

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

10:55 a.m. November 26, 2017

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship in silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!
(* Please stand as you are able)*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING
WELCOME and Announcements Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader
Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Larson

OPENING PRAYER
INTROIT *Blest Are They* Haas
*HYMN *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine* UM Hymnal, 166

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION *The Apostle's Creed* UM Hymnal, 881

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRIA
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, in now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

PSALTER from Psalm 100
**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UM Hymnal, 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Like a River Glorious* Raney

*OFFERING RESPONSE *We Give Thee But Thine Own* Boylston
*We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S TIME Zoe Sunday Mary Griffith
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to Children's Church in Room 410.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON from Ezekiel 34

ANTHEM *The Way We Love* Martin

SERMON *A Shepherd for the Saints*

CALL TO CONFESSION
With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your kingdom.
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.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us.
In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* UM Hymnal, 136
The altar is always open for prayer.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *As We Part for the Towns and Cities* Henry

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* Burkhardt

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*The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of
our father, James Brownley, by Claudette Brownley and Phillip Cross.*

Today is Zoe Sunday! You may give your change to a child to bring up during Children's Time or leave it by the offering plate for a child to empty in the Zoe Pot. Thanks for your help and support for "Pennies for Zoe"!

Are you interested in going to Chrysalis, January 13-15? Chrysalis is a 3 day spiritual renewal time for 11th and 12th graders. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community. Applications are available from Statha Osborne or Mary Griffith. Cost is \$100 of which the church will pay \$50 for each participant to make sure everyone gets to go to Chrysalis. All applications are due by **Tuesday, November 28 with a \$50 deposit.** **Once your application is received, you will receive important information about the weekend. Please pray about Chrysalis and if you would like to go, please fill out the application and return it by November 28. This is a wonderful retreat for you and your spiritual growth with Jesus. If you have any questions, please call the church office.**

November 27-29 are the dates to decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas! Volunteers are needed to help the Worship Committee. **Make it a wonderful family tradition to prepare our sanctuary for Christmas.** Everyone is invited to help!



Calling all children! We are holding rehearsals on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm for our 2017 Christmas Play. If your child would like to participate or if you have any questions, please let Statha Osborne know. We would love for all of our children to sing for Christmas!

The final UMW event for 2017 is scheduled for Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Circle 9 is the Hostess Circle for this General Meeting. Chris Thornton, Chaplain with Richmond County Hospice, will be our guest speaker. All FUMC ladies are invited!

The Children's Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend! Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Would you like to be a part of a Live Nativity Scene on December 24 at our church? If yes, please call the church office by December 11. We will meet on December 17 at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room to be fitted for costumes. We need adults, youth, children, and live animals.

Experience **the Live Presentation of the Life of Christ** at the 6th Annual drive-through event at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 596 East Washington Street Ext., December 1 and 2 at 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

