FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship **Christ the King Sunday** **November 22, 2026**

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone in the sanctuary.

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

INTROIT: ***"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"*** #365 (verse 1) [Faith Choir]

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made! ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

PRELUDE: *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* - Elvey, arr. Koury

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

(We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on "The Solemnity of Christ the King" from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Christ is the incarnate Son of God.

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.

Christ is our divine Lord and He is also...

the humble man who came to earth, suffered, and died on the cross.

We believe this with our whole hearts and minds.

We must recognize Christ's kingship with our entire lives.

We must believe in the truths and teachings of Christ.

We must obey God's laws.

We must love God above all things, and cleave to Him alone.

Worldly rulers rely on military force, political control and coercion.

Christ's kingship is built on truth, justice, love and mercy.

*** OPENING HYMN:** ***"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"*** **-** #363

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us, Heavenly Father, when we don't worship You out loud. We keep our faith a big secret as if it's an embarrassment to admit that we love God and believe in Your Son. Help us let Christ rule our lives in all that we do and in all that we say. Help us be open enough to show others that Christ reigns in our minds, our wills, our hearts, and our bodies, and that we love You, our God, above all things. Amen.

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Psalm 103:8,11-12)

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. For His unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. ***Alleluia! God is great!***

*** GLORIA PATRI:** ***"Glory to God"*** **-** #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

ANTHEM: ***"Heaven Crowned Him Christ the King"*** **-** Choplin [Faith Choir]

CHILDRENS TIME: Joanie Heiserman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Psalm 119:33-34)

Teach me, Lord, the meaning of Your laws, and I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice will all my heart. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:32-43

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON: "Christ the King, Our Good Shepherd"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: ***"The 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; 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *"The Shepherd of the Flock"* - Martin
with
"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" - Bradbury

* **DOXOLOGY:** ***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" -*** #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* **CLOSING HYMN:** ***"We Gather Together" -*** #336

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** ***"Soon and Very Soon"*** #384 verse 4

* **POSTLUDE:** *"The King is Coming"* - Gaither