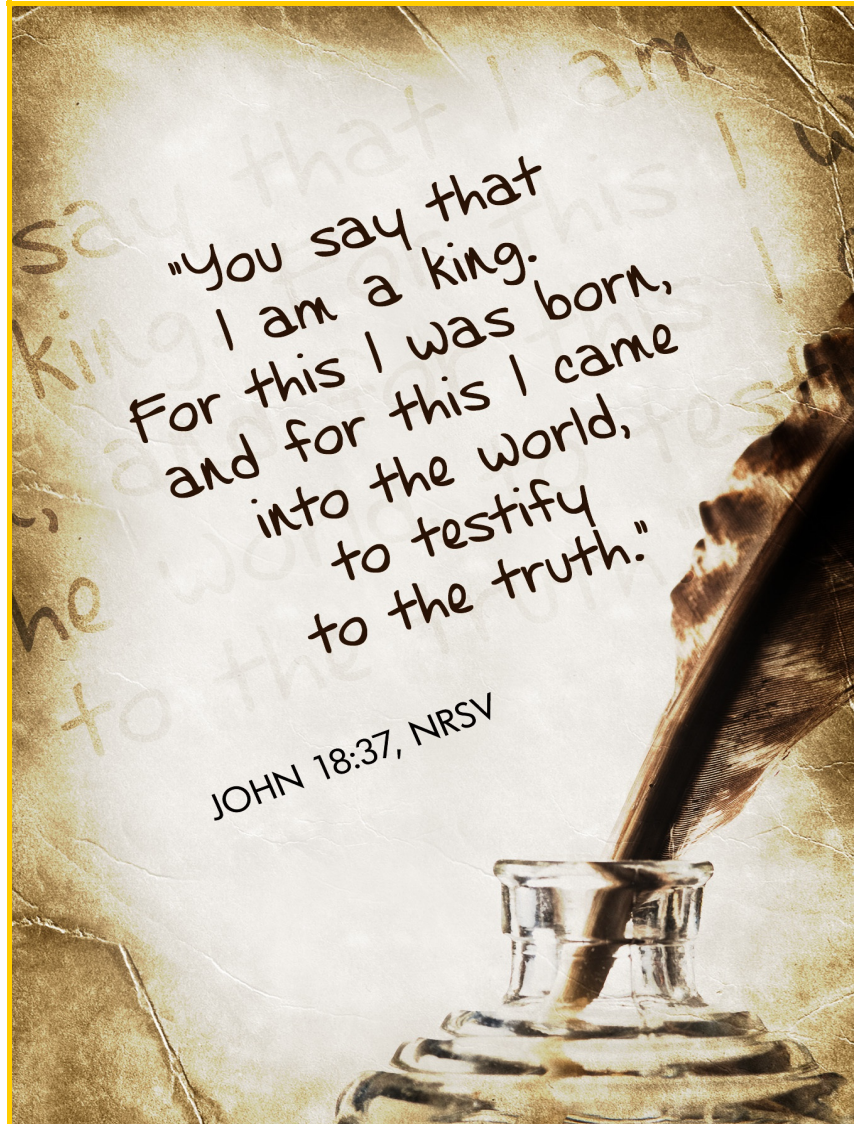


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Worship 10:15am

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



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**Sunday, November 21, 2021
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday**

**Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
and
Zion United Church of Christ
Online Streaming and Zoom Worship Service**

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex. The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator. Toddler seats are located in all of the bathrooms.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am. (From September through May)

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am September through May, 9:30am Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please speak with the pastor following the service, or contact the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastor, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

More Information...

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the Blue Visitor Table in the narthex hallway, including our monthly newsletter *The Herald*. You can also visit us on the web at: www.SPRUCC.org.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*Symbol used in this bulletin: *= if able please stand*



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**Sunday, November 21, 2021
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Christ the King Sunday**



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

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They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently
during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP [®]

Speak to us, eternal God, through the representatives you anoint to proclaim your Word. Grant that all in authority will speak truthfully, rule justly, and serve selflessly. Find your dwelling place today, not just in this sanctuary, but in our hearts and lives—and not just today, but every day. Clothe your priests with faithfulness and all your faithful people with garments of joy. May we know your grace and peace as we honor your majesty, bowing in awe before the one who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

vs 1 & 4

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP [®]

Leader: Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear!
Thank God for truth that lives in spite of death!

