

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

November 24, 2024



Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING WORDS

Come, let us bow down and worship the King of kings, the Lord of Lords, and the Prince of Peace. Let us exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus! Come glorify the Christ Jesus, the King!

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Rejoice, the Lord is King'

No 715, Vs. 1 & 4

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again, I say, rejoice.*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangels' voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The King of Kings is raised in glory.

People: Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

People: Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth, the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today, in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord". AMEN.

INTROIT

'He Is Lord'

No. 177 (2x)

*He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

INTRODUCTION

HYMN

'His Name is Wonderful'

No. 174

*His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He is the mighty King,
Master of everything;
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.*

*He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is he;
Bow down before him, love and adore him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.*

ADVENT

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 46-55

HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus'

No. 196, V. 1

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

CHRISTMAS

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-7

HYMN

'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

No. 240, V. 1

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King!"*

EPIPHANY

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

HYMN

'There's a Song in the Air'

No. 249, V. 1

*There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!*

LENT

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8: 31-38

HYMN

'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

No. 298, V. 1

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

EASTER

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18

HYMN

'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'

No. 302, V. 1

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing, ye heaven and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!*

PENTECOST

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-12

HYMN

'Spirit of the Living God'

No. 393

*Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.*

ORDINARY DAYS

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 1-9

HYMN

'Take My Life and Let it Be'

No. 399, V. 1

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee,
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.*

CHRIST THE KING

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 1:4b-8

HYMN

'Crown Him With Many Crowns'

No. 327, V. 1

*Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly 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.*

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the one who was and is and is to come, invites us to share our blessings with others, as we collect our tithes and offerings.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

O Lord, our King, who wore a crown of thorns, receive the tithes and offerings we bring each week do the holy work of making your reign real in this community and in this world in need. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

God calls us into the world to embody a realm that is not of this world. Go forth now in the name of the one who is, and was, and is to come. May God's grace and peace be with you. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Danish Amen" No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN "He Lives" No. 310, V. 3

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in
the world today,
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I
hear his voice of cheer, and
just the time I need him, he's
always near.*

*He lives, (he lives) he lives,
(he lives)*

*Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks
with me along life's narrow
way.*

*He lives, (he lives) he lives,
(he lives) salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.*

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER REQUESTS

Judy Spencer Baker – cancer treatment

Georgie – brain surgery

Judy Arthurs – prayers

Those affected by tornadoes/hurricanes

Phyllis McLaughlin - prayers

Ginnie White – prayers

Big Mac (Barbara Thaw's friend) - brain cancer

Bud Wicks (South Avenue) - prayers

Hope Gaebel - prayers

Prayers for Pastor Russel

Prayers for the Shuluga Family

Chris Clapper (nephew of Ginnie & Sue) - complications from surgery

Those affected by violence

Middle East conflict

Morris's children

Those who need prayers and don't ask for prayers

People who are traveling

Those affected by COVID, RSV and the FLU

Gary White (Ginnie's son) - recovery from rotator cuff surgery

Aubrie (Ginnie's granddaughter) – diagnosed with breast cancer

Joe (Ginnie & Sue's cousin) - diagnosed with myeloma cancer

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

Rev. Paul Ritchey - Pittsburgh/Greensburg DS

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