

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
Reign of Christ Sunday
November 26, 2017

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God Is Truly With Us"

No. 68

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING

PRELUDE (8:55): "Jesus Shall Reign" John Hatton

Prelude 10:25 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Bell Choir
(Congregation Standing)

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: (singing) Amen!

Pastor: Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the *"The Reign of Christ."* Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness
come into his presence with singing.**

Pastor: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
come into his courts with praise.
Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

All(singing): *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation", vs. 1,2*

THE CHURCH

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2. All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, dear - ly loved of
3. To this tem - ple, where we call You, come, O Lord of
4. Lord, here grant to all Your ser - vants what they ask of
5. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with ac - cus - tomed lov - ing - kind - ness,
You to gain, what they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pe - tual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear Your ser - vants as they pray; and Your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
ev - er Three, and ev - er One, one in might, and

help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in Your glo - ry ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing ag - es run.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1851
MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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PENITENCE

Pastor: With an open heart, let us come before the throne of grace and confess our sins.

People: It is good that we confess our sins for our God is a forgiving God

All: Loving God, we confess that we have been more like thorn bushes than oaks of righteousness. We sometimes repel rather than attract others to the gospel. Pride and deceit fill our days more than grace and peace. We tire of satisfying the poor with bread and upholding the covenant and decrees you have offered us. We turn away from your anointed one, questioning his role in history and his relevance for us. We admit that our inner faith battles are often the screen we use to keep from facing our sin, admitting our guilt and seeking reconciliation. Open our eyes, heal our open wounds, and embrace us in your love that we might be forgiven. Amen.

(Silence)

Pastor: The word of God is trustworthy. The promise of the Gospel is this; if we truly confess our sins, we will be forgiven.

People: We give thanks for the grace of a loving God!

All(singing): “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” vs. 3,4

Pastor: Let us say again what it is that we believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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People: 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
(The congregation may be seated.)

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT Psalm 95:1-7a OTpg.550

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23 NTpg.192

SPECIAL MUSIC(8:55) “For the Beauty of the Earth “ Bell Choir
CHOIR ANTHEM (10:25) “Praise to God, Immortal Praise!” John Purifoy

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ.
All to thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow.
For the love that crowns our days, praise to God, immortal praise!

As thy prospering hand hast blest, may we give thee of our best.
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days -praise to God immortal praise!

All the plenty summer pours, autumn’s rich overflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain,
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows of solemn praise.
Singing thus through all our days, praise to God, immortal praise!

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.

All to thee, our God we owe,
Source from whom all blessings flow.
For the love that crowns our days,
Praise to God, immortal praise!

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-46 NTpg.29
(Congregation Standing)

**Choral Response: O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

*I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all my days.
(Congregation May Be Seated)*

SERMON "What's The Point?"

*Psalm 95:6-7 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
(Congregation Stands)*

RESPONSIVE HYMN "We Praise You, O God"
(Congregation May Be Seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Choral Response: Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,
Lord listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

GIVING

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY "He Shall Feed His Flock" G. F. Handel
(Congregation Stands)

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

RECESSIONAL HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (see insert)

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL SENDING

*May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.*

*May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.
Forever and ever, forevermore, Amen*

CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" O. Holden

MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God's love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God's love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul's please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(For the week of November 26, 2017)

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Jean Custer in memory of loved ones.

The **Organ Arrangement** is sponsored by Marc and Christi Hill in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Dennis and Donna Wanner in gratitude to God for all his blessings.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Lynda Shenk in honor and with thanks to the volunteers of the Helping Hands.

Coffee Time Sponsor: Linda Schaeffer and Lynda Shenk

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Heidi Pierce, Mike Werner, Tom Agnew, Chris Vojtasek

10:25 a.m. – Paul Moll, Dennis Wanner, Betsy Becker, Jenn Hoffman

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Dale Hollenbach

10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Nicholas Hill and Michaela Ernst

10:25 a.m. – Jaiden Valick and Parker Milyo

Attendance: November 19, 2017 8:55 a.m. – 114 10:25 a.m. – 55

October	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$36,235.85	\$37,757.11	-\$ 1,521.26
Other Accts	\$15,922.27	\$39,572.63*	-\$23,650.36

Year to date

General Acct	\$331,660.15	\$404,989.79	-\$73,329.64
Other Accts	\$122,688.39	\$123,060.19	-\$ 371.80

* Reflects \$32,520 towards Sewer billing (75% of payment owed).

JESUS CHRIST

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CORONATION

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the
3. Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from His al - tar
4. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial
5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at His feet may

fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and
call; ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod, and
ball to Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and
fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

crown Him Lord of all! Bring forth the roy - al
crown Him Lord of all! Hail Him who saves you
crown Him Lord of all! Ex - tol the stem of
crown Him Lord of all! To Him all maj - es -
crown Him Lord of all! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all!
by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
Jes - se's rod, and crown Him Lord of all!
ty as - cribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of all!

WORDS: Edward Perronet, 1780; alt. John Rippon, 1787

MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793

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