**People: We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ.
We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.**

Leader: The Spirit encounters us here that we might learn.
The Spirit inspires us that we might serve.

**People: God anoints us for ministry, giving us tasks to do.
God’s word is on our tongues, that the world may believe.**

ALL: Amen.

Virtual Worship Service

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[Facebook Live](#) (Zion) at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Zion-United-Church-of-Christ-Womelsdorf-733032070041250> -
Live or Watch & Listen Later

[Phone Stream](#) at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later

[Zoom](#): Meeting ID: 889 4662 4289; Passcode: 579687 (or call 1-301-715-8592) - Live Only

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We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION^④ (Leader)

Do our lives reflect the love of God revealed in Jesus? Is the rule of Christ among us our central concern? Do we daily join in ministry, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ? This is our call and our duty, for which we must give account.

*CONFESSION OF SIN^⑥ (Unison)

Sovereign God, we confess the unfaithfulness and sin of our lives. We look to society to give security, and are disappointed; we look to earthly kings, queens, and political leaders to exercise wisdom on our behalf, and discover human weakness and limitation; we look to business leaders for wealth, and find ourselves wanting the division between wealth and poverty growing. We become fearful in the light of the conditions around us, and wonder who or what is in charge, who or what we can trust. We have Truth incarnate in Christ, the One put in charge of all that is, your Word made flesh, the One whose nature is unconditional love and who has proven to be totally trustworthy, but we fail to avail ourselves of the fullness of all that belongs to us as subjects of Christ the King. And we confess we are also often disloyal as subjects, failing to enthrone King Jesus in our hearts without reservation, displacing him in our lives with lesser loyalties. Through our baptism, we have all professed that Jesus is our "Lord and Saviour," but in our daily living we have failed to fully live that confession of faith. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Kyrie"

♪ Red #518

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Lord have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON^⑥ (Leader)

Jesus the Christ was given the authority and the power of God to forgive sin, and this he sealed with the sacrifice of his blood for our sake. Therefore we may know without doubt that our sins are forgiven indeed; we have been saved by the intervention of the King. Praise be to Christ. Praise be to our true King. **Amen.**

{please be seated}

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism [®]
and
Order for Reception of New Members

Parents & New Member:
Jason Ross & Natalie Richelle Hainley

Child:
Lenna Rose Hainley

Sponsors:
Nicole & Steven Chandler
Laurie & Eric Ostimchuk
Clint & Lisa Hainley

Parents & New Member:
Michael Jack & Stephanie Lynn Stewart

Child:
Millie Kate Stewart

Sponsors:
Cathryn Claxton & Kristen Moyer

INVITATION

{Children, Parents, Sponsors, & Elder are invited to come forward to the Baptismal font}

WELCOME

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

{Those who are able please rise}

***CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT**

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: **We promise our love, support, and care.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His Son?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His Son.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

{Please be seated}

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

Pastor: Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

ACT OF BAPTISM AND NAMING

{Those Who Are Able, Please Rise}

***PRESENTATION**

***PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED**

***LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

{please be seated}

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HYMN

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" all verses

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We Hear the Word of God

*We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.
We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."
Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.*

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Reading: [Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14](#)

Second Reading: [Revelation 1:4b-8](#)

Gospel Reading: [John 18:33-37](#)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we
have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond
by
re-affirming our faith in God,*

HARVEST HOME PRAYER[®]

Leader: All that we have and all that we are,

People: We have received from the goodness of God.

Leader: We honor God by giving of ourselves unto others.

People: We give of the first and best that we have in the name of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Gracious God, we give you thanks for the bounty that we have received, and for the ability to share what we have received with others. We give you thanks for gifts we present here today on this Sunday of Harvest Home. We pray that you might bless these gifts, bless the givers, and bless the receivers.

People: We pray for the day that sharing by all will we scarcity for none.

Leader: We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,

ALL: the first born, the first fruit of the resurrection from the dead, our King! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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.

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SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

vs 2

♩Blue #788

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

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OFFERTORY INVITATION[®]

Leader: We decry the godlessness of our day.

People: We mourn the loss of values that our faith has taught.

Leader: Together as a church, we can address the world with good news that uplifts lives from self-serving, self-destructive ways.

