THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christ the King | Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.

As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.

November 24, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

MEDITATION

Our loving Savior is celebrated today as our King, though his rule is like none other on earth. Today we pray to God, "whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords [will] mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule."

(Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Marty Halloran and Ella Glaze

VOLUNTARY ii. Adagio (from Symphony No. 6)

Charles-Marie Widor

INTROIT

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name, from early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes His mercies known; Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

The grace of Christ the King, who reigns forever and ever, be with you.

And also with you.

May we enter worship ready to be challenged with new understanding.

For our King rules not with force or might, but with humility and generous compassion.

Christ did not chase the approval of political leaders, held no prominent government position, and did not seek fame. He did not have degrees or pedigrees.

The crown of our King was one made out of thorns and when he was lifted up, it was on a cross, not a pedestal.

Yet at the name of Jesus our King every knee should bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord, now and forever.

To the Glory of God we offer our worship today. Praise be to Christ our King!

*INVOCATION AND OUR 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.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 1:11-20 (p. 956) Laura Lee Chandler

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*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. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:68-79 (p. 832)

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM Jesus Shall Reign Arr. Anna Laura Page

Chancel Bell Choir Charles Todd, director

CALL TO PRAYER Sandy Rooney

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. We pray, trusting in God's mercy and goodness, through the Son, Jesus the Christ, who reigns now and forever.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES

K. Lee Scott

Rev. Dr. Daniel Galze

HYMN 579

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY Let All the World

Let all the peoples praise you, O God,

Let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy;

For you will judge the world in righteousness

And govern the nations of the earth.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King;

The heavens are not too high, His praises there may fly;

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:

But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Doxology, HYMN 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ve heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children in grades 1-3 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.

SERMON Who Was, and Is, and Is to Come Rev. Anna Perry Miller

*Please stand if you are able

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

My brothers and sisters, fellow citizens in the eternal realm of God, today we celebrate our Saving God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

For our God has been raised up, as the demonstration of love which brings salvation, that being liberated, we might serve this world as God commands—generously, and without fear.

May we live in righteousness, upholding justice and mercy all the days of our lives,

Joyfully giving ourselves to Christ, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

If you desire to become a member of River Road Church, you are invited to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY Marche Triomphale Sigfrid Karg-Elert

We Are Invited to Worship with Quioccasin Baptist Church

Please join us for this special worship service with our brothers and sisters from Quioccasin Baptist, an African-American congregation in our area. Quioccasin Baptist is located at 9011 Quioccasin Rd., Henrico 23229.

Community Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

This year, our friends at Quioccasin have invited us to worship in their sanctuary and they have graciously asked Daniel Glaze to preach. What's more, some River Road musicians will have a special part in the service, too.

WELCOME TO RIVER ROAD CHURCH! Our congregation is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and community by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church. If you desire to become a member, you are invited to come forward during the *Time of Reflection and Response*, or speak with a minister at any time.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We hope you feel especially welcome among us. During the *Ritual of Friendship* portion of our service, you will hear about upcoming opportunities and ministries as well as expressions of concern. In these moments, please locate and sign the friendship register in the maroon guestbook, passing it along your row. You are asked to offer some contact information so that we might further welcome you. Take notice of those who sign in around you, that you might greet one another following the service.

This is the final Sunday in the liturgical calendar year, and is recognized as the REIGN OF CHRIST or CHRIST THE KING Sunday. On this day we honor the eternal Savior who will reign forever. In Christ all things were created, are held together, and find their redemption. It is most fitting that on this final Sunday of our church year, we celebrate Christ's everlasting glory.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, age-appropriate children's bulletins and pencil pouches are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT Rev. Anna Perry Miller, River Road Church's Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and with grateful hearts by Norma and John Hays, in memory of those loved and lost, and in honor of family and friends that we hold dear.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons David Gulick, John Hays, Robert Hubbard, and Mary Scherer. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Michael and Robbin Haydon upon the death of his mother, Mary Haydon, November 14. A memorial service will be held in the Chapel December 7 at 2 p.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING—We are anticipating a fall training program for new Stephen Ministers soon. Please call the church office, Joyce Gibson, or David Breckenridge if you are interested in serving as a Stephen Minister. You are invited to take home the Stephen Ministry pew card as a reminder of this ministry of care.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING envelopes are available in the pew racks. This year's offering will go to Welborne UMC to help with their food pantry. Their pantry helps many people in our immediate community such as clients at CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, including our friends in the *Circulo de Costura* (sewing circle), as well as immigrants and refugees who live along the Patterson and Quioccasin corridors.

