



Christ the King Sunday

**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

“When?”

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2: 9-10)

Today is the final Sunday in the Church year, Christ the King Sunday. Next Sunday will be begin a new Advent Season.

As we prepare for worship we'll listen to a song entitled "Hareni Na Et Kvodcha" which is Hebrew for "Show Me Your Glory" which is Moses plea to God in our scripture today. Keren Silver is the singer/composer.

Our Service begins with a **WELCOME** to all who are gathered to worship together. We share news of our life together as a church in our service because what we do, outside of worship, is a very vital portion of our 'service to God'.

Our **Call to Worship** for today reminds us that Christ is our King and is the King of all life. The Call to Worship leads us to our 'gathering prayer.'

Our opening hymn is one of the great hymns of the faith and a call to allegiance to Christ who is our King: "Crown Him With Many Crowns!"

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A Celebration of Worship

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"ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

(They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Day by day, as they spent much time together, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.)

MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION

(Enter reverently. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE AND BRINGING THE LIGHT

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us be with our God:

and with the Christ who reigns in this world.

Come, let us celebrate our God:

and with the Christ who walks with us in our streets.

Come, let us praise our God:

the Christ who rules our lives in love.

Come, let us journey with our God:

the Christ who moves from death to life.

Come, let us dance with our God:

the Christ who dances on tombstones.

Come, let us worship our God:

the Christ beside us who meets us here.

*GATHERING PRAYER (In Unison)

"God, in this time of worship, open us to the truth about your reign that we may be led deeper into what it means for us. May our hearts and minds be open to the stories of love, the words of life and the vision of your realm you want us to have. And may Christ's reign over this world draw us closer to you, one God, one Savior, one Spirit, reigning over all. Here us as we pray:

"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."

***HYMN NO. 151 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"**

***If comfortable, please stand**

***PASSING THE PEACE (Please Remain Standing)**

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(At this time you are invited to share a sign of peace: a hug, a handshake, a kiss...)

***CHORAL RESPONSE: "Rejoice! The Lord is King" (vs. 1)**

**"Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!"**

"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP "

***CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively)**

Jeremiah's voice thundering over the centuries concerns a crisis in leadership. Shepherds are failing to care for their flocks; leaders are driving people away and not looking after them. God's people need a new way. God forgives. Let us pray:

We are your people, O God, and we need a new way. We need your Lordship in our living. We need to yield to your will. We are guilty of paying attention to the wrong things.

Forgive us, O God, if our attention has been fixed on priorities of our own making, rather than the priority of loving you and serving neighbors in need.

When our words or actions are destructive or divisive, we have failed to grasp that your reign, O God, is found where just and righteous actions are the order of the day.

We confess that there are times when we fail to touch people's lives with acts of caring and love, justice and mercy.

We open the newspapers and we watch the news on television and feel helpless - so much violence and greed - so much pain and abuse - so many people whose lives are without any meaning or hope.

Merciful God, forgive us our apathy and our fear, and help us to seek out and be bearers of light and love, justice and hope, to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I shall raise up a righteous Branch and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there.... Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And there was an inscription over him "This is the King of the Jews.

Help us never to forget the depth of love that took Jesus to the cross. And how, even on the cross, he exercised merciful love in forgiving those who put him there. May we reveal such love in all our words and actions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!
Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us!
Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!**

Our opening Hymn is "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" which helps us to develop the theme for the day of the brilliance of God's glory and the way that God brings 'glory' into our living!

In our final 'gathering act' we "**Pass the Peace**" as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. **Today we are using "Glory to God" as our response to "Passing the Peace."**

Corporate Confession:
In the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition, we do not offer individual confession save for that which we offer in our silent prayers. Our prayer and the "**Assurance of Forgiveness**" echo themes for the day.

Having confessed and having been assured of forgiveness we proceed to the reading and proclamation of the word.

“The Proclamation of God’s Word” is central in the life of the worshipping community. This ‘proclamation’ includes the reading of scripture, the sharing of an anthem or musical expression of the day’s theme, the Time with The Young Church and the preaching of the Word.

