

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Remembering we would do well to “fulfill the royal law according to scripture, ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (James 2:8), the Church Council recommends that all church members wear a mask, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizers when in the church facilities for any purpose.

GATHERING

I Sing Praises to Your Name

TFWS, 2037

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;
I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

GREETING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UM Hymnal 694

*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 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.***

THE BAPTISM OF MCKENZIE KAYE STOGNER

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

10 “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Griffith

OFFERTORY

Close to Thee

Larson

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 95

***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. Amen.***

PRAYER OF OFFERING

Lesson – Luke 23:33-43

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine

37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

ANTHEM

The Way We Love

Martin

SERMON

The King's Pardon

*HYMN

We Gather Together

UM Hymnal 131

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING

*POSTLUDE

***The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Jim and Sarah McKenzie by their family.***

The white rose is from Richmond County Hospice in memory of those we have lost.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For first responders, our military and all those that serve our nation.

This week: Janice Melton

For our church members: Bebe Blackmon, Norman Bland, Rita Bland, Claudette Brownley, Jean Cain, Gaby Campbell, Misty Campbell, Jan Clay, Pam Dillman, Bob Ellwanger, Jerry Eteo, Audrey Ewing, Barbara Goodman, Susie Graves, Genevra Kelly, Randy Leak, Lucille Martin, Linda McCullough, Jimmy McLean, Gaynelle Moon, Bill Rohleder, Ron and Hannah Shaw, Frances Shepard, Sarah Shepherd, Jerry Thomas, and Tom Wheeler.

For our extended family: Jane Atha (Mary Griffith's mother), Hilda Auman (Don Auman's mother), Nancy Baucom, Ken Bostick, Parker Byrd, Barbara Cato, Paul Crump, Rick Ervin, Robert Flynn, Rebecca Gagnon, Jeff Ganns (Glenda Thomas' son-in-law), Arland Griffith (Lee Griffith's father), Terry Hamilton (Terry Shaw's uncle), Galvin Hill, Michael Hobbs, Patricia Huffman, (Martha Butler's mother), Lisa Johnson (T.J. Shaw's friend), J.B. Jones, Terri LaRue (Gwen Webb's sister), Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother), Gabriel Martin (Lucille Martin's granddaughter), Priscilla McCormick, Tommy McDonald, Sam Moser, Rick O'Brien, Ruth Ann Ritter, Stuart Shepherd (Diane Goodwin's grandson), William Sidebottom, Clyde Smith, Angi Stanford, Christina Sullivan, Tommy Williams (Virginia Auman's brother), Regina Witherspoon

For Those Who are Mourning: The families of Kathy Brand, Nathan and Marie Davis, Wayne Jenkins, Martha Martin, Barbara McLain and Dorsey Short.

For our Home-Bound and Assisted Living Members: Faye Herring, Caroline Johnson, Bill and Ann Poe, Madeline Till.

First Health has chosen to partner with Richmond County Aging Services this Holiday Season to help the seniors in our community. First Health Employees will be collecting items to donate to Aging Services to be distributed in December and throughout 2023. Many times, seniors in our community, go without during the Holiday's due to a lack of local family or support system. Aging Services has been sponsoring seniors every year to assist them with basic necessities in addition to gifts. The following is a list of items that can be donated. This items can be taken directly to Richmond County Aging Services located at 225 S Lawrence St. or you may leave your donations on the cart in front of the chapel (with the Our Daily Bread donations). If you have any questions call Kathy Yates at 336-906-7678

1. Cleaning supplies- pine sol, Fabuloso, bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, Clorox wipes, dish liquid
2. Paper Products- toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex
3. Slippers- Men and Women all sizes
4. Socks- Men and Women all sizes
5. Depends (pull-ups only)- Men and Women all sizes
6. Gift cards to local restaurants
7. Personal care items- deodorants, lotions, body wash, shampoo, conditioner for men and women
8. Ensure- any flavor
9. Boost- any flavor

Tonight, a Church Conference will be held at 6:00 in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting to join the Global Methodist Church. This will be a simple yes/no vote on ballots.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Nov. 25 Friendsgiving at 5:30 pm. Bring your holiday leftovers and enjoy a meal and fellowship!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 and 24, for Thanksgiving.

Food Lion now has their food boxes on display for purchase. If you buy one, it is sent to Our Daily Bread. This is an easy way to donate.

This Christmas if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in loving memory or in honor of someone please fill out and drop in offering plate or mail to church. Cost will be \$16 each. Deadline is December 9th.

In memory

In honor

Given by

Number purchased

The Youth will be placing the luminaries again this Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase one or more fill out and drop in offering plate or mail to church. Cost is \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Deadline is December 9th.

In memory

In honor

Given by

Number purchased

FIRST UMC AT A GLANCE

Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Sanctuary 205

Monday

10:00 AM First Place Bynum 120

Tuesday

10:00 AM Bible Study Bynum 102

Wednesday

Office Closed

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving!

