

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Revelation 1:8*



## Abington Presbyterian Church

November 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Christ the King ∞ Reign of Christ

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Christ the King Sunday November 21, 2021**

**GATHERING**

*The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.*

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**      *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

Come into our midst, O God, as we seek your presence in this place. Let our worship be acceptable and pleasing unto you, and let our praise of Jesus Christ our King join with all the saints in this hour. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

Nun Danket Alle Gott

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brothers and sisters keep God's decrees and remember God's covenant.

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

For God has chosen us to be blessed among the nations.

**Let everyone enjoy God's blessings and benefit from God's everlasting favor.**

The Lord our God has established the throne of David. Come into God's presence.

**Let the reign of Christ persist for all eternity. Praise the Lord!**

**\* HYMN 2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we look around and see all that we lack but forget about your many provisions. Help us to remember that your grace abounds through and through, and that you do not leave us behind when we wander. Help us to remember that we are our neighbor's keeper, and forgive us, O God, for being short-sighted, short-tempered, and rude. We need your unconditional love. Open our hearts that we might receive it anew, in the name of Christ.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of Jesus Christ: there is no more condemnation under the law for those who love the Lord.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\* RESPONSE**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Hymn #582*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Greet one another with the sign of peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**BELL VOLUNTARY**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

*arr. Brenda E. Austin*

*The Festive Ringers present a bell anthem arranged from the music of an African-American spiritual, Hymn #525.*

**WORD**

*God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 93**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**He Is Marvelous**

*Rosephanye Powell*

He is marvelous! Jesus is wonderful!

Give Him glory! Shout to the Lord and proclaim:

He is marvelous, oh, so wonderful!

Give him the glory and praise!

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 18:33-37**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Revelation 1:4b-8**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**"Great Expectations"**

*The Rev. Aaron Twitchell*

**\* 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

#### THANKSGIVING & SENDING

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go  
into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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We Gather Together

*arr. Ron Mallory*

*The Celebration Ringers offer a bell arrangement of a Hymn #336, a familiar thanksgiving hymn asking for God's blessing  
and offering praise for God's faithfulness.*

#### \* DOXOLOGY

*Hymn 606*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \* HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* POSTLUDE

Nun Danket Alle Gott

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*[some announcements follow]*

**Worship Leaders:**

**Preacher:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

**Liturgist:** The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

**Festive and Celebration Ringers:** Nathan Lazurus, director

**Chancel Choir:** John Sall, director

**Organ:** Erik Meyer

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**In need of special prayers this week:** Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Joanne Lieb (friend of Ian & Amy Beck), Erma Yerkes, Linda Doyle, Shirley Keiter, Earl Saurman.

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