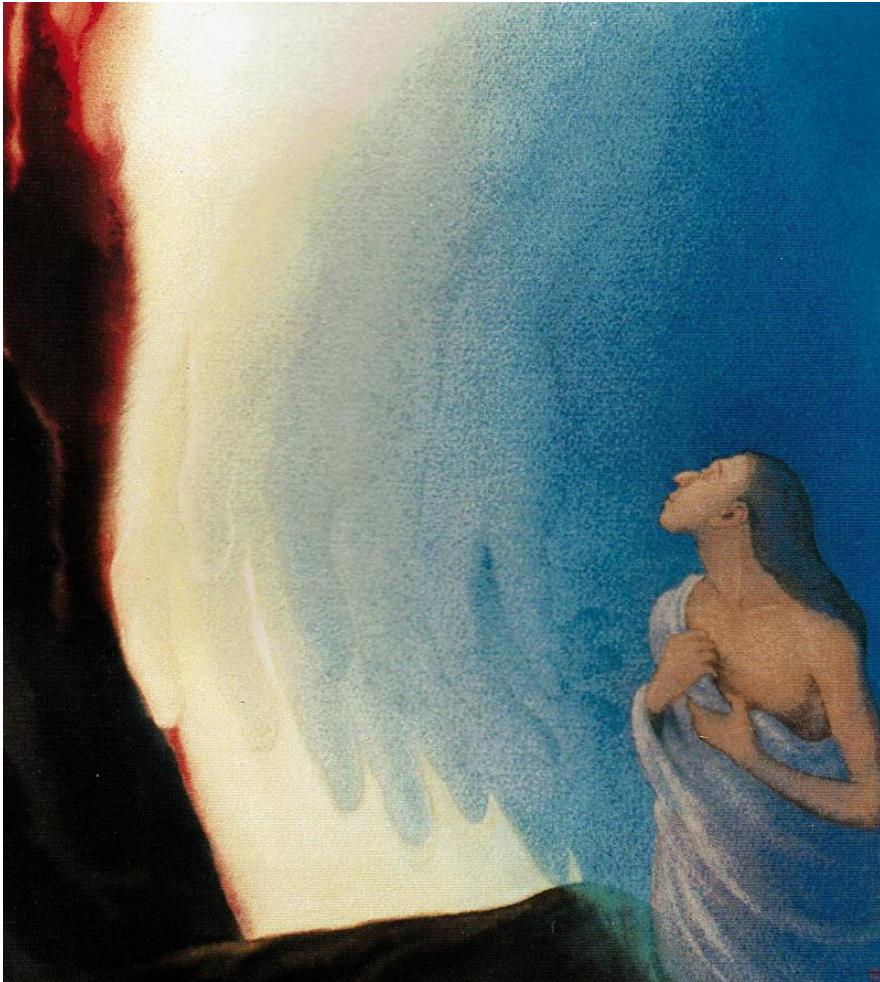


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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

Nov. 24, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

BRIAN JACKSON

Through the power of God,

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

May this love guide our hearts.

Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

++ HYMN #367[GTG] Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name, ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BRIAN JACKSON

It is only by the power of God

that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

O Holy One,

you showed us what it means to live by your reign:

sharing food with the hungry,

freedom with the imprisoned,

justice with the oppressed,

and joy with the sorrowful.

We ask your forgiveness, O God,

for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign.

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**Show us once more what our belonging means,
for you are the beginning, you are the end,
and, in every time between,
you fill our lives with grace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BRIAN JACKSON

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #583[GTG] GLORY TO GOD

SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God 583

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BRIAN JACKSON

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

What is our comfort in life and in death?
Knowing that we belong to God. (form a link with thumb and middle
finger on both hands joining them together)

What can separate us from God's love?
Absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love. (Move palms down at
waist height from the center outward)

Jesus is with me. (*cross right arm over chest*)
Jesus is within me. (*cross left arm over chest*)
Jesus is behind me. (*move hands down and to the back*)
Jesus is before me. (*move hands palms up in front of you*)
Jesus is there to comfort and restore me. (*hug yourself*)

—adaptations from the Heidelberg Catechism, question 1;
Romans 8:35, 38–39; St. Patrick’s Breastplate

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

BRIAN JACKSON

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

John 18:33-37

BRIAN JACKSON

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “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.”

