

ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 21, 2021 ▪ Christ the King Sunday

— WE GATHER —

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew pads.

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

PRELUDE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
Jennifer Bemis, organ

arr. Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Give Thanks
Chancel Choir

Wagner

❖ COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Shall Reign (vs. 1, 2, 5)

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MINISTRY MOMENT

Prayer Shawl Dedication

by Rev. Sarah E. Weaver

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We thank you for putting those in need on our hearts and in our minds so that we might fully live out your call to love and serve. We ask that you bless these shawls and those who will receive them. May they feel the love, comfort, and peace of your presence. And may your light shine in them and be a beacon of hope that is promised to all of us. Amen.

May the power of the Holy Spirit live and breathe within each one of us, through these shawls and through the lives that they will touch.

Shower us all with your loving grace, O God. Amen

❖ **PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Greet those near you with the words, "Peace be with you" and respond with "And also with you."*

— WE LISTEN —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, Most High! Everlasting Lord, mighty and lifted up! Grant to us your Holy Spirit, that in these words of Holy Scripture our hearts might be lifted up and our minds set on heavenly realities. As we contemplate the reign of our Ascended Lord, may we long to be with him and enter into the joy of his eternal Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ *Please Stand, Bold Print— Congregation Reads Aloud*
† *Children 4 yrs to 4th grade leave for Children's Chapel*

RESPONSIVE PSALTER *from Psalm 132*

O Lord, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;

For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

² The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³ The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴ is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. ⁵ Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶ But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

ACT OF PRAISE

A Thanksgiving Prayer
Chancel Choir

Besig

EPISTLE LESSON Revelation 1:4-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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❖ **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

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† *During the hymn, children (4yrs thru 4th grade) are invited to come to the front to go to Children's Chapel. Children will be dismissed to you from The Landing following the service.*

GOSPEL LESSON John 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

May God bless the reading of the Gospel. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Christ the King

Dr. Sterling Boykin

— WE RESPOND —

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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. **universal*

♪ GLORIA PATRI 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. A-men. A-men.

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER and OFFERTORY

Rejoice the Lord is King

arr. Berry

♪ DOXOLOGY 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.

— WE GO FORTH —

❖ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

During the Hymn of Invitation, those who wish to join this congregation of the United Methodist Church are invited to come to the chancel rail to meet with the pastors.

❖ HYMN OF INVITATION

We Gather Together (vs. 1, 2)

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❖ BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

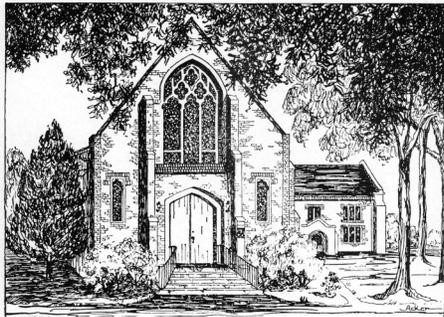
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POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Oh, Worship the King"

Burkhardt

✞ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of a new granddaughter by Helene and David Hassell who are announcing the birth of Virginia Ware Hassell. "Ware" was born on November 16th to proud parents, Daven and Sarah Hassell, and big sister A.D., who live in Birmingham.



This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year when we celebrate the "Reign of Christ". We also look back to remember the past year of worship and reiterate our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Today we celebrate the work of the members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry and bless the shawls they have created so they can be given to those in need of prayer and comfort.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. Please contact one of our pastors, or a staff member (251-478-6356) if we can assist you.

Senior Pastor Dr Sterling Boykin sboykin@apumc.com

Associate Pastor Rev Kristen Wright kwright@apumc.com

Staff: Church Administrator, Pam Bostick; Traditional Music Director, Jennifer Bemis; Children's Ministry & Preschool Director, Mary Hunter Fuller, Youth Ministry & Communication, Lee Ann Boykin; Media Director, Jon Miller; Contemporary Music Director, Amy True; Building Steward, Quinton McConnell; Nursery Director, Sarah Willingham

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 21, 2021 —

Donuts & Coffee are in Fellowship Parlor

Ascension Modern Service - 9:00 a.m. * (Fellowship Hall)

Children's Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. (The Landing)

Wesley Class Adult Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. (Rm. 201)

Confirmation & Youth Breakfast - 10:05 (Basement)

Connection (Adult) Sunday School - 10:10 a.m. (Fellowship Parlor)

Traditional Service - 11:00 a.m. * (Sanctuary)

Called Charge Conference—2:30 (Zoom)

* Nursery for Infant-3K is available

* Children's Chapel 4k-4th Grade (The Landing)

Tuesday—9:00 a.m. Decorating Chrismon Tree (Sanctuary)

UNITED APPEAL RIB SALE, December 16th

The Missions Committee is ready to fire up the grill so that you can have a slab (or more) of Bob's Famous Ribs during the holidays! The best part is that it's a fundraiser for our Ashland Place United Appeal Fund (that lets us be a tax-exempt) and all funds are distributed in the local area. Order your ribs and pay online, by following the link in the E-newsletter, or bring your check to the office. We will cook 100 slabs, so order quickly and don't miss out! Cost is \$35/rack, \$60 for 2.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE, Nov. 21, 2:30

There will be a called charge conference today at 2:30 pm via Zoom, chaired by our District Superintendent. The purpose of the called Charge Conference is to address action required regarding the bankruptcy processes of the Boy Scouts of America. All charge conference members should have received the Zoom link. Others who would like to attend should contact a pastor today.

THE JOSEPH PROJECT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Proceeds from The Joseph Project Christmas Card fundraiser provide food for the neediest families in our community. The cards include art from a local artist and the mission of TJP. TJP will address, stamp and mail a card in honor of your designated family, friends and business associates. We ask for a donation of \$15 per card but would gladly accept a larger donation! For tax purposes, you will receive a letter acknowledging your donation total. Bring/mail your list of recipients and addresses along with your check (payable to TJP) to the Church Office. There will be a table outside Fellowship Hall on Nov.28, Dec. 5 and 12 (9:30-10:15 and 12:00) where someone will assist you. You may pick up an order form, turn yours in or purchase cards to address yourself. For us to mail them in time for Christmas, we request your order form by Dec. 18th. Thank you so much. Fay Adams will gladly answer your questions at 251-402-9342 or by email at guyadams1@aol.com.

OUR FINANCIAL UPDATE

SUNDAY, November 14th

Giving Received: \$ 6,607

Giving Needed Weekly: \$ 15,806

BUILDING NOTE

Giving Received: \$ 150

Giving Needed: \$ 3,500

YEAR TO DATE GIVING through October

Giving Received: \$ 610,882

Giving Needed: \$ 699, 208

To give safely online, please visit www.apumc.com then click on the "GIVE" tab. You can also fill out a Pledge Card online at the GIVE tab.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these members in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown, Sharon Coggin, Linda Lee Counts, Jane Ford, Ruffin Graham, Erveta Haas, Steve Johnson, Freddie Jones, Haley Maxime, Lexi Mayhall, Michael Pierce, Sr, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Nancy Scott, Nyla Smith, Law Stuart, Peggy Tanner, Kathryn Willingham. (*New this week)

Hymns for 11/21/2021—Virtual Worship

Jesus Shall Reign

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1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

We Gather Together

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1. 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.

2. 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!

3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!



Dedication of the Prayer Shawls

Leader: We celebrate this special ministry of Ashland Place and give thanks for those who participate in our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Out of love and concern for our Christian brothers and sisters, these ladies work to share this tangible gift to those in need. Oh God, help us all to know who is in need of your healing power and presence and help us reach out to them.

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(blessing written by Rev. Sarah E. Weaver)