



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

***Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith
joined together through Christ, offering meaning and
hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.***

***10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910***

Christ the King Sunday, November 21, 2021

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Celebration of Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021

Silent Meditation

Sovereign God, as we worship today, we pray that the reign of Christ may live in our hearts and come to our world. Amen.

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. J. Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Dion

Introit (10:30)

Take My Life

arr. Allan Robert Petker

Call to Worship

8:30 - Bill Bogle 10:30 - Cristi Rozea

Leader: Christ came to be our King.

People: We have come to be Christ's people.

Leader: The King of kings calls us to follow God.

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***Hymn #263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

***Invocation**

Rev. Herrin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Response:

Hymn #697

“Take my love, My Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only all for Thee.”

***Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith

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 broken hearted, 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.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Gloria Patri # 581**

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.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dion

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make A Change

Offertory

We Gather Together

arr. J. Raney

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dion

***Hymn #654**

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

(sing twice)

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.**

Anthem (10:30)

God of Simple Things

Lloyd Larson

God of stirring symphonies and tender lullabies,
God of prose and poetry and Lord of infant cries.
God of wisdom and of thought, of innocence and dreams,
Lord of all creation and the God of simple things.

Scripture Reading

John 18:33-37 (pg. 106)

Revelation 1:4b-8 (pg. 230)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"A Different Kind of Kingdom"

Rev. Herrin

***Hymn #268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Faith

F. Mendelssohn

**Please stand if you are able.*

Welcome to all who worship today. All visitors are welcome to LPC, where we seek to love and serve Christ with all that we are and in all that we do. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack, dropping it in the offering baskets.

We welcome children. Nursery care for infants through 4 years old during worship is provided in the nursery during the 10:30am service.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at LPC on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7pm with lay speakers and a combined choir of LPC, Church of the Palms, and Bluffton Methodist Churches. Elder Bill Thorpe will be one of the speakers. It will also be livestreamed. A reception will follow in the Narthex.

Our annual “Hanging of the Greens” will take place immediately after the late worship service next Sunday, November 28th. If you would like to join in and help get the sanctuary ready to celebrate the Advent season, please sign-up at the bulletin board in the Narthex or simply show up. All volunteers will be welcomed and rewarded with pizza!

Christmas Fellowship Dinner Wednesday, December 8th at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Join the Membership Ministry Team and the music staff, Drs. Lind and Ball, for a festive celebration including good music, food, and fellowship. The team will provide spiral ham and rotisserie chicken as a main dish. Please bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert to round out the feast! Sign up in the Narthex, call the church office or online at:

lowcountrypres.org/news-events.

Please remember with your prayers:

Glenna Hippensteel
Stan Richards

Fran Marshall
Marilyn Waterworth

Hank Parker

**The flowers today are to the glory of God given by
Laura Phillips in honor of her children and grandchildren.**

Adult Sunday School, Sunday mornings at 9:35am in the parlor using resources from TheBibleProject.com. This week's class is on *Generosity*.

Beginning November 28th, the first Sunday of Advent, join us any Sunday morning at 9:35am in the Parlor for an Advent Class.

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. In the four weeks, we will meditate on hope, peace, joy, and love. Join us as we explore the heart of these words. 11/28 - Hope 12/5 - Peace 12/19 - Love 12/26 - Joy

3 Week Adult Advent Study - *Follow Me: Hope* starting November 30th, Tuesdays at 2pm with Rev. Dion or at 6pm with Rev. Herrin. Hope is a key theme during the season of Advent. We hope you will join us through the Advent season as we embody hope by hearing, seeing, offering, receiving, and proclaiming hope. There is a reflection guide to accompany this class. The cost will be determined by the number of people who sign-up (approx. \$7-8). **Sign-up TODAY** in the Narthex or online at lowcountrypres.org/news-events.

Change Can Make A Change (CCMAC) for November is for the Angel Tree. Like last year, for the families of Agape and seniors, Agape has requested that we provide Walmart gift cards. Last year, we collected \$3,725 from CCMAC and provided 147 Walmart cards and oranges. Help us collect gift cards and/or contribute to November CCMAC. Please note Angel Tree on your check or if you choose to purchase Walmart gift cards, please drop them off at the church. Thank you for your amazing generosity over the many years of our Angel Tree.

Memorial Poinsettia order forms are on the counter in the Narthex. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form and place it in the offering basket or the church office. Plants are \$13 each. Make checks payable to LPC and note poinsettias. Please place your order by December 5th.

Some Usher spots have been filled but some remain open. Thank you to those who have volunteered for this simple but important way to serve the church and to meet others. See below those monthly spots still to be filled. Contact Elder Larry Tremitiere, ltrem1943@gmail.com if interested and he will get you trained. Substitutes can be found for Sundays that have to be missed.

3rd Sunday 8:30 Need 1

4th Sunday 8:30 Need 1 10:30 Need 1

Creation Care/Green Team Needs You! After a Covid hiatus, the Creation Care group will hold a planning meeting for 2022 at a mutually convenient time in December. If you would like to learn about our activities please let Gretchen/Jon Nickel know of your interest at gretchjon@yahoo.com. And of course, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

What a wonderful response to our collection of outerwear for children!

Because of your generous support for this project, many youngsters in our area will be warmer this winter. The total tally is as follows:

95 pairs of gloves, 88 hats, 22 pairs of mittens, 18 scarves, 4 headbands, 7 pairs of socks, and 1 pair of slippers - 235 total items

Your concern for others is heartwarming indeed!

Thank you from the Mission Team for your outstanding display of generosity for our food drive! Our drive thru food collection looked like Chik-fil-a at lunch time! You donated over 1200 food items, including 180 bags of fresh produce. We filled three vehicles with food. A new record!

Below is a note from Ponchitta Young, board member of Agape Family Life Center. “We can’t express enough how thankful we are to be the recipients of your food drive. Your support was definitely needed, our shelves are full and we are hopeful now as we move toward our “Feed the Hungry” event.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you,

We are indeed grateful!”

Ponchitta Young”

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am in the parlor. They will not meet November 27th. They are discussing "Simply Jesus" by N.T. Wright. All men are welcome. Questions, contact Bill Walker – billwalker42@gmail.com.

The November/December edition of *The Light* is available in the Narthex, the church office, or outside the office doors for easy drive-thru pick-up. Digital copies can be found by visiting our website at:

lowcountrypres.org/newsletter

It’s not too late if you haven’t turned in your pledge. Extra stewardship packages including pledge cards and pledge cards alone are available in the Narthex. You are invited to place your completed card in the offering baskets, drop them by the office or mail them in. Thank you!

Cough drops are available in the Narthex for your comfort.

Difficulty Hearing? While we enjoy a beautiful sanctuary, it is acoustically challenging! If you can't hear clearly, be sure to try one of our hearing devices, kept in a basket in the Narthex or try sitting at different spots in our sanctuary and balcony. Let us know if you still have difficulty after that!

Sermon Notes: