

In response to God’s love and grace, through Jesus Christ,
we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR November 23, 2025
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Christ the King Sunday

SERVING THE CHURCH

- Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist..... Albert Miller
Musicians.....Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Trevor Timmons
Acolyte.....
Sunday School Teachers.....Racheal Marconi, Sue Thompson
Audio Video Tech Ben Herrmann
Closer.....Paul Sauder

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

*Not only do we not know God except through Jesus Christ;
we do not even know ourselves except through Jesus Christ.
- Blaise Pascal*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Tree variations of "All Glory Be to God on High"*

1st: Samuel Scheidt 2nd: Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

3rd: Johann Gottfried Walther

Trevor Timmons, *organ*

***The Call to Worship**

Leader: It is God who draws us here.

ALL: A yearning to experience

Leader: That which is bigger than us.

ALL: A desire to give thanks

Leader: For the bountiful gifts of life.

ALL: It is God who draws us here

Leader: For comfort in a bruising world,

ALL: To challenge our half-hearted efforts.

Leader: It is God who draws us here.

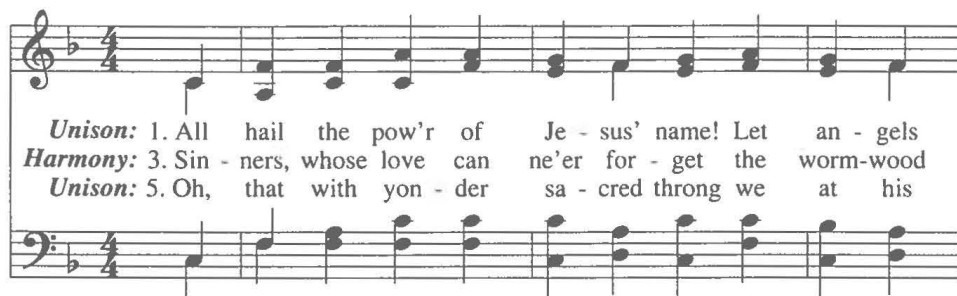
ALL: To sing and pray, to experience the risen Christ.

***The Opening Hymn**

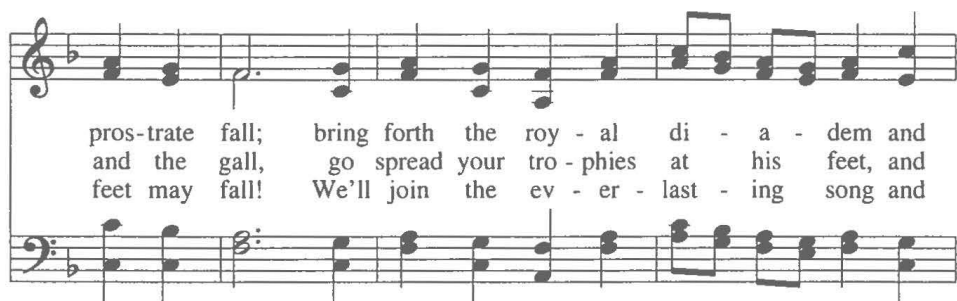
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Michael Burkhardt

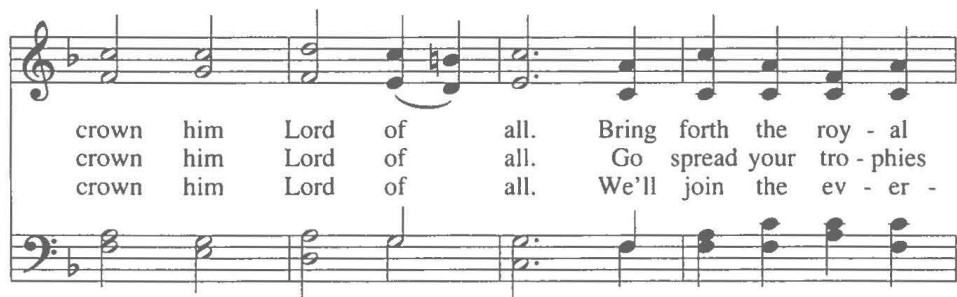
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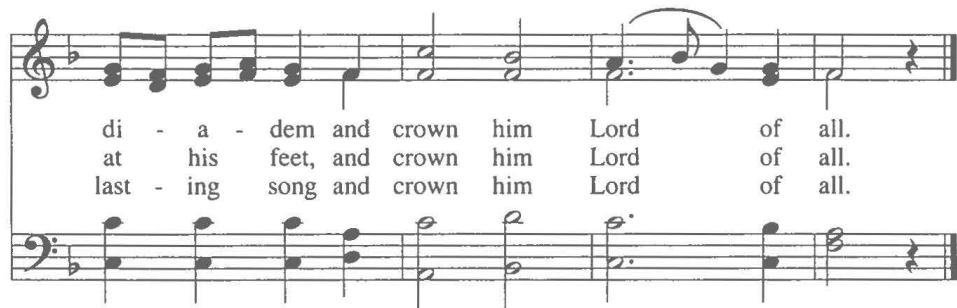
Unison: 1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
Harmony: 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood
Unison: 5. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his



pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and
 and the gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
 feet may 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. Go spread your tro - phies
 crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

Choir Stanzas

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
 ye ransomed from the fall;
 bring forth the royal diadem,
 and crown him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Stanzas 1–3, Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, and written in 1779, 1780; Stanzas 2–3, *alt.* John Rippon, 1751–1836.

Stanzas 4–5, John Rippon, and written in 1787 (PD).

Music: *CORONATION*, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844, and written in 1793 (PD).

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*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of all, you have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance. We confess that we have not responded to your call to be open channels of your grace. We clench our fists when you ask for open hands; we close our minds when you ask for grace toward our neighbors. Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation; loosen our grip and restore our souls that we may freely give and receive. Amen. (Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace with God

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:9-20

Solo

Ride On, King Jesus

African-American Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

Fred Davison, *baritone*

Trevor Timmons, *piano*

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-43

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: thanks be to God!

The Message

Pastor Bob Cook

*An Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world came into being.

The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness.

In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us.

Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born, lived and walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified, died, and was buried. He rose from the dead and speaks to us today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves.

In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator, back to the Christ, back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit. Amen. (Lisa Franz)

*Hymn #653 *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Closing Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign*
(see next page)

arr. John Behnke

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Praise The Lord With Drums And Cymbals*

Singfried Karg-Elert, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Trevor Timmons, organ

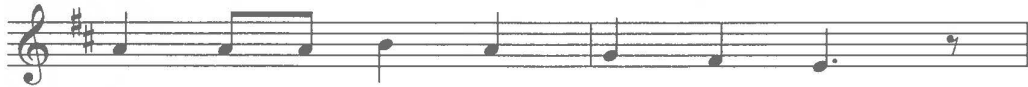
Jesus Shall Reign

Arranged by
JOHN A. BEHNKE

Words by ISAAC WATTS
Incorporating tunes:
DUKE STREET by
JOHN WARRINGTON HATTON
and JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING by
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring



does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
dwell on His love with sweet - est song;
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our king;



His king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
an - gels de - scend with songs a gain.



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

*The more we call on God, the more we can feel God's presence
day by day we are drawn closer to the loving heart of God*



Please join us for coffee, refreshments and fellowship in the Social Room after Worship.

Hosted by Deacon's Care Cell #3

All Are Welcome!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 23 Christ the King / Reign of Christ

- 8:45 am Fall Bible Study
- 10:00 am **Worship** with Coffee Fellowship
- 2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Wednesday, November 26

- 3:30 pm Faithful Families – Card Making
- 7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting
- Wednesday Prayer Circle, Bell and Chancel Choirs are not meeting

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day

Church office will be closed

Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 am Fall Bible Study
- 10:00 am **Worship** with Coffee Fellowship
- 5:30 pm Youth Group

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Leslie Moose
Patti Sechrist	Donna Bingaman
Alan Shope	Jason Kinzer
Tim Walck	Emmie White
Mindy Grosh	Stephanie & Mike and
Michael Paylor	Alaina Klingensmith
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Joseph Hams
Rev. Bill Beck	Terri Brust
Dan Patton	Helen Taulbee
Bethany Yeager	Doc Greenawalt
Penny Mohler	David Pickart
Cathy Thomas	Greg Harmon
Sue Lum	Bonnie Speaks
Frank & Tracey Toston	Cindy Widder
Sally Snyder	Donna & Sarah Stillwagon
Chelsea White	Carla Vickers
Tim Reed	Kevin Taulbee
Lynne Leap	Brandon Fisher
Gail Guyton	Jan Eppleman
Marvin & Nancy Rice	Cora Crider
David Myers	Kim Tartaglia
Frank Marconi	Bill Heacox
Kenny Reed	Lynn Anne Robertson Smith
Todd Smith	Missy Benson
John Stanton	Joyce Baker
Tom Clopper	

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 immeasurable love.

