



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, God is seeking to gather us together. Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

People: Something or someone has summoned us here. Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?

Leader: God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed. Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.

People: We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing. Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.

Leader: Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks. Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.

People: God's steadfast love becomes real to us here. We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 267

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, you are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond your reach. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God says, I will rule between the sheep who responds to the needs of others with compassion, and the goats who pretend that everything is fine. God judges because God loves, and we are invited to share in loving acts that reveal God's care. God is good and is faithful in steadfast love to all generations. Friends, believe the good news...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI No. 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Rev. John Pruitt

*HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

No. 268

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

No. 269

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Nov 26)

Greeters: Bob & Donna Myers
Ushers: Winnie Theobald, Lorna Foster
Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen

Serving Next Sunday, (Dec 3)

Greeters: Winnie Theobald, Lorna Foster
Ushers: Dale Watts, Faye Hodges
Lay Reader: Dee Barham

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GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (11/26)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service
Mon (11/27)	9:00a Bulletin Information Due 6:30p Sweet Adelines
Tue (11/28)	5:00p Weight Watchers
Wed (11/29)	9:00a Weight Watchers 9:30a Men's Bible Study 5:30p Christian Ed Committee Meeting 6:30p Mission Committee Meeting 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (11/30)	No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri (12/01)	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (12/02)	8:30a Women's Bible Study Men's Bible Study
Sun (12/03)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service First Sunday of Advent Holiday Parade Parking in Church Parking Lot

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.



Poinsettias

If you are interested in purchasing a Poinsettia plant(s) to help decorate the sanctuary, please complete the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board.

Deadline is TODAY, November 26, 2017

CRAFTERS
PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BEAUTIFUL CRAFTS BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017; OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE PACKED AWAY FOR NEXT YEAR.



Please fill out prayer request cards.

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!