The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM “At the Name of Jesus” arr R. Vaughan Williams

(See hymn no. 264 for tune)

Congregation is welcome to sing during the **bolded** verses

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now;
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word.*

*At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light;
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a name. From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.*

***Bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central heights,
To the throne of Godhead to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.***

*Name him, brothers, name him, with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.*

***In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.***

***Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again. With his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.***

SECOND READING:

Exodus 33:12-23

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here."¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you

have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”¹⁸ Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.”¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”²¹ And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

SERMON

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++ HYMN #347[GTG] Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
The flowering of English hymnody in the 19th century included the rediscovery, translation, and versification of ancient Christian hymns, such as this text from one of the earliest existing Christian liturgies. It is set here to an adaptation of a 17th-century French melody, PICARDY.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayers continue)

OUR LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

AMEN: #554 [GTG]

554

Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B \flat C Dm B \flat F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**OFFERING**

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

CHORAL ANTHEM “He Is Marvelous” by Rosephanye Powell

*He is marvelous! Jesus is wonderful! Give Him glory!
 Shout to the Lord and proclaim: He is marvelous, oh, so wonderful!
 Give Him the glory and praise.*

He is the King! He is Lord of all creation! He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

++Doxology #607 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

HYMN #265[GTG]

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer, DUKE STREET.

BENEDICTION

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306[GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	BRIAN JACKSON
ORGANIST / PIANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
DIRECTOR OF BELLS OF FIRST:	DARIN SHOWALTER
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 24

10:00 a.m.	Sunday service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Holiday Basket assembly – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary
2:30 p.m.	Megan Higle recital - Chapel

Monday, November 25

9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting – Library
9:00 a.m.	GIL classes

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room
Tuesday, November 26
 9:00 a.m. GIL classes
 6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
 7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, November 27
 12:00 p.m. GIL Thanksgiving lunch – Litten Hall
 5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, November 28 **THANKSGIVING**

Friday, November 29 **Church Closed for holiday**
 5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1
 10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
 11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation
 12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Colors of the Church Calendar Year

The colors we use in our Sanctuary mark different seasons in church life. We celebrate Christ the King Sunday today, with white and all of our colors to celebrate Jesus’ victory over all evil in the world. Our colors – purple or blue for Advent, White for High Holy Days, Green for Common or Growing season, Purple for Lent, and Red for Pentecost are all represented today in our Worship space.

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent, the beginning of the church year, with purple or blue (for Mary), paraments. High Holy Days, like Christmas through Epiphany, the Easter season (48 days), All Saints Day and Christ the King are traditionally celebrated with white paraments. Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday is purple for the purple robe that Pilate insisted Jesus wear on his way to the cross. We use black on Good Friday for Jesus’s death and then we take all color out of the Sanctuary to remember the utter desolation of Jesus’s sacrifice. Pentecost is our only red day, for the fire of the Holy Spirit. The rest of the church year is celebrated with green – known as Common Time, but we prefer to think of it as Growing Time!

FPC MEN'S GROUP will have a "get-together" on Monday, December 9 starting at 5:30 PM at the home of Jim Donaldson (118 Green Meadows Dr., Lansing 48917). A light meal will be provided. Please bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share or something to pass. Donations will be accepted to cover meal expenses. Men of all ages are invited to come! Please RSVP to Brian Koon (b.koon@comcast.net) or Jim (jimdonaldson01@comcast.net).

It's Holiday Basket Time Again? The Deacons will give 100 baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving and 100 for Christmas. Recipients sign up with the food pantry. We anticipate that each basket will cost \$50. Please help us with your financial contributions. Checks can be written to the church with Holiday Baskets on the memo line. Thank you!

ACT Uganda - In Muko Sub-County, Uganda, half of the families live in poverty. Most struggle just to make ends meet, and education, a vital path out of poverty, is just a distant dream. **But, ACT Uganda is changing this narrative!** We partner with the local community and provide the tools and resources needed to achieve self-sufficiency. To help fund our signature programs and support systems, our 2024 year-end goal is \$25,000 – but we can't do it without you. Please consider a gift to help end this cycle of poverty, and be part of this transformative journey that empowers these families to build brighter futures. Visit our website (actuganda.org) to donate and learn more, or send a check (*2024 Campaign in memo line*) to: ACT Uganda, P. O. Box 2565, Midland MI 48641. **Thank you for your commitment and support!**

ADULT FORUM

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom. Childcare available.)

November 24

**We'll be assembling holiday baskets AND
Decorating the church for Christmas.**