



**Mountain Shadows**  
**Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, November 26, 2017, 10:00 AM**  
**Christ the King Sunday**

**Gather in God's Name**

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. \* Stand as you are able. Please sign the fellowship pad, found on the chair on the center aisle. When all have signed, pass the pad back to the center.*

**Prelude**                      *Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God*                      Arr. S. Pethel  
Julie Wiens-Flugelhorn, Marilyn Skoneczka-Flute

*The Prelude will begin at 10:00. Worshipers are requested to conclude conversation and listen prayerfully as spiritual preparation to hear God's Word in worship.*

**The Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Opening Prayer**

**Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors**

**Moment for Ministry: 2018 Women's Retreat**                      Wanda Johnson

**Moment for Ministry: Adopt-a-Family**                      Kathy Moyer

**Introit**                      *Soon & Very Soon*                      Andre Crouch

**Call to Worship** (responsive, based on Psalm 97)                      **Worship Co-Leader:** Wanda Johnson

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**Clouds and thick darkness are all around the Lord;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.**

The heavens proclaim the Lord's righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold God's glory.

**All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in  
worthless idols; all gods bow down before the One who is enthroned!**

The Lord loves those who despise evil; the Lord guards the lives of the faithful,  
rescuing them from the hand of the wicked.

**Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**\*Hymn #365**

*God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!*

## Call to Confession

When we come into the holy presence of God, our true humanity is laid bare.  
When we stand in the living presence of truth, our brokenness and falsehood are revealed. Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our merciful and ever-present God to forgive us. Let us pray.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
We are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasure we pursue  
may destroy the environment and the goodness of your creation.  
The anger we harbor against others who think differently  
becomes the breeding ground for violence.  
Lord, heal and forgive us.  
*(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)*  
O God, Set us free, that we may live with integrity.  
Redeem us through the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

### Sung Response

Tune: 843, My Soul is at Rest

**My soul is at rest in God alone;  
My salvation comes from God.**

### Words of Assurance (responsive)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
**Only Christ, and Christ died for us.**  
Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.  
**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.**  
**The old life has been erased. The seeds of new life have been planted!**  
Thanks be to God that we are forgiven and can be at peace.

### \*Sung Response

Tune: 2276

**Glory to God in the highest!  
Sing glory to God!  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth!**

### **\*The Passing of Christ's Peace**

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you...**and also with you.**  
*You may turn to your neighbor and share a sign of Christ's peace.*

**Choir Anthem** *At The Name of Jesus* Christopher Walker  
Mountain Shadows Choir

### **Proclaim God's Word**

**Gospel Reading** John 18:33-38 (N.T. pg. 106; lg. print pg. 138)

**Response** This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The Upside Down Kingdom Rev. Carla Williams

**\* Hymn of Affirmation #175** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

### **Respond to God**

#### **Invitation to Offering**

Generosity is cultivated by the practice of regular giving.  
We give in gratitude for God's gifts to us,  
and we give because we need to live beyond ourselves.  
Through our offerings, may we grow in the realm of God.

**The Offertory** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* William Bradbury

#### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise Christ, all people here below.**  
**Praise Holy Spirit ever more.**  
**Praise God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**God of abundance,**  
**we give these offerings in commitment to you**  
**and to care for your people.**  
**Remind us to see Jesus all around us.**  
**Use our offerings of money and of our lives**  
**according to your purposes. Amen.**

### **Give Thanks to God**

#### **The Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*You are invited to speak your prayer requests first on behalf of the wider world;  
then for those close to you, and for yourself.*

## The People's 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.

### Go in God's Name

\*Hymn #378

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*The King of Glory Comes*  
Julie Wiens-Trumpet

Arr. Betty Pulkingham

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
8:15am – 1:15 pm