THANKSGIVING-TO-GO MEALS

GPC is offering a free Thanksgiving meal to those in need in our community. The meal is served on Thanksgiving Day between 10 am and 12 pm. Reservations must be made through the church office 717-597-8333 ext 3. Below is a link to help with donations and volunteers for the meal. There are a few spots still open.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DACA62BA5F85-59504708-gpc2025>

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” – H. Jackson Brown, Jr. (1940–2021) American author best known for the inspirational book *Life's Little Instruction Book*

LOST AND FOUND

A necklace with the name “Rachel” was found in the church last week. If you lost this or know the owner please contact the church office. Also, check the basket in the vestibule containing other lost items, water bottles, glasses, hats, gloves, etc.



THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

We are in need of books for the Little Free Library! Any donations of books for children and adults will be greatly appreciated!!! Book donations can be placed in the drawer marked Little Free Library in the credenza by the elevator.

ADVENT POTLUCK LUNCHEON

GPC's Special Events Committee will be hosting an Advent Luncheon on December 7th after Sunday Worship. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to attend!



CAROLING, COOKIES & COCOA

All Ages Welcome! Sunday, December 14th (Rain date Saturday 12/13) Meet in the GPC Social Room @ 5:45 pm We'll leave at 6 pm to go caroling around town. *Note this year we will be driving around the borough* Join us for hot cocoa & cookies back at the church afterwards. Feel free to bring a dozen of your favorite cookies and/ or a friend! RSVP to Keri 845-270-9108 by 12/12 Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

To remember a loved one or honor someone please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check made payable to: Greencastle Presbyterian Church, marked "Christmas Poinsettia."



Name: _____

Poinsettias are multi-bloom 6.5" pots. Cost is \$12.00 per pot.

☐ Red ☐ White ☐ Pink

☐ In memory of / ☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of / ☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of / ☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of / ☐ In honor of _____

☐ I will pick up my poinsettia **after** the Christmas Service.

☐ Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

OUR ORDER WILL BE PLACED ON MONDAY

The Penn State Mont Alto Chorale

Holiday Concerts



Sunday, December 7th - 7 p.m.
Greencastle Presbyterian Church



Tuesday, December 9th - 7 p.m.
Emmanuel Chapel at Penn State Mont Alto

Kick off the holiday season as the Chorale performs many of your favorite sacred & secular songs presented by some of Penn State's most talented students.



PENN STATE MONT ALTO CHORALE

*****Following the concert on December 7th, attendees will be treated to complimentary Penn State Berkey Creamery Ice Cream***

Since 2014, GPC has been privileged to host the Penn State Mont Alto Chorale for its fall semester holiday concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

It's a great way to begin the advent season!

Please consider supporting these hard-working students by inviting your family & friends to attend this meaningful holiday presentation.



UPCOMING CHRISTIAN ED ACTIVITIES

See a member of
the Christian Ed
Committee with
questions.

CHOOSE
Joy

OCC Boxes Due November 16th

You can use
a preprinted
box or any
similar sized
container or
box. See
labels for
packing
instructions.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be handed out Thanksgiving morning 11/27

8AM-12PM.

Use the
Signup
Genius Link
to sign up to
volunteer

Angel Gifts due back no later than 12/1.

Tags will be
put on the
tree as the
forms are
returned
to us.
NEW,
WRAPPED
gifts ~\$30
can be placed
under the
tree.

Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa

December
14th
Meet at the
church
@5:45PM,
caroling
6-7,
Cookies &
Cocoa to
follow

COMMITTEE Meeting Dates

November
4th
December
3rd
6:30PM