People: Our tithes and offerings are one way we make our witness.

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshiping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul’s UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

OFFERTORY

{Those who are able, please rise}

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***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *“Now Thank We All Our God”* vs 1 ♪Blue #788
**Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
 Who, from our mothers’ arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** ² *(Leader)*

Mighty God, our tithes and offerings measure our faithfulness to you. They witness to the importance we place on sharing your Word, ministering to one another, and reaching out to make a difference in your world. As we have been influenced by your love in Jesus Christ, help us to communicate that love by what we do and say. Let us become as lamps brightening a cloudy day, as light breaking forth at dawn. To that end, we dedicate ourselves with our gifts. **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God’s love and grace,
 we go out into the world to share God’s Good News
 through our words and actions.*

***COMMISSION** ²

Leader: Let the Spirit of God speak through you today.
 Let God’s word be on your tongue through the week.
People: **We are not ashamed to share the gospel.
 We want to be caring and kind in all our talk.**
Leader: Live the good news that you have received.
 Be guided by the One who rules for all eternity.
People: **We are here to testify to truth in word and deed.
 We will listen to God’s Word for our instructions.**
ALL: **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

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***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

all verses ♪Red #176
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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
 as we now go to carry God’s light and love back into the world.}*



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¹³ *Occasional Services; A Companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress. (1982).

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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

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Link to Website's
Upcoming Events

††† **Worship Participants & Sponsorships** †††

Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u> November 21st	<u>Thanksgiving Eve</u> November 25th	<u>Next Sunday</u> November 28th
Usher Captain	Terry & Michael P.	Denise & Carl U.	Denise U.
Usher Co-Captain	Robin & Jon H.	Sheri R.	Carl U.
Usher/Greeter	Karen S.	TBD	Connie K.
Usher/Greeter	Sharon B.	TBD	Cory P.
Acolyte	Geri G.	Ethan M.	Wynn H.
Crucifer	-	-	Paul S.
Welcome/Lector	Terry P.	Geri G.	Ray T.
Cantor	Brian K.	Sheri R.	Terry P.
Children's Message	Geri G.	Pastor Mary Etta	Wanda M.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	21 st Century Christian Women	-	Zion UCC
Bulletins	-	-	Richard & Sue Hiester
Altar Flowers	-	-	-
Bud Vase Flowers	The Unger & Bentz Families	-	-

The Bud Vase Flowers are given by
*Carl & Denise Unger and Terry & Ronnie Bentz
in honor of the baptism of their granddaughters,
Lenna Rose Hainley and Millie Kate Stewart.*

† Prayer List †

Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.

“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” ~ James 5:16b

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Terry B.
Sam B.
Lori & Ryan B.
Deb D.
Rich D.
Jacob E.
Andy G.
Jaden G.
Ann H.
Leigh H.
Richard H.
Jim & Donna K.
Donald L.
Janice L.
Ella L.
Edmund L.

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Amy M.
Diane M.
George M.
Gary N.
Terry P.
Paul P.
Fred R.
Earl S.
Jim S.
Rob & Jodi S.
Spencer Family
Kathy S.
Martha W.
Austin W’s grandfather

Celebration:

Baptism of Millie S. & Lenna H.
New members - Michael S. &
Jason H.

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Robert G. Jr.
Family & Friends of R. Lynn H.
Family & Friends of Jon H.
Family & Friends of Starr M.
Family & Friends of Chick M.
Family & Friends of Sharon R.
Family & Friends of Bruce W.
Stephanie W. & Family with the
passing of her father

Social Concerns:

Those impacted by COVID-19
Those working on a vaccine for
COVID-19
Those who serve in the armed
forces

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.

All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.

Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.

Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.

*If you would like someone’s name added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org.*

Visitation Care Team

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at CareTeam@sprucc.org. For more information, go to our “[Visitation Care Ministries](#)” page at www.sprucc.org under the “ministries” tab.

††† General Announcements †††

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

Celebration!

Today we will be witnessing several baptisms and receiving new members into St. Paul's congregation. Congratulations to the Hainley and Stewart Families. Welcome!!

Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth has resumed. Both adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word each Sunday at 9:00am.

Following Worship Service

After worship, there will be a fellowship time in the Miller Fellowship Hall with Zion UCC.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who helped with yesterday's bazaar! We couldn't have done it without you!

