

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR NOV. 26, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (vrs.1) MADRID

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ezek. 34:15-16; Ps. 100:3; Matt. 25:31-46*

One: The Lord God is our shepherd.

**All: We are the people of God's pasture,
the sheep of God's hand.**

One: God will seek the lost,
feed the hungry,
and strengthen the weak.

**All: But the proud and power-hungry
will be fed with justice.**

***HYMN 268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where you lead.
You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ps. 100:5*

One: However long we wander, however far we stray, God's
steadfast love endures forever. Siblings in Christ, be assured:

All: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 581** GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Eph. 1:17-18*

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 264 *At the Name of Jesus* (vrs 1,3,4) KING'S WESTON

SECOND READING MATTHEW 25:31-46

SERMON "The Shepherd King" Rev. Dr. Mike Ward

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 802** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST. COLUMBA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ,
let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.*

OFFERTORY

TEN CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

*(Any loose change or bills placed in the offering plate today
will go toward feeding those in need)*

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

*We welcome the shepherding and leadership of
Sue Guffey, Marci Randall, and Marshall Judy.*

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* DARWALL'S 148TH

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**

HYMN *Irish Blessing* *inside back cover of hymnal*

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Mon., Nov. 27 @ 11:00am - Pres. Women Bible Study
Wed., Nov. 29 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Nov. 30 @ 5:30pm - Hanging the Greens & Meal
Thur., Nov. 30 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Fri., Dec. 1 @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Jon Burlew
Ushers.....Carol Wade & Kim King
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Suzanne Kidd

First Reading—Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹²As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

Second Reading—Matthew 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

David Bosh; Barbie Cooper; Natalie Brock; Lynn Cain; Rogelio Castillo; Don Haney; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Richard Wright's sister, Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of Oct.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$12,800	\$13,934	\$127,628	\$139,338
Non-Pledged	\$7,163	\$3,154	\$45,139	\$31,543

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Linda Bonardel
Next Week.....Waller

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Laura Wright
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Audio.....Josh Jones
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Mike Ward

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Forrest Brock	Charles Leveridge	
Kimberly King	Zack Vaught	Sharon Mandt
Chris Phillips	John Wright	Perry Waller

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Reign of Christ Sunday



Grant, Kathy. Lucy HiggsTending to the Wounded, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57806> [retrieved November 20, 2023]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lucy_Higgs_Union_Civil_War_Nurse.JPG.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.