Office Closed

Weekly Finance Report for 2022 Year to date through 11/13/2022

Operating Budget	\$476,552.68
Offering for last week	\$10,682.00
Offering for Budget	\$435,115.84
Needed each week	\$9164.48
Need to Date	\$421,566.08
	103.21%

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Come, Ye Thankful People Come

F C/E F Dm C F F C/E F

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. Ev - en so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

4 Dm Gm/Bb A Dm Gm C F

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in,
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in,

7 F G⁷/D C/E Dm/F C/G G C C C/Bb

ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er
 are to joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and
 all of - fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels
 free from sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er

United Methodist Hymnal 694

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt. (Mk. 4:26-29; Mt. 13:36-43)

MUSIC (ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 77 77 D): George J. Elvey, 1858

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

10 F/A C⁷/G F F F⁷/E_b B_b/D F⁷/C B_b

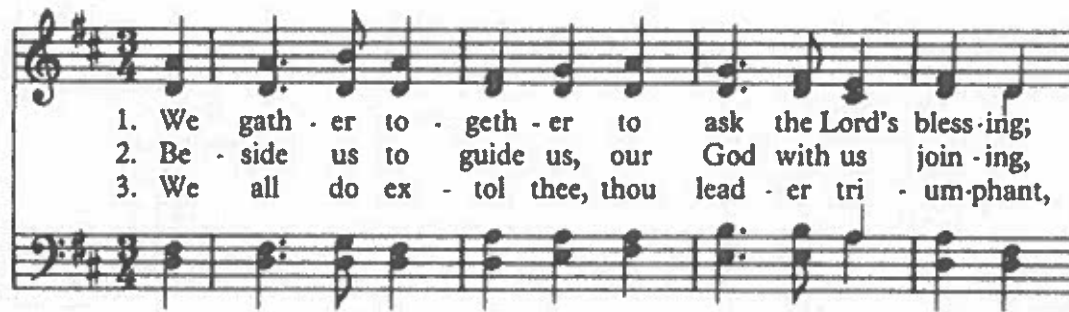
doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear;
 charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
 pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;

13 D/F# D Gm C/E C F

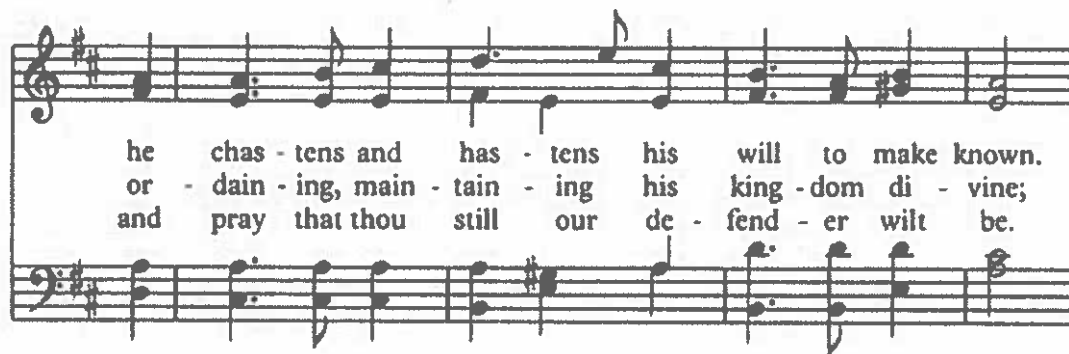
come to God's own tem - ple, come,
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we
 but the fruit - ful ears to store
 come, with all thine an - gels, come,

We Gather Together

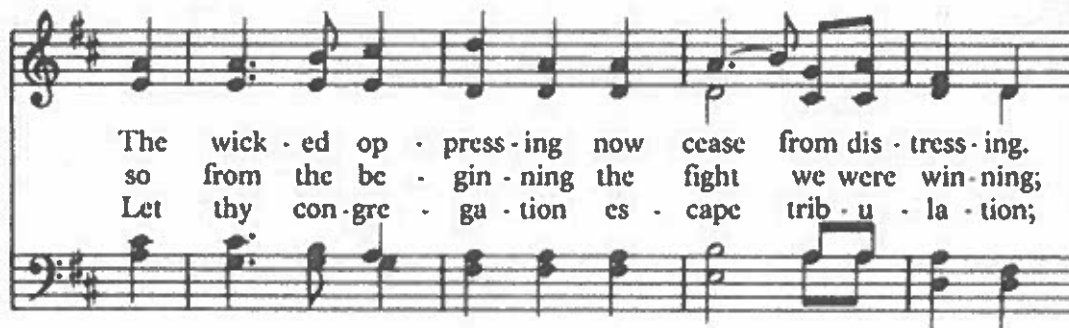
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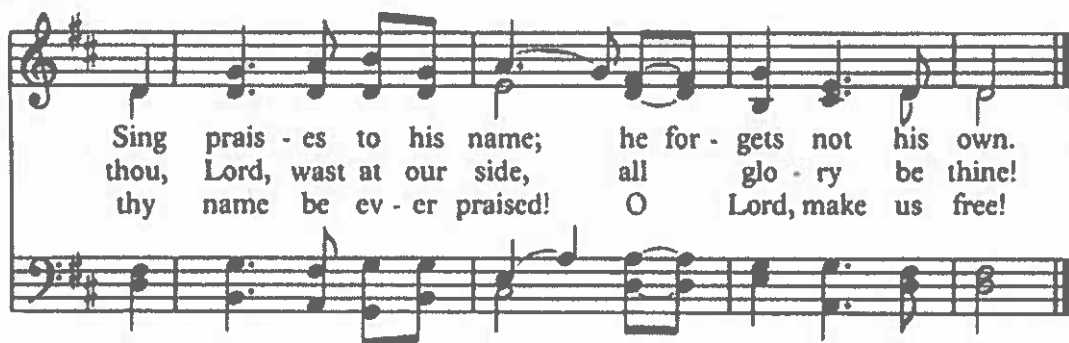
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!