



# *Christ the King Sunday*

**The Order of Worship for November 24, 2024  
10:00 am Worship Service**

\* *Please stand as able*

## **Centering Thought**

*“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart,  
it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.”*

— A.A. Milne, *Winnie The Pooh*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Susan Geschke  
GPC Bell Choir

\*The Call to Worship (from Isaiah 12:3-6)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD! Praise His name!  
Tell the whole world what He has done— His mighty acts  
on our behalf.

**People: Sing to the LORD, for He has done wonderful  
things for us!**

Leader: Raise your hearts and voices! Shout and sing  
your praise!

**People: For great is the Holy One who dwells  
among us!**

Leader: Let us Worship God!

\*Hymn #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

\*The Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord, like a shepherd, you never stop searching for  
Your people, your care for us anticipates our need.**

**Before we recognized we needed Your grace, in love, Jesus gave His life for our forgiveness.**

**We confess that we need Your forgiveness, we confess our sins: You are the shepherd and we are Your flock, but we admit the times we have tried to take Your place and take control ourselves. We admit that we have not always trusted Your good news to be good for us. At times we have pleaded with You to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others and ignored the needs of others.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus. Loving Shepherd, teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow You in the days and places of the weeks ahead. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen. (Silence)**

*\*The Assurance of Peace*

Leader: Friends! Do you believe and trust the Good News that by the merits of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to live a new life?

**All: Yes! We believe! Thanks be to God!**

*\*The Gloria Patri*

**Glory Be to the Father**

J. Frederick Davison

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, — and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost,  
As it was in the be - gin - ning, — is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men.

The Children's Time

The Prayer for Insight

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading

Psalm 65

The Anthem *Steal Away*

Spiritual arr. Howard Helvey

Paul Grane, *clarinet*

\*The Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All Thanks be to God!**

The Message

***The Power of Gratitude***

-Pastor Robert Cook

\*A Litany of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

**All: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. We thank you, Lord.**

**For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, we thank you, Lord.**

**For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, we thank you, Lord.**

**For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, we thank you, Lord.**

**For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, we thank you, Lord.**

**For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, we thank you, Lord.**

**For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, We thank you, Lord.**

**For the communion of saints, in all times and places, We thank you, Lord.**

**Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;**

**To Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be thanks, praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving #652 *A Grateful Heart*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

\*The Doxology

\*The Dedication of Our Offerings

\*Hymn #765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

\*The Blessing

The Postlude *Sing to the Lord* R. Sterling, arr. M. Hayes  
Brenda Slick, piano

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*Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship in the Social Room after Worship. All Are Welcome!*  
*Hosted by Polly Coulter & Kerí Papa*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Angle	Penny Mohler
Rev. Bill Beck	David Myers
Dian Bishop	Dan Patton
Steven Bishop	Michael Paylor
Mary Buhl	Linda Pittman
Leona Cain	George Price
Jon Davis	Beth R
Jane Everetts	Tim Reed
Dominic Frampton	Marvin & Nancy Rice
Aaron Frick	Mary Lou Riddle
The Gagne family	Colin Rinker
Cullen Gaston	Caroline Robinson
Mindy Grosh	Tiffany Robinson
Gail Guyton	Patti Sechrist
The Hammond family	Bob & Sandy Seidel
Becky Hess	Alan Shope
Archer Hohl	Skylar Sites
Bill Horst	Sally Snyder
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Ray Spitz
Cameron Kingsley	Mary Steel
Lynne Leap	Rowan Stotler
Cheryl Luger	Becky Sucke
Sue Lum	Cathy Thomas
June Marshall	Frank & Tracey Toston
Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu	Virginia Vallillo
Liz McCarty	Tim Walck
Nancy McIntyre	Chelsea White
Sandra Meadows	Dot Wilson
Vasilija Milanovic	Bethany Yeager

Please pray for the family of **Doris Henson**, Diane Mills' Aunt who went to be with Our Lord on Friday, November 15, 2024.

*Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries and concerns to you, knowing that we are your beloved children. Our faith requires we rest in your infinite mercies.*

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We collected 33 boxes for OCC this year! Thank you GPC for your generosity and kindness.

**2025 PER CAPITA** for the Carlisle Presbytery churches is \$34.04.



## **HERITAGE CHRISTMAS**

GPC Mission/Outreach Committee will be participating in Heritage Christmas on the Square the first two Fridays in December – 6 & 13. They will pass out hot cider & popcorn.



**YOU ARE INVITED!** Join our congregation on Sunday evening, December 8 for our annual Advent Potluck Dinner starting at 5 PM... followed by a public holiday concert from the Penn State Mont Alto Chorale beginning at 7 PM.

The evening will end with a complimentary Ice Cream Social featuring Penn State Berkey Creamery ice cream.

The 15 voice choral ensemble, along with some of their families, will be joining our church family at the potluck dinner. The evening presents a combination of tasty food, terrific, holiday music, and wonderful community outreach for our church. Please plan to join us on December 8!

## **OLD HOME WEEK IS COMING.....August 2-9, 2025!**

Greencastle Presbyterian Church has been involved in this special week for many years and hope to be so in 2025 also!

An OHW Committee is being formed now so that we can plan our involvement. If you would like to be on the committee to discuss our options and plan events, contact Mary Ann Ackerman (240-527-5516) or Debbie Wine (717-360-2142).

**Meeting Monday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm in the Social Room**

**CAROLING, COCCO, & COOKIES** Sunday, December 15

We'll meet at the church at 5:45 pm, go caroling around town until 7, then return to church for some cookies and cocoa. Rain date is 12/14.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** Tuesday, December 24

4:30 PM – Family Worship Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Worship Service with Communion

**PREPARE THE WAY** ISAIAH 40 THE PERFECT GIFT QUESTIONS?

The prophet Isaiah gives those listening to him a very particular task to prepare the way for the coming Messiah, the person we know as Jesus. Isaiah proclaims that to prepare the way is to make highways easily navigable, fill in valleys, flatten hills, level the ground, make the earth smooth. Then, and only then, will God's glory be revealed, and this will cause all humanity to see that God has spoken to us. Your gifts to the **Christmas Joy Offering** combine with gifts from thousands of congregations throughout our denomination to do our part to repair the world and to ensure our siblings have the tools they need to flourish. Your gifts prepare the way for the God we know in Jesus Christ, the child whose birth we celebrate.

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

Preaching .....Rev. Dr. Robert Cook

Liturgist ..... Pamela Price

Musicians ..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick, Paul Grane

Acolyte ..... Berkley Johnson

Sunday School & Nursery .... Mary Ann Ackerman, Weslie Johnson,  
Morgan Johnson

Audio/Video Tech .....Ben Herrmann

Closer ..... Paul Sauder

**Bell Choir** – Mary Ann Ackerman, Fred Davison, Brian Keck, Barry Leap,  
Kaylynn Leap, Liam Papa, Dee Patton, Dot Wilson

**Chancel Choir** – Randall Ackerman, Margery Benson, Bobbi Biesecker,  
Becky Fic, Barb Grane, Donna Grosh, Brian Keck, Barry Leap, Patsy Lee,  
JoAnne Lewis, Tom Thomas, Rebecca Wertime, Dot Wilson