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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



Matthew 25:35, Project Made New

November 22, 2026
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Reign of Christ Sunday

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Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

As the prelude begins, we invite you to enter a time of reflection.
Let the music settle your spirit, set aside the distractions of the week,
and prepare your heart to encounter God.

Prelude "Oh, Worship the King"
Robert A. Hobby

Welcome and Covenant Life

During our morning announcements,
please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship pads.

Gathering Praise "The Church's One Foundation"
arr. Richard A. Nichols

***Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
All: Worship the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing.
One: Know this! The Lord is God!
All: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
One: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and come into the sanctuary with praise.
All: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.
One: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!
All: God's faithfulness is for all generations!
Come, let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn #267** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Passing of the Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Children are invited to come forward.

The Word

Time with Our Children Jewel Aagaard, Director of Faith Formation

Children ages 4 – 7 may leave for Children's Worship
and will return during the last hymn.

Prayer for Illumination Harper Zion

Old Testament Reading Psalm 95:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT p. 513)

New Testament Reading Matthew 25:31-46 (Pew Bible, NT p. 25)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "When Did You See Me?" Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

Response of Praise "We're Gonna Worship Christ the King"
Pepper Choplin

***Affirmation of Faith** (Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Responding

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession with the Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God"
David Schelat

***Doxology, #607** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn #644** "Give Thanks, O Christian People"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "Fanfare"
Kenneth Leighton

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today and we hope to see you again soon! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to begin this journey together.

Greetings, Parents! We want all of God's children to feel comfortable in our sanctuary, and **children are always welcome in our worship services.** If you choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available downstairs for children ages 3 and younger. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

We also have a Parents Room just outside the Sanctuary with a changing table, rocking chairs, and toys. **You will find children's bulletins and activity bags** on the table in Heritage Hall. **Children's Worship is offered** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 7.

You are invited to share your Joys and Concerns by writing them in the book on the stand outside the sanctuary. If you have a concern of a personal nature, please speak with the pastor or contact the office.

The Elder of the Month will stand with the pastor as she greets attendees following the worship service. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information about Session or Covenant, please reach out to the Elder of the Month or any of the active serving Elders.

Join us for Mingle and Munch! After worship all are invited to gather in Heritage Hall to visit with church members and guests while enjoying light refreshments. **Special thanks to Judi and Jerry Barnes for hosting today and sharing a special cake in celebration of Jerry's birthday on November 27th and their anniversary!**

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God…

by Charles and Ethel Simmons in celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary on November 24th, and by Jerry and Judi Barnes in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on December 2nd.

Congratulations to all!

Elder of the Month: David Brand
Deacon of the Month: Kevin Aagaard
Assistant Deacon of the Month: Mike Whitehead



In Our Prayers…
Congregation: Christopher Bircher, Frances Marcum, Peggy Phillips, June Smith, Jeff Thomas, Hensley Woods, Jr.
Family & Friends: Dorothy Jeanne Aikin (Ginny Fedison's sister), Ruth Ehrenberg (Judi Barnes' sister), Heather Ford, Tina Harris, Dennis Helms, Molly Murden, Joe Platenkamp

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: We begin our worship with Robert A. Hobby's delightful arrangement of the hymn "O Worship the King," set to the tune "Hanover." Hobby is one of my favorite contemporary organists and composers. His arrangement opens with short fanfare sections, followed by the hymn melody played on several reed stops of the Covenant organ, including a combination of clarinet and trumpet. The final sections feature the larger trumpets on our organ. "Now Thank We All Our God" is a wonderful piece in celebration of Thanksgiving this week. David Schelat takes a creative approach in his arrangement, presenting the hymn in segments. The hymn melody is played on reed stops, while the surrounding passages feature lighter stops, such as flutes and principals. Principal stops are known as the backbone of the organ. Rather than imitating the sound of another instrument, they have a unique sound of their own. We conclude our service today with a "Fanfare" by Kenneth Leighton, a regal-sounding piece especially appropriate for Christ the King Sunday. Leighton was a 20th-century British composer and pianist whose compositions include church and choral music, works for piano, organ, cello, oboe and other instruments, chamber music, concertos, symphonies, and an opera. He held academic appointments at the Universities of Leeds, Oxford and Edinburgh. *Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! Ronn*

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