

**Morning Worship  
November 22, 2009  
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 *Rondeau* Henry Purcell

INTROIT *Come Down, O Love Divine* "Down Ampney"

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 132: 13, 14

Leader: For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation:

**People: "this is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it."**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #559 *We Gather Together* "Kremser"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**We confess you to be the God who calls, who wills, who summons, who has concrete intentions for your creation, and addresses human agents who do your will. We imagine ourselves called by you...yet a strange lot: called but cowardly, obedient but self-indulgent, devoted to you, but otherwise preoccupied. In our strange mix an answering and refusing, we give thanks for your call. We pray this day, for ourselves, fresh vision; for our friends, great courage, for believers in places more dangerous than ours, deep freedom. As we seek to answer your call, may we be haunted by your large purposes, we pray in the name of the utterly called Jesus. Amen.**

*—Walter Bruggemann, on reading 1 Samuel 3, February 20, 2001*

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #572, The Hymnal  
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON John Dillon

\* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**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. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\* SONG

*Let All Things Now Living*

#554, The Hymnal

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 4:14-16, 7: 1-2

Pew Bible p. 49

SECOND LESSON

John 18:33-37

Pew Bible p. 106

THE ANTHEM

*Psalm 150*

Cesar Franck

Alleluia. Alleluia. O praise ye the Lord, praise God in his temple. Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power. Praise the Lord for His mighty acts. Praise the Lord according to his majesty. Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp. Praise the Lord with the timbrel; Praise the Lord with the dance, with organ and strings praise the Lord forevermore. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. O praise ye the Lord, praise God in His temple, O praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power. Praise Him for His mighty acts, Praise the Lord according to His majesty.

THE SERMON

"Jesus Was A Prophet"

Rev. John Dillon

## Our Response to God's Love

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY DUET *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck  
The bread of angels represents the bread of all. O marvelous and wondrous sacrament: a poor man, a slave, and the humble one are loved. All is well.

\* 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 #551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
"St. George's Windsor"

\* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE  
Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

\* SUNG BENEDICTION *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* "Randolph"  
(We will not be holding hands during flu season)  
**God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

## Going Forth in God's Love

\* THE POSTLUDE "Nun Danket All Gott"

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\* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

## Music Notes

The music for this morning's worship service reflects the theme of praise and thanks. "Psalm 150" is a majestic anthem composed for mixed voices and organ accompaniment by 19<sup>th</sup> century composer Cesar Franck. Cesar Franck (1822-1890) was titular organist at the newly constructed Parisian basilica Ste. Clotilde from 1858 until his death in 1890. Considering that the organ was Franck's preferred instrument, he composed only a dozen organ works for the organ, though each one is a milestone in his compositional style.

The particular anthem calls specifically for the pipe organ as its accompaniment as the sustained mysterious beginnings grow into one of praise and thanks.

## 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.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in November we will be using the Apostles' Creed.

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and further transmit the faith of the western churches.

## 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.



**THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON is almost here!** On **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm** we will have our S.O.S. Mission Fair in the Fellowship Hall. Visit displays from 10 local non-profits, learn about our overseas mission projects and donate to any of these organizations in honor or memory of a loved one. Free notification cards for your gifts will be available. You can also purchase items from Ten Thousand Villages or stunning olive wood carvings from Bethlehem. And, don't forget to stop by the GAFOSAC table and grab a bite to eat. Bring your family and friends to this exciting event!



## What's Happening This Week:

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (22)

#### Turkeys Collected for the Union Rescue Mission

9:15 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	Worship Service, Christ the King Sunday On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM	Food Scavenger Hunt

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER (23)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM	Cumberland Choral Society Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (24)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
6:30 PM	Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Westside School
7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Service at the Salvation Army Center

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (25)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open NO Learning Tree Preschool
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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (26)

#### Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed  
NO Learning Tree Preschool

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (27)

Church Office Closed  
NO Learning Tree Preschool

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (29)

9:15 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM	GAFOSAC Dinner & Meeting

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER (6)

9:15 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent Communion, Children's Pageant, Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
12:00 Noon	Ten Thousand Villages Display in Heritage Room
6:00 PM	GAFOSAC Dinner & Meeting