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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 25, 2018

The Sunday Next before Advent/The Reign of Christ the King

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. Sondra Tucker

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession Unison

Eternal God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and we are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

**We have pledged our allegiance to the powers of this world,
and we have failed to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Christ as Lord,
that we may be loyal ambassadors, who obey his commands ...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing Madrid

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children may bring their “ringing collection” and come to the **Baptismal Font** for a **Time with Young Christians**

Old Testament 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-5,7-13 Unison

O Lord, remember in David’s favor all the hardships he endured;
how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the **Mighty One of Jacob,**

“I will not enter my house or get into my bed;

I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
until I find a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.

Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool.”

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.

For your servant David’s sake,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath, from which he will not turn back:

“One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, forevermore, will sit in on your throne.”

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation.

Anthem Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood, 1964

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion’s help forever and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today.
With thy wonted loving kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

(-- Latin text, 7th century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1851)

Epistle Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel John 18:33-37

Sermon A King without a Kingdom? Mike Krech
“You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” John 18:37b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 143 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name Diadem

Apostles’ Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Partita on Duke Street; Larghetto Charles Callahan

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 155 Rejoice, the Lord Is King Darwall’s 148th

Postlude Trumpet Tune in C David Johnson

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today marks the end of the church’s liturgical year. (The new liturgical year begins next Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent.) The feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter the secularism and nationalism that he found to be rising in Western culture. In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the final Sunday of the church year to emphasize its eschatological dimension, and it has been taken up by many Protestants as an affirmation of the lordship of Jesus Christ.