

November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH# 327

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The pastor addresses all:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith

as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you

and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you

in the body of Christ

and in this congregation

of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant

faithfully to participate

in the ministries of the church

by our prayers, our presence,

our gifts, and our service,

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:11-20

NRSV

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the

NLT

11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

16 for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see

and the things we can't see—
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Everything was created through him and for him.

17 He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.

18 Christ is also the head of the church,
which is his body.

He is the beginning,

supreme over all who rise from the dead.

So he is first in everything.

19 For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ,

20 and through him God reconciled
everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth

by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

SERMON

Christ the King

Pastor Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH# 103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Virginia Abbott | Mitch Early | Vance Richardson |
| Alice Alford | Cicero Gainer | Amy Salley |
| Matt Amason | Jackie Gray | Janet Sheek |
| Sheryl Baird | Sibyle Harmon | Nell Simmons |
| Betty Lou Brame | Elnora Holmes | Hazel Stewart |
| Peggy Burch | Nancy Hulon | Darlene Thomas |
| Justin Chamberlain | Brittany Johnson | Tim |
| Mitzie Conner | Maureen | Helen Wallace |
| Ralph Conner | Joe Miller Sr. | Curtis Walsh |
| Lois Crafton | Debbie Mullins | Iris Ward |
| Dot Davis | Frances Owen | Shirley Wiegand |
| Erica | David Pittman | |
| Jimmie Early | Sara Katherine Reid | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

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|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| November 27 | Advent Bible Study | (9:00am, Sanctuary) |
| November 27 | First Sunday of Advent | (10:00am, Sanctuary) |
| December 1 | Prayer Group | (11:00am) |
| December 4 | Advent Bible Study | (9:00am, Sanctuary) |
| December 4 | Second Sunday of Advent | (10:00am, Sanctuary) |

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our online giving resource!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT STUDY

During Advent, Ramsey Church is studying together *Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here* by Max Lucado.

WHEN: Sundays, November 27 - December 18 9:00AM

WHERE: Church Sanctuary

Student books are available. To receive a copy, call or email the church office at 804-276-4628 / admin@ramseymemorial.org.

A donation of \$9 is appreciated but not required.



POINSETTIA

If you wish to place a Poinsettia in our sanctuary for the Christmas season, please contact the church office at admin@ramseymemorial.org/804-276-4628.

The cost is \$11.50. We ask that you leave them in the church until December 24. The deadline to order poinsettias is Tuesday, November 29.

65th LIVING NATIVITY & BETHLEHEM

It's that time of year!

Ramsey will be presenting our **65th** Living Nativity and Bethlehem from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Thursday, December 22nd (Bethlehem and nativity)
- Friday, December 23rd (Bethlehem and nativity)
 - Saturday, December 24th (nativity only)

Make the Living Nativity part of your Christmas celebration this year and please invite others to join you! If you are interested in helping, contact Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net).

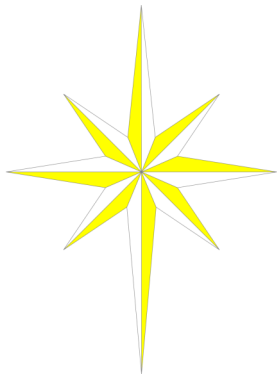


BETHLEHEM SETUP AND TAKE DOWN

Help is appreciated to set up and take down Bethlehem. Below are the dates and activities planned. We anticipate each event will take less than 2 hours.

- December 12 at 3:30 – transform classes
- December 19 at 3:30 – stock tables in the Marketplace
- December 29 at 1:30 – inventory and pack items left in Marketplace
- December 29 at 3:30 – transform rooms back to Sunday School layout

We are in need of small toys that cost under \$2 for our visitors to purchase in the Marketplace (matchbook cars, plastic animals and dinosaurs, puzzles) and gloves for adults and children. Please email Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net) if you can help with any of these efforts.





WE WELCOME

Karen Henline, Chris Martin, and Mike Thomas to the Ramsey Church family this morning through reaffirmation of faith.

Welcome home!

CHURCH-WIDE SURVEY

We want your anonymous input about the long-standing tradition at Ramsey to hold a combined Spanish/English worship service on the 5th Sunday in months with 5 Sundays. Is it still meeting the needs our congregation? Call or email your "almost anonymous" input to these 2 questions to Melissa at 804-276-4628 / admin@ramseymemorial.org. Only Melissa will know who the input was given by. She will compile it and provide it to the leadership.

Should Ramsey Church continue to offer our joint bilingual fifth Sunday worship service (Ramsey United)? YES NO

Why or why not?

1. _____
2. _____