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE — Anyone wishing to contribute altar flowers for a Sunday can call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604). She will be available for in-person sign ups on December 8, 15, 22 and 29 at a table in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday Receptions. The cost is \$90.

Christmas Decorating Thursday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Committee needs helpers to hang 64 wreaths and 135 yards of roping in high and low places. You will not be asked to do any floral design, but rather climb ladders, fluff bows, carry wreaths here and there, hold roping, etc. Sentiments of Dr. Seuss express hopes for the day: "Welcome Christmas, while we stand / Heart to heart, hand in hand."

Sun, November 24 **Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Safety Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 104

Concert Series: Seraph Brass, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary River Road Camerata, 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Chancel Bell Choir, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room Youth Friendsgiving, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall Adult Bible Study: Soul Feast, 6:00 p.m., UC 232 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Mon, November 25 Yoga, 5:45 p.m. Assembly Room

Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 p.m.,

Quioccasin Baptist Church

Wed, November 26 Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Thurs, November 27 Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

Fri, November 28 Church Office Closed

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series Seraph Brass Today, November 24 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Seraph Brass is a dynamic brass ensemble drawing from a roster of America's top female brass players. Committed to engaging audiences with captivating programming, Seraph Brass presents a diverse body of repertoire that includes original transcriptions, newly commissioned works, and well-known classics.

Join us for Thoughtful Faith Community (TFC) on Wednesdays, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

November 27

No Wednesday Night Dinner & TFC Programs - Happy Thanksgiving

December 4

TFC-Kids: Missions Education with Sarah Collier & Sandy Rooney

TFC-Youth: Games & Dessert with Marnie Fisher-Ingram

 $TFC\text{-}Adults: Understanding \ Needs: Helping \ Those \ Who \ Hurt \ Navigate \ the \ Holidays$

with David Breckenridge

December 11

TFC-Churchwide: Christmas Sing-A-Long with David Gulick

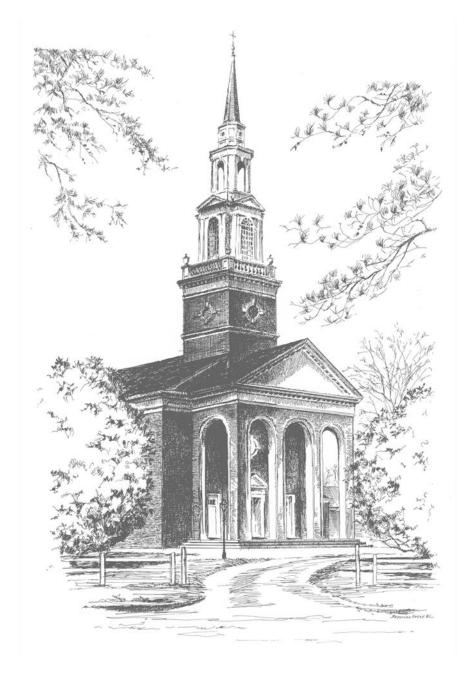
December 18

TFC-Kids & TFC-Youth: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

TFC-Adults: Starlight Service of Remembrance & Holy Communion

ADVENTure Lunch Sunday, December 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

After worship, children and youth of all ages and their families are invited to the ADVENTure lunch. We will gather in fellowship to enjoy a meal around the tables, learn more about the season of Advent, and receive resources to use at home as we prepare for Christmas. This event is a great opportunity to offer an invitation to friends and neighbors and their children to join us. Please sign up by Tuesday, November 26, 2019 by filling out the form online at *rrcb.org/adventure* or calling the Church Office.



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