



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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November 20, 2022 – 11:00 am

Reign of Christ



"New York - United Nations - Swords into Plowshares," David Ohmer

God will judge between the nations and settle disputes of mighty nations.
Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools.
Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war.
Isaiah 2:4 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess, Winter: Liturgical Resources for November, December and January (Glasgow: Wild Goose Productions, 2016).

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

EDWARD BROUGHTON/TUNE: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #142: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

EDWARD PERRONET/JOHN RIPPON

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
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And crown Him Lord of all!

***OPENING SENTENCES**

"OPENING RESPONSES," PETER JOHNSTON, *SPILL THE BEAN*

Make way! ***Make space!***
Make time! ***Make peace!***
The Lord our King is close. ***The King of Love is near.***
The Prince of Peace approaches. ***Make way for Christ the King.***

Let us worship our God.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

"FROM SEED TO SHOOT," NIKKI MACDONALD, *SPILL THE BEANS*

From seed to shoot, God's kingdom is coming.
God's kingdom is coming near.
From shoot to branch, God's kingdom is coming.
God's kingdom is coming near.
Rooted and growing, God's kingdom is coming.
God's kingdom is coming near.
Flourishing, blossoming, God's kingdom is coming.
God's kingdom is coming near.
With wisdom and might, God's kingdom is coming.
God's kingdom is coming near.
With justice and mercy, God's kingdom is coming.
God's kingdom is coming near.
With righteousness and faithfulness, God's kingdom is coming.
God's kingdom is coming near. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 5:14

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1173

ISAIAH 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 874,875,876,836-837

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***HYMN OF THE DAY #559:** *We Gather Together*

THEODORE BAKER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Friends, let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves. Please pray with me.

Righteous God,

You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, Obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE #398: *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

DORIS MAE AKERS

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet holy spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
stay right here with us, fill us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
without a doubt we know that we'll have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Thanks*

CARROLL MCGRUDER

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Into Plowshares"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PASTORAL PRAYER

"WAITING FOR A GOD OF," PETER SINEY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

So now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray in the language we are most familiar with, saying:

*... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

*CLOSING HYMN #482: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

JOACHIM NEANDER

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

***SPOKEN CHARGE**

"ANOTHER LEAF IN THE TABLE," THOMAS M SHUMAN

Let us give
thanks
in this season,
by putting another
leaf in the table: to
make room for those
who are always
serving us (even
while we quibble over
their gratuity);

let us find the
Baby
this year,
by affirming
the giftedness
of those
whose lives
we too often
ignore.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Peace Benediction*

DANIEL CRAIG

POSTLUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God*

THOMAS CHESTERSON/JOHN CRUGER

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

November is Helping Hand Fund month. Throughout the month we will be collecting all loose offering for the Helping Hand Fund.

November 20th – Reign of Christ

Hanging of the greens will immediately follow the service, and all will be invited to stay and participate.

November 20th – December 18th - Bethany Angel Tree 2022

The Angel Tree will be up and loaded. This year we will be adopting Alamance Eldercare and Alamance Meals on Wheels clients. Please see handout for all the details.

November 27th – December 18th Advent Book Study

Join us for our 2022 Advent Study with *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* by Tracy S. Daub. We will meet every Sunday in Advent during the Sunday School hour beginning on November 27th (Advent 1). Books will be available from the office for \$11. Please register online (<https://www.bethanypreschurh.org/advent-devotional-2022.html>) or through the office by the Monday, November 7th to ensure we have a book for you.

Please come prepared to discuss the first chapter on November 27th. They are pretty short and our discussions will be based on the reading. We will meet at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

November 27th – December 18th Advent

Let Joy or me know if you're interested in being a candle lighter or reader in the Advent season

December 17th – 2022 BLUE CHRISTMAS DAY OF PRAYER

Our sanctuary chapel will be open to the public on Saturday, December 17th from 9am to 9pm for prayer.

The holidays are a time of great joy and celebration for many. However, for a lot of people, they can also be overwhelming, stressful, depressing, and a reminder of those who we have lost.

You are invited to come and pray and experience a space of quiet respite and sanctuary in the midst of all the holiday busyness.

We are looking for people to help us do this - one person to act as a host who will help people get to the sanctuary and one person who will sit in the sanctuary and pray with people as requested. The sign up is in the Narthex. Talk to Pastor Jon if you have any questions

Scouts Looking for Storage Space

Pack and Troop 9 Scouts are looking for a Donor to provide a 1,000 Sq foot storage type building, or warehouse, to store the following Scout Equipment:

2 camping trailers , 1 sailboat (Sailing Merit Badge), 1 demo car (Automotive Merit Badge).

Space needed for security and protection from the weather.

Feel free to contact:

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This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, November 20th – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – Reign of Christ

11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

Hanging of the Greens immediately following the service

Wednesday, November 23rd

6:30 – Hand Bell & Choir Practice

Sunday, November 27th – Advent 1: Hope

11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

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