Today’s anthem is

Our Hymn of response, “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,” is a reminder both that we are on the cusp of Advent and that Advent is a declaration of and celebration of the one born to deliver us, ‘born a child and yet a King.’

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him, all things, whether on earth or in heaven, are reconciled to God. Hear then the great good news that in Jesus Christ, we are loved, and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***THE 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.”**

“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

(OT: p.803)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be To God!

ANTHEM

“Blessing And Honor”

(Text is Hymn No. 147)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

(NT: p.192)

***_Matthew 25:31-46**

(NT: p.29)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

INTERLUDE

(All children, ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to attend “Children’s Church” after “A Time with the Young Church.” Their leader will meet them in the back of the sanctuary. They may be picked up after worship in the Family Life Center, room #210.)

SERMON

“When?”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 1**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

- 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.**
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**
- 3. Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**
- 4. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical) in Unison)

" I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen."

BEING THE CHURCH IN MISSION, PRAYER AND GIVING

AS WE COME TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We offer you thanksgiving, as a church year comes to an end and we begin another, for being the Loving Constant who cares for us in all times. Lord,

We need you!

We offer you thanksgiving, Eternal One, for the Church, the communion of saints. We give special gratitude for your good gifts to us including your church, Lord,

We offer you our gratitude and praise.

We offer you thanksgiving, Lord of all, for time with loved ones and the Thanksgiving holiday, and we pray for those for whom this holiday was difficult this year, Lord,

We lift up those who are joyful and troubled.

We prayer for your rule and Lordship in our lives, in the life of our nation and in the church that we might recognize you alone as sovereign of all, Lord,

We bow before you in humble reliance upon your grace and mercy.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords we ask now for your blessings in presence and in power so that we might be bold in our faith, resolute in our service, and loving in our encounters with all your children, Lord,

Make us more like you.

Prince of peace, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us once again, so that we might find direction for our living and inspiration for our loving, Lord,

We are your people. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

We stand in "Affirmation of Faith" using the Apostles' Creed.

Declaring our faith in the Lordship of Christ reminds us that we are subjects of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Please take a moment and read through the prayer concerns on the back of the bulletin.

In our prayers we ask for God's presence with and intervention for those we list each week on the back of the bulletin. We have many who are in ongoing situations of treatment, others who are saddened by loss, and still others who face uncertain futures. We keep these in our prayers today and every day.

We share our Tithes and Offerings as an active response to God's blessings to us in our living.

A "Charge and Blessing" is the parallel element of worship for the "Call to Worship" which begins the service. The charge is for us to take what we have gained in worship into the world as an active service to God. The blessing is a word to us to remember that God goes with us when we go.

Our Hymn of Parting is "He Is King of Kings" the final verse of which will also be our response. This old Spiritual reminds us of the eternal nature of Christ as King. Christ was and is king before time, and in time, and for all time to come.

The 'Benediction' offers the final 'good words' said over God's people as they continue to worship in their living day by day.

Please join us in the Dining Hall following worship for a time of fellowship.

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

"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."

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Go Forth To Serve The Lord, Our King!

We Shout With Joy,

For The God Who Makes All Things New Will Guide And Keep You Always.

We Go To Love And Serve The Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF PARTING NO. 153 "HE IS KING OF KINGS"**

**(He Is) King Of Kings, He Is Lord Of Lords,
Jesus Christ, The First And Last, No One Works Like Him.
O He Is King Of Kings, He Is Lord Of Lords,
Jesus Christ, The First And Last, No One Works Like Him!**

**He Built His Throne Up In The Air, No One Works Like Him,
And Called His Saints From Everywhere, No One Works Like Him.
O He Is King Of Kings, He Is Lord Of Lords,
Jesus Christ, The First And Last, No One Works Like Him,
O He Is King Of Kings, He Is Lord Of Lords,
Jesus Christ, The First And Last, No One Works Like Him.**