Weekly Morning Bible Study - Tuesdays

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156 Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Join us as we give thanks to God at our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service this Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30pm. God is our great gift-giver and source of all bounty who delights in hearing our responses.

This year it will be a combined hybrid worship service with Zion UCC and St. Paul's UCC. Please invite family and friends to join us in giving thanks. We will stream the virtual choir into our live stream, and we will have a large television set up in the sanctuary for those who are in person to view during worship.

Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship

This feature is offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature.

Breakfast with Santa!

Please join the Girl Scouts from the Conrad Weiser Service Unit for an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with Santa & his elves on Saturday, December 4 from 8:00am - 12:00noon in the Miller Fellowship Hall. There will be free pictures with Santa and coloring pages for kids. Juice and coffee will be served. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children; children aged 3 and under are free. Please purchase your tickets from your local Girl Scout or order via email by contacting erintowle@yahoo.com. The funds raised will be used for the girls' annual Service Unit camping trip.

Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Gloves

Beginning next Sunday, November 28, we will be collecting donations of new hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for Opportunity House in Reading and for St. Paul's Clothing Closet. Opportunity House is a homeless shelter that changes lives by educating, housing, feeding and empowering people to stand on their own feet. St. Paul's Clothing Closet is a mission outreach program that provides families with free gently used children's clothing (1 bag per child). Please help us keep others warm this winter. Bring donations upstairs at church and place near Christmas tree. Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2021.

About Today

Church Season: Pentecost -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

White - symbolizing the defeat of death and the darkness of sin with the resurrection to eternal life.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

This Sunday, November 21, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 26th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

The Second Book of Samuel

This OT book, bears the name of the prophet Samuel. This book takes place during the rule of the second king of Israel, David (ruling from 1000-961 B.C.). Two important themes within this book are that of the a nation's relationship with God and good rule of people; and secondly, the complexity of individual relationships with God. Samuel was the prophet anointed King David. In Hebrew, the word prophet literally means "spokesperson." A prophet is one who acts as an intermediary, called by God to speak to God's people, usually to bring those people back in line with God's will.

Psalm 132

Psalms 120-134 are a part of the collection known as "A Song of Ascents." These 15 OT songs were most likely sung by people on religious pilgrimages. This is a royal song, which celebrates God's selection of Zion (a spiritual name for Jerusalem) as the divine resting place of the ark of the covenant, a visible throne of an invisible God, established in a sanctuary built by King David. This sung liturgy proclaims King David's divine right to rule, as well as his descendants (which would include Jesus of Nazareth).

The Revelation to John (Apocalypse)

This is the last book in the NT, which is a prophetic book written by a person named "John" who was probably born into the Jewish faith in Palestine and moved to Asia Minor between 66-73A.D. This is probably not the same John who wrote the Gospel of John or the Letters of John. This book is believed to be written between 64 - 96 A.D. Some scholars believe that this book developed over a period of time, with 1:4-11 and 4:1-22:5 being written around 64 A.D., and the rest of the book being written sometime between 81-96 A.D. The genre of this book is "apocalypse" (revelation). Biblically, an apocalypse is usually a first-person narrative (generally written under a pen name of a noted Biblical character) where the author retells a vision about the future, heaven, or both.

The Gospel According to John

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

Next Sunday, November 28, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

797 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

You crown the year with Your bounty. Psalm 65:11

F C E F Dm C F C E F Dm Gm Bb A

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home;
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His har-vest home;
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest-home;

Dm Gm C F Dm6 C E Dm F C G G7 C

All is safe-ly gath-ered in Ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 Wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way.
 Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin.

C C Bb F A Gm7 F F Eb Bb F7sus Bb

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear;
 Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy pres-ence to a-bide.

D F# D Gm C E C F Bb D Bb F A Dm F C C F

Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.
 Come, with all Thine an-gels come; Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

TEXT: Henry Alford
MUSIC: George J. Elvey

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR
7.7.7.7.D.

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John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
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Our Lord Jesus Christ

MATTHEW BRIDGES, 1851

S. M. D.

DIADEMATA
GEORGE J. ELVEY, 1868

Joyously, but with great dignity

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet Fair
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy

hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 down-ward bends His burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty. A - MEN.