



# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**November 24, 2019, 10:00AM**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**Celebrating Thanksgiving**

## 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**                                      *The Trumpet Shall Sound*                                      Arr. Harrison Oxley  
Rod Hutton - Trumpet

## **Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer**

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

**Moment for Mission:**      Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gift Giving                                      Connie Wortman

**Introit**                                      *Blessed Be the God of Israel*                                      Text/M. Perry, Music/H. Hopson

**Call to Worship** (responsive)                                      **Worship Co-Leader:** Dan Linegar

The time of gathering is here.

The Spirit has summoned us!

**We have come from far and wide**

**to offer grateful praise to God for many blessings.**

Open your hearts to God's compassionate message.

Prepare to be revived in faith and lead lives of helpful service to others.

**In the name of Christ, who reigns with God eternally,  
we lift our hearts in worship. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #2**                                      *Come, Thou Almighty King*

## **Call to Confession**

As we prepare to admit our need for forgiveness  
and our yearning for the coming reign of Christ,  
let us remember that the whole earth already belongs to God.  
Even as we pray for things not yet perceived,  
we can trust in the sure, eternal reign of our Sovereign Lord.

## Prayer of Confession

Imagining the reign of Christ  
can be difficult for us, eternal God.  
We struggle to envision the world  
governed by the justice and righteousness you revealed  
in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Often, our minds are held captive  
by lesser human rulers and powers.  
When we settle for them,  
or neglect to let the gospel guide our lives,  
correct and forgive us, O God.

*(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)*

We celebrate the coming of your reign on earth, as in heaven!  
O God, may your vision of a greater good for all  
give us hearts of courage  
and confidence to step out in service to others,  
bringing hope where there is doubt,  
peace where there is strife,  
bounty where there is hunger,  
and love where there is discord.

We pray in the name of Christ, our King. Amen.

*(Quiet prayer and reflection)*

## Sung Response

Tune: 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;  
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Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

## Words of Assurance (responsive)

Tender mercy and forgiveness are the ways of God.  
We are forgiven, and we are given grace to live with generosity and joy.  
God lavishly provides all we need,  
and calls us beloved. Alleluia!

## \*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 Christ be with you! **And also with you!** Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

**Choral Anthem**

*I Will Rise*  
Mountain Shadows Choir

Arr. C Courtney & L Hasseler

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Epistle Reading**

Colossians 1: 15-23a (N.T. pg.188; lg. print pg. 244)

**Response**

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

**Sermon**

Christ the King: From Majesty to Mission

Rev. Rachel Srubas

**\*Hymn of Affirmation #273**

*He is King of Kings*

**Respond to God**

**Invitation to the Offering**

All around us are the blessings of everyday living—  
family, home, friends, the ability to enjoy laughter and share tears.  
There are many ways in which God has touched our lives with love.  
With an attitude of gratitude, let us make our offerings.

**The Offertory**

*Prelude in G Minor*  
Dawn Doorn-Organ

JS Bach

**\*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)**

**In gratitude for all we have been given,  
we lay these gifts before you, Most High God.  
Thank you for calling and equipping us  
to be of service to our neighbors, in your holy name.  
Bless each of us here, and bless the offerings we give,  
so that we may become blessings to others. Amen.**

**Give Thanks to God**

**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 Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 #643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Festive Trumpet Tune*  
Rod Hutton-Trumpet

David German

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.