

Celebration of Worship

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Adapted from the *Book of Common Order* – Church of Scotland
Teach us, my God and King, to begin Your work with faith, to continue it with obedience, to finish it with love, and to watch and wait and serve in patience, knowing that Your promises can never fail; through Jesus Christ in Whose name and to Whose glory I have come to worship this morning. Amen.

Ringin' of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is King of Heaven and Earth.
People: We gather to celebrate God's goodness and sing God's praise.
Leader: The Lord's grace and favor surround us.
People: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: Praise my soul the King of Heaven!
People: Let us worship God.

Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* # 478

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we have heard Your command that we have no other gods before You -- and still graven images litter our living. We have heard Your call to love our enemies -- and we have been content to hate or ignore them. We have heard Your summons to take up the cross and follow -- and we have often forgotten the cross and gone our own way. Help us now to hear once more the good news of Your undying love made known in Christ our King, and to trust Him to reconcile us to You and to each other.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The promise is sure and certain...there is nothing that can separate you from the love of God made known in Christ Jesus.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Extending Christ's Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

Pastor: As Jesus shared His peace with us, let us share His peace with one another.

Children's Time

Hymn *Though I May Speak* # 335

Scripture Reading *Psalm 100*

Anthem *Jesus, the King* Lloyd Larsen
Chancel Choir

Now to the Lord, the noble King, with all our hearts and voices sing,
"All praise to His eternal name." Let songs and boundless joy proclaim:
That Jesus is the King! That Jesus is King!
Hosanna to the King of all glory. Hosanna to the King of all Kings.
Hosanna to the King of the ages. Hosanna to Jesus the King!
In Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, our hearts in gratitude recall
The joy of finding Christ, the King. With voices strong we thankfully sing:
That Jesus is King! That Jesus is King!
Hosanna to the King of all glory! Hosanna to the King of all Kings!
Hosanna to the King of all ages. Hosanna to Jesus the King!

Scripture Reading *Matthew 25:31-46*

Sermon *When Was It That We Saw You?*

Text: "When was it that we saw you..." Matthew 25:37

Rev. Robert Heppenstall

Affirmation of Faith

All: 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 believe in the one triune God, in whom alone we trust.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and teaching by word and deed, healing the sick and eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel... 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. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website "Give" button. Thank you!

Doxology

Blessing of the Offering

All: God of unlimited mercy and unrelenting patience, we bring our offerings to You. We pray that the work of Your church... the work of grace and gospel... may be enlarged, enriched and strengthened as we seek to show the love, purpose and mercy of Christ our Lord in a world of need. Let our gifts be part of Your goodness... in the name of Him who is mercy and hope incarnate... even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

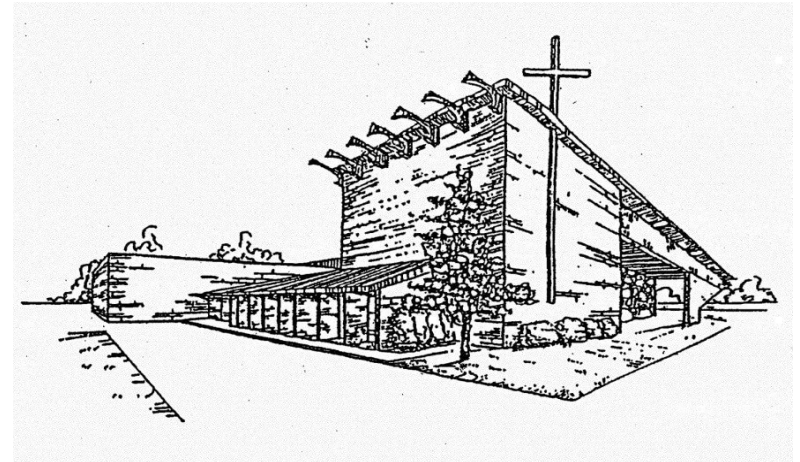
Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* # 151

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude * * * * *

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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven # 478

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us. Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him: Ye behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Gloria Patri # 579

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.

Though I May Speak # 335

Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

Doxology

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns # 151

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.

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, November 26th</u>	<u>December 3rd</u>
Old Testament	<i>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</i>	<i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 100</i>	<i>Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</i>
New Testament	<i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:3-9</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>	<i>Mark 13:24-37</i>

Memory Verse

*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."*

Psalm 9:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26 - Christ the King Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Decorate the Church for Advent/Christmas
- 11:00 A.M. Decorate the Webster Parade Float in the Parking Lot

Monday, November 27

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Youth Room

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 4:00 P.M. Staff Meeting on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, November 30

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, December 1

- 10:00 A.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Discussion on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Social Room

Saturday, December 2

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Parade Marchers Gather at Main St. & Phillips Rd.
- 6:30 P.M. Webster Christmas Parade in the Village

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Book Discussion in Room 9/10

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future.
2. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10
Today there is no class for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.
Next Week join us for a discussion of the book *God Is in the Manger* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, on which Pastor Nadia is basing her Advent sermon series. If you would like a book and have not yet signed up for one, please call the church office so additional books can be ordered.
3. NEXT SUNDAY is the first week in Advent. Join us in worship as we begin the journey to Christmas and celebrate communion together.
4. HEART AND HAND is currently making fleece hats and scarves for 52 disadvantaged children who live in Webster. We would appreciate help from our extra volunteers to complete this project by this Friday. Kits to sew are available in the hallway across from the church office.
5. THE ANGEL TREE collections to benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center continues through December 10th. The tree in the Narthex and loaded with gift ideas for you to take. To shop on line, go to the Amazon wish list on the link below and place your order with a delivery time prior to December 10th, shipped to your home or to "Laura Olivers Gift Registry Address". If you have questions, contact Doreen Clark at 750-3904. All gifts need to be returned unwrapped by December 10th.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A24YBQ17OOQX?ref_=wl_share
6. CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS for the men at Grace House in Rochester are being collected until Sunday Dec 17. These cards are for men who are in transitional housing because they are on parole, have been homeless, or are disadvantaged for some other reason. Please purchase \$10 cards for places that can be easily reached in the city such as McDonalds, Wendy's, Dunkin Donuts, Walmart and Target.
7. WPC WILL HAVE A FLOAT in the Webster Christmas Parade for the 4th year in a row. Your help is needed for construction at 11 am today, or walking in costume with the float on this coming Saturday, December 2nd. Walkers will be provided costumes and should plan to meet at 5 pm on Main Street near Phillips Road before the 6:30 start of the parade. Contact Alissa Mayer (872-0403) or the church office for additional information.