



*Sunday Worship*  
*November 26, 2023*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*We enter this place with thanksgiving because we know that the Lord to whom we belong is our Shepherd and our King!*

**We rejoice over the steadfast love and faithfulness of God, enduring forever—to all generations.**  
*Come, let us worship God with praise and joy, and with thanksgiving in our hearts.*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**We worship you, O God, with joyful noise - with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. In harmony with you, he puts new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power. Power shaped by love and righteousness, justice and mercy. Jesus life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of your Spirit. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Servant King. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #263** All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**  
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS**

**The outstretched hand, the cry for help, the lonely look of desperation, and we are tempted to turn aside and look the other way. You, O Lord, are our King and Savior, and you have taught us that when we attend to the needs of those around us we are in truth attending unto you. Sharpen our keenness of vision, that we might see you in the strangers that cross our paths, and responding to their needs, may we know that we have indeed seen the Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

**\*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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Ezekiel 34:11-16

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN #852** When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1. When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice. When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

**REFRAIN:** We will rejoice with gladness, we will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise.  
We will rejoice!

2. When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.  
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. *Refrain*

3. When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.  
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. *Refrain*

4. When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.  
When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice. *Refrain*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 25:31-46

**SERMON** How Good is Your Eye Sight?

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** The Apostle's 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.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modelling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we can imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who is 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.

**\*HYMN #749** Come! Live in the Light!

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*REFRAIN:* We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain*

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Addis Cosner. Addis was a member of our Forest Grove Community.**

**The flowers that grace our Chancel today are in memory of Maynard and Doris Bliss, parents of Martha Greenwood.**

**FINAL DAY TO DONATE TO THE CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS:** Please help us enhance our sanctuary with a Poinsettia plant for a \$15 donation. Forms can be found on the table as you enter the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted no later than today, November 26.

**GIFTS FOR DISABLED ADULTS:** Once again congregation members are invited to participate in giving gifts to disabled adults who receive services at Allies, Inc. We have more gift tags available in Fellowship Hall on the Christmas tree. Please sign out the gift. Gifts are to be wrapped including a gift tag with the name of the recipient. Please do not put the gift description on the tag. Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than December 10.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS THURSDAY EVENING:** As we will now be entering into the season of Advent a new Bible study will begin. Together we will explore the meaning of the birth of Jesus through the sights and sounds of Advent. Each week we will consider one of our senses and its unique encounters during Advent. We will discover how these senses become signs for us pointing to the incarnation when God took human form to experience the world as we do. Please join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875>

**YOUTH GROUP:** Will meet Sunday December 3 at 6:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** will be held on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Church office for your free ticket. Bring a friend!! All are welcome.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** **This week we are asking for the following items:** canned soup, stews, pasta, fish or meat. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

**Calendar:**

November 26	8:30 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship Service, followed by Fellowship and Sunday School
November 27	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
November 28	7:00 pm	Session
November 29	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship.
November 30	7:00 pm	Bible Study on Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875</a>

**Elder of the month:** Donna Jencks    **Deacon of the month:** Maggie Realley  
**Ushers:** Courtney Woolslayer and Rachel Dell'Orefice    **Fellowship Hour Host:** Penny Kipe  
**Sunday School Teacher:** Karen Myers

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,  
Mary Lou Humlhanz, David Posnett, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton



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