

# Christ the King Sunday – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 9:15 AM

## Gathering Music & Announcements

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

Christ calls us in love. Christ offers us life. Christ leads us in hope.

Christ strengthens us in perseverance. Christ meets us in service.

Christ shows us forgiveness. Christ welcomes us home.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ, King of Love, King of Life, and King of all Creation. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn\*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139

### Opening Prayer (Unison)

**O Lord, you are the King of Creation. You crown the year with goodness. By your majesty, you set the celestial bodies in motion. By your magnificence, the oceans, mountains, seas, and skies were formed. By your glory, all creatures were brought forth to life. By your mercy, we receive the promise of your salvation. From the moment that we rise, to the moment that we lie down, may we ever be mindful of your generous gifts. We offer you our thanksgiving and praise on this sacred morning. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### Moment for Ministry

Altar Guild

Kathy Frawley

### Sacrament of Baptism

Brittany, Huxley, and Everett Umberger

### Special Music

*Thankful*

Children's Choir

Director Kristen Brought & Accompanist Deb Lampton

### Children's Moment

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayers

Mike Wolf

Merciful God, we confess that at times we are like a barren land, stubborn and unyielding. We're slow to accept your grace and forgiveness. We're slow to have confidence in your constant provision, and overflowing bounty. We're slow to trust that the future in you is secure. We're slow to love our neighbors unconditionally. Warm us to a faith and a life that is generous and giving, thankful for what we have, and thankful for what we can share. **Amen.**

### Words of Assurance (Psalm 89: 1-2)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**With my mouth I'll proclaim your faithfulness to every generation.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever,

And your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also, with you. Amen.**

## Anthem

*Thanksgiving*

Chancel Choir

Director Dave Tramontana

## Gospel Reading

Luke 23: 32-43

Mike Wolf

## Sermon

“Christ our King”

Rev. Byron E. Brought

## Reflective Music

*Thanksgiving and gratitude is a way of life! How will you offer your thanks and praise? Our offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary, or please consider giving electronically; ask us how. Thank you.*



## Communion & The Lord's Prayer

## Hymn\*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

UMH 102

## Benediction & Organ Postlude\*



## We offer our deepest Christian Sympathy to:

Jim Rinehart and family on the passing of his brother-in-law.

Jim Hudson and family on the passing of his father.

**Altar Flower Dedication** – The flowers on the altar table are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Robert & Jordan Bolt, by Jerry Bolt.

**Celebration Sunday Thank You!** Warm thanks to all who participated in our Celebration Sunday last week, the brunch, and the silent and live auctions. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$3,793.00** to benefit hurricane relief through UMCOR, our United Methodist Committee on Relief.

**Church-Wide Advent Event TODAY – Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** in Armstrong rooms 101, 103, and outside of room 102. BAUMC Church Family and Friends are invited to come prepare for Advent. We will make Advent Wreaths (metal ring, greenery and candles are

provided). Our theme this year is Angels. There will be a variety of ornaments to be made by all ages, feather, and keyrings. Join us for this festive season! Hot cider will be served.

**Advent Study** – Our Advent study this year will celebrate the angels in the Christmas story. It's based on the book, **“The Angels of Christmas – Hearing God’s Voice in Advent,”** by Rev. Susan Robb. Please join us Tuesdays in Advent, beginning, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Room 202.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** – Please join us on **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm** in the main sanctuary; Rev. Robert Clipp, a retired United Methodist pastor in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, will be preaching. Rev. Clipp is from Hagerstown, Maryland. He holds degrees from Salisbury State College, Wesley Theological Seminary (M.Div), and Drew University (D.Min). He's served churches in Frederick County, Maryland, Jefferson County, WV, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Perry Hall UMC, and Grace UMC, Aberdeen. He's an avid Orioles Fan, and Baltimore Colts & Ravens Fan.

**Children’s Choir News** – Children's Choir will NOT rehearse today 11/20 or on Sunday 11/27. Our next rehearsal will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am in the choir room.

**The Children’s Choir and C4 Kids** are teaming up to collect CEREAL for BAUMC’s December Food Distribution on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cereal has been in short supply, and we want to help our community. If you are able to contribute boxes of cereal, please drop them off in the designated container in the Armstrong lobby by Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our goal is to collect 100 boxes of cereal!! Thanks for helping! YOU'RE GRRRREAT!



**Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – The Chancel Choir will begin to focus on music for the December 18<sup>th</sup> Cantata. If there is anyone who reads music or has sung with a choir in the past and would like to participate in the cantata, please feel free to show up to the choir room from 7:00pm – 8:30pm beginning on 11/23. Dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, 12/17 from 9:00am until 12:00 noon in the sanctuary, and the performance will take place during the 9:15 service on 12/18. This year we will be singing music that features brass quintet, organ, hand bells, and percussion. It's a wonderful way to give of your time and talents during the holiday season. Hope to see you at rehearsal!

**Pastor Deb’s Holiday Choir & Orchestra** – Instrumentalists will practice this Monday, November 21st at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Choir & Instruments will practice together on Saturday, November 26th at 2 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Toy Workshop** – Last Day for toy collection is tomorrow, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Toy Workshop is OPEN on November 25, 26, 27 (9 am – 5 pm) and the week of November 28 – December 3 (9 am – 9 pm). We will be checking, cleaning, and making all toys like new. Volunteer help is needed and appreciated.

**Adopt A Child** – Sponsors and Coordinators needed to help children in Harford County for Christmas. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board or contact Jeanne Arseneau at [mysticheaven805@gmail.com](mailto:mysticheaven805@gmail.com)

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***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

***Now Thank We All Our God***

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keeps us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.