**He pitched His tents on Canaan ground, No one works like Him,
And broke oppressive kingdoms down, No one works like Him.
O He is King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last,
No one works like Him, O he is King Of Kings, He Is Lord Of Lords,
Jesus Christ, The First And Last, No One Works Like Him.**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

**I know that my Redeemer loves, No one works like Him.
And by His love sweet blessing gives, No one works like Him.
O He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, No one works like Him,
oh he is King Of Kings, He Is Lord Of Lords,
Jesus Christ, The First And Last, No One Works Like Him.**

*If comfortable doing so, please stand



HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS
 This Week at Highlands
 Week of November 26 – December 2, 2017



This Week's Calendar of Events:

<p>Today:</p> <p>Monday:</p> <p>Tuesday:</p> <p>Wednesday:</p> <p>Thursday:</p> <p>Saturday:</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p> <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Service</p> <p>Session Meeting</p> <p>Quilting and Sewing Group</p> <p>Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge</p> <p>Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Adult Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>Advent Supper, Program and Decorating!</p>
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“WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST WELCOMES US!”

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU! We are so glad that you are here and worshipping with us this morning. We are privileged to have you with us and would invite you to a time of Fellowship in our Dining Hall after worship. Please do us a favor by signing the Friendship Register and mark appropriate boxes. There are also visitor cards in the pew racks. **FIRST TIME VISITORS – WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!** Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP AT HIGHLANDS is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives and who wish to join in the worship and ministry of this church. The pastor or any member of the Session would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

A NURSERY IS PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY LIFE building for those who wish to have their children cared for during worship. Parents receive a 'silent pager' for peace of mind and will be paged in case of any need. Highlands takes great care in caring for your children.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 1ST grade is in the Family Life building after "A Time with the Young Church," except on Communion Sundays. A nursery is provided for infants through two years of age in the Family Life Center. Worship folders for young Highlands' worshippers can be found at the usher's stand. PARENTS please help your children with their worship experience. **WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN AT HIGHLANDS** and want to keep them safe! Please help us with this goal by ensuring that **all children are supervised by an adult while on the playground at all times.**

DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEARING ASSISTANCE AT THE USHER'S STAND.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER... AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU! Today is "Christ the King Sunday" and the final Sunday of this liturgical church year. Next week we will gather and begin again, on the first Sunday in Advent. Thank you for your faith and faithfulness throughout the observance of that faith in the course of another impressive church year here at HUPC.

THE SESSION MEETS ON MONDAY AT 7 p.m.

DR. DAVE INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR ANNUAL ADVENT STUDY on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. This should be a fun study that will mix Advent scripture lessons with an enduring story of Christmas, "A Christmas Carol" by Dickens. It is called "The Redemption of Scrooge." We'll watch clips and discuss the story as it relates to Advent. Please join us.

IN PREPARATION FOR AND OBSERVANCE OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT we are inviting you to come, bring a covered dish to share, and be a part of a most special evening at Highlands. We will share "intergenerational" event as we prepare our hearts, homes and church for the celebration of the coming of Jesus in Advent. Intergenerational means that we hope "ALL" of you will come and share a fellowship meal, help in the decoration of the sanctuary and Dining Hall and the grounds. We will also have some projects for home to help you start getting ready there as well. This is a great evening and should be attended by all, especially families and those hoping for a family experience. It is this coming Saturday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. so we can have an early evening for our younger members (and older too for that matter!)

OUR WELLNESS PROGRAM IS BACK THIS WEEK! Our program begins with seated yoga at 10:00 a.m. and Adult LOGOS follows around 11:00 am. Seated yoga can easily be adapted to anyone's physical interest and we are looking forward to John Smith's usual presentation making Bible study amusing and informative.

LOGOS is back too!! We continue to celebrate our 25th year of LOGOS on Wednesdays. All of our children and you are invited, so please bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to join us next Wednesday, Nov. 29th. Our theme this week is "Look Out" and you are invited to bring a board game for white gifts.

