

arr. Dan R. Edwards

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**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.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING # 555

Now Thank We All Our God

“Nun Danket Alle Gott”

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Nun Danket

Karg-Elert

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

PLEASE JOIN US for a Community Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 25 at 7 pm** at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 211 South Lee Street, Cumberland. First Presbyterian, the B'er Chayim Congregation, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and a representative of the Islamic community will host the service. A free-will offering will be accepted for the Western Maryland Food Bank. Note: If you can provide two dozen cookies for afterwards, please contact Barbara Leasure.

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

About The Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

For the month of November, we will be using an extract from the *Scots Confession*. The *Scots Confession*, charter document of the Church of Scotland, emerged from a protracted period of political and ecclesiastical turmoil during which religious leadership often proved a risky business. In 1560, the Scottish Parliament commissioned six prominent ministers (John Douglas, John Knox, John Row, John Spottiswood, John Willock and John Winram) to write a statement of Protestant Christian faith. Knox, who during periods of exile had studied in Geneva with John Calvin and also ministered to the English-speaking congregation there, is generally thought to have exerted a strong influence over the document.

Music Notes

The music for this morning's worship service reflects the season of harvest and thankfulness. The anthem is a two-part contemporary anthem written 35 years ago by American composer, Dale Wood. The text is by Herbert Brokering and reflects and recites a small portion of our countless blessings from God. Accompanying this fast-paced, joyful song is organ, tambourine and finger cymbals. We welcome Mark Gauthier, student at FSU, for his percussion accompaniment.

Advent 2008 Worship Schedule

November 30 th	1 st Sunday of Advent
December 7 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent, Communion "Las Posadas" Children's Pageant
December 14 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent Sanctuary Choir Special Music
December 21 st	4 th Sunday of Advent Lessons and Carols Christmas Joy Offering Received
December 24 th	Christmas Eve Services 6:00 pm: Service of Bells Service of the Bells. Bring your favorite bell to ring! Jingle bells will also be provided. 11:00 pm: Traditional Candlelight Service
December 28 th	1 st Sunday after Christmas (no Sunday School)



What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (23)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, Christ the King Sunday,
Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott- Moment for Mission, JoyBells Playing, On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (24)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Pastor's Book Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (25)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 5:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Baltimore St. YMCA
- 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Service at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (26)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
NO Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (27) THANKSGIVING DAY

- Church Office Closed
- NO Learning Tree Nursery School

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (28)

- Church Office Closed
- NO Learning Tree Nursery School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (29)

- 3:00 PM Pee Wee Teams Basketball Practice at the Riverside YMCA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (30)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
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