

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Christ the King, November 23, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Alpha Bell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

CALL TO WORSHIP

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

In a world that does not always feel like home,
God calls us to seek the welfare of the place where we are planted.
In seasons of waiting, God says, “Build, plant, pray, trust.”
for God has plans for us — plans for hope and a future.
Let us gather to worship the One who meets us wherever we dwell.
With open hearts, we come to seek God's presence together.

*OPENING HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Benjamin Rachofsky, clarinet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
you call us to seek the welfare of the places where we dwell,
yet we confess that we often resist the very soil where you have planted us.
We grow impatient in seasons of waiting,
distracted by our own plans, anxious about the future.
You promise a future with hope,
yet we cling to fear, scarcity, and control.
We confess that we sometimes overlook the quiet, steady ways
you are already at work around us and within us.
We struggle to trust that exile can be a place of transformation.
Forgive us, God.
Root us again in your presence.
Teach us to be attentive, courageous, and open-hearted,
confident that you accompany us in every season
and never abandon your people. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

by Chris Fortin

1 E B/D# C#m E7/B A F#m
Glo - ry to God! We are for - giv - en. Ho - san - na in the

4 G#m7 C#m7 A B7 E
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The first staff contains measures 1 through 3, and the second staff contains measures 4 through 6. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across measures.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children and Their Families

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

Let the little children come to me.

Let them come and gather at my knee.

Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,

this is how God's kingdom ought to be?

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(Children ages preschool–grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Grades 5-8 students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Ken Warman

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Build, Plant, Pray, Trust

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Awake, My Soul, Give Thanks and Sing
Sanctuary Choir

by Craig Courtney

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

HYMN 606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 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.**

*CLOSING HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King
Clarinet & Piano

arr. Christine Anderson

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall
immediately following worship.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Chip Landis, by his sisters and father.

~In loving memory of parents Arthur & Gloria Teager, and brothers Robert & David,
by the Tharp Family.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in January. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



The Rosebud on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of Sadie Lane Poplawsky on November 5, daughter of John & Kerri Poplawsky, granddaughter of Jill Salisbury.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 23

HOME, Youth Center

Sr. High Retreat, Camp Johnsonburg, 822 County Rd. 519, Johnsonburg, NJ

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall

Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library

Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall

Small Group Bible Study, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & online

God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street

Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, November 24

Christmas Decorating, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online

Spiritual Development, 6:30 p.m., online

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., Bishop Janes Methodist Church, BR

Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, November 25

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms

Advent Festival Setup, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Hall

Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room

Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, November 26

Thursday, November 27

Church Offices Closed

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

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