THE WINNER of Micah's "Community Food Fight" for 2017 is HUPC! Followed closely by Watson Realty Intercoastal. In all 1,513 items of food were collected from 6 organizations across the community! Thank you for your generous contributions! Micah's Backpackers continue to meet on Thursday evening at 5:30 PM to fill bags of weekend food for hungry children. Volunteer opportunities continue for packers on Thursday and there are 1-2 shopper opportunities still available. Shoppers can help 1-4 times a month. Contact Bonnie at (540) 257-0947 for more information.

OUR FAMILY PROMISE GUESTS are scheduled to be at Highlands from December 17-24. What a wonderful Christmas gift it will be for us to have the opportunity to host three homeless families during this holiday season. You can help by volunteering as evening or overnight host, preparing dinner, or serving as Saturday host. Sign-ups begin today in the Dining Hall following worship. Sign up will begin next Sunday.

OUR ALTERNATIVE GIFTS MARKET WILL BE ON DEC. 3 AND 10! Think alternative giving!

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN CLASS is studying "Creationism, Evolution and Intelligent Design".

PLEASE SIGN UP for your Poinsettia(s) today in the dining hall. The poinsettias are \$8.00 and be sure to mark who they are in memory of or in honor of. Thanks for making the advent season and our sanctuary beautiful.

LIFE LINE SCREENING will offer their non-invasive and painless health screenings at HUPC on Dec. 8th. The screenings will take 60 – 90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word "circle" to 797979.

HIGHLAND'S BABY SHOWER: Matthew 25:40 – just as you did it to one of the least of these.... you did it to me. Thanks to all of you who answered your call to discipleship with your generous contributions to the Highlands Baby Shower. This ministry shows care and support to many new mothers and babies of our community via your contributions of a new baby clothes, blankets and more. You are a blessing. Highlands Mission Committee – for more information contact Susan Lee at 887-4661.

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACS needs the following items: toothpaste, powdered milk, canned milk, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly- HUPC's specialty, and toilet tissue. Ten jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly. **Don't forget your jelly next Sunday!**

YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are looking for items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance kits. We recently sent 50 kits to help people after Hurricane Harvey's destruction. So, we are starting all over with another group. We need 16 X 26-inch hand towels, wash clothes, individual toothbrushes, tooth paste, fingernail clippers, standard size band aids, individual bars of soap, combs and gallon sized clear storage bags.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI. Please make sure your payments are marked "HAITI CHILDREN" to ensure the money goes into the right account.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND TODAY'S SERVICE –

SPECIAL AND ONGOING PRAYERS: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK:

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES: *At Brookdale Southside: (9601 Southbrook Dr., Jax, FL 32256); Hank Green(N-122); At Clare Bridge Louise Keen; At the Atrium (9960 Atrium Way, 32225): Boyd and Doreen Harris (#528) , Doris Ruby (#219); Others: John Featherston and Fay Sweeney (# E10 A) at Cypress Village, 4600 Middleton Park Circle East , Jacksonville, FL 32224).*

AT HOME: Nancy Moewe (stating with family), Clara Whitaker, Don Hall, Kit Fink, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Nancy Hoot, Kinzey & Betty Reeves, Patty Strader, Marilyn Reed, JoAn Ewing, Bruce and Annette Marley, Gwen Brown, Barbara Ash and Carolyn Starkweather.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debbie Douget's dad, Don Seay, Justin Marley (Bruce and Annette's grandson), Kenneth Moon (Barbara's son), Lenwood Lee (Dr. Dave's father), Ashley Parsons (DCE at Orange Park PC), Ed Mallard.

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PRAYER BEARS: Prayer Bears and Caring Critters are available in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

MEMBER CARE: Bev Connell is our **Prayer Ministry Coordinator**. Bev's number is (904) 868-9659. Her email address is bevconn2016@gmail.com. Please contact Bev with your prayer request. As always, prayer requests can be made as well by calling the church office, completing the gray slips in the church pews, using the church website (hupcjax.org under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK: Mandy Hunter, Larry and Karen Inman and the Kawczak Family.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Alex and Angie Martin. Children's Church Leader: Jessica Sorrells.