



Christ the Kind Sunday – November 22, 2020 – 11:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Mark Wesley, Cherie Brooks (Director of Music) and Andrew Patterson – Media Producers

Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle – Gap Pastor

Organ Prelude Katie Wynkoop

a time of meditation, preparing our hearts to be open to God

Welcome! – Rev. Jon Carlisle, Covenant Presbyterian's temporary pastor

***Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community
sharing the glory of God's love with all.***

Our liturgist today is Steve St. Martin. Steve is currently a Deacon and has served previously as an elder. Our soloist is Whitney Dodds.

Announcements – Congratulations to Rev. Katie Kinnison at First Presbyterian Church, Washington Court House; New Members Class Tuesday evening, December 1st; Submit photos of your time during the week for a slide show during worship

As we think of the waters of our baptism, let us remember when the sailors threw Jonah into the water and he spent three days inside a whale. Our Baptism into discipleship to Jesus includes some important time sorting out our priorities and praying to God for direction in our lives.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship Psalm 95 (MSG)

Come, let's shout praises to God,

raise the roof for the Rock who saved us!

Let's march into God's presence singing praises,

lifting the rafters with our hymns!

So come, let us worship: bow before God on your knees...

Oh yes... we're the people God pastures, the flock God feeds

Let us drop everything and listen, listen as God speaks.

Hymn of Praise #479 Ho, All Who Thirst

Whitney Dodds

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water, and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!

Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water,
broken cups that cannot be filled?

For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us
to the wellsprings of the water of life.

Call to Confession

No one is without sin. No one is without sin. No one is without sin.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God: in love You spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as You give. We resent what we lack and are jealous of our neighbors. We misuse what You intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness. In your mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking You; hear our silent prayers...

Silent Prayers Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You have opened our hearts to confess our sins. You have healed our wounds and given us your forgiveness. Open our arms to reach out to others as new creatures in Christ. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people.

Reading from the Old Testament – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Talk with Children – Erin Wise

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – **Wellness Check – Our Annual Discipleship Exam**

Then Jesus 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." (Matthew 25:45)

How do you practice your discipleship to Jesus through your church membership?

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem Come, Follow Me

Call to Stewardship – from Peter W. Marty

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Think of children as champion receivers. By necessity they are little bundles of need, totally dependent on the grace of grown-ups willing to look out for them. They happen to be much better at receiving than the rest of us. *What do you have that you did not receive?* Paul asks the Corinthians Christians. May we graciously **receive** God's gifts and be filled with gratitude and praise.

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Prayer of Dedication

We thank You for the workers of the harvests that supply our food and shelter. We thank You for the food on our tables this Thursday and the food we have shared so others may eat. We thank You for our families, especially those with whom we are unable to be with this week. All good gifts are sent from heaven above. We thank You, Lord, for all of your love. Amen.

Hymn #36 For the Fruit of All Creation – stanzas 2 & 3

Whitney Dodds

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Katie Wynkoop

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