

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A CELEBRATION FOR REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 26, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

The Pre-Existent Christ John 1:1-4,14a Jenny Warren

Choral Introit “Advent Meditation” Michael Larkin

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, 'til the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, Israel. Savior of the nations,
come. Come, Thou dayspring from on high. Virgin's Son, make here your
home. Cheer us by Thy drawing nigh. Marvel now, O heaven and earth.
That the Lord chose such a birth. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel. Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child. Come, O come, Emmanuel, of the
Virgin undefiled. Ransom captive Israel. Mighty God and Mary's Son, eager now
His race to run. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O Israel.*

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for the times and ways that we, too, betray and deny you. We can be quick to sacrifice our commitment to you for our own comfort. We have denied you when it felt too risky. We have stood by and done nothing in the face of suffering, or been too easily pressured by the opinions of the crowd. By your mercy, forgive how we have failed you and renew us in faithful discipleship...

(silent prayers)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23:33-49

Monty Gerhart

Hymn #218 (vs. 1, 2, 5) “Were you There”

The Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 24:1-12

Miranda Matthews

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Hear the good news from God’s word: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ!

***Hymn #232 (vs. 1 & 2) “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Celebration of New Members

Connie Bell and Laurie Bell, by letter of transfer

from Christiana Presbyterian Church

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Prayer

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to this congregation. May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Choir/Bell Anthem "Hail, Redeemer King"

Hail, Redeemer King! With the angels sing. Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! Death, though it was strong. Could not hold Him long. Jesus lives today and He will save. Praise we the King, Holy King, and forever He will reign. Jesus who rose today. Praise to the Lord evermore, and forever we adore. Jesus who rose today. When on Easter day. Bells ring forth to say. Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! Tell how you may choose. Tell His joyful news. Jesus lives today and He will save. Praise we the King, Holy King, and forever He will reign. Jesus who rose today. Praise to the Lord evermore, and forever we adore. Jesus who rose today. Come rejoice and sing. Praises to the King! Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! He will come again. We'll be with Him then. Jesus lives today and He will save!

***Response (#267 v.1)**

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice
Praise is his gracious choice: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sovereign God, Ruler of the universe, we pray that your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Receive our gifts and rule in our hearts, that we may be loyal disciples until you come again. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

The Coming of Jesus Again Revelation 1:4b-8 Jenny Warren

***Affirmation of Faith**

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
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.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace through the blood of his cross.**

*** Hymn 268** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Miranda Matthews

Ushers: Howard & Ramita Sowden

Nursery: Andrew Lundgren & Bev Stoudt

Fellowship Hour: Lyn Briggs

Counters: Jane Fouracre & Carol Mayhew

The flowers today are given by *Peter & Kelly McCurdy*

In Memory of Lawrence & Phyllis Koczak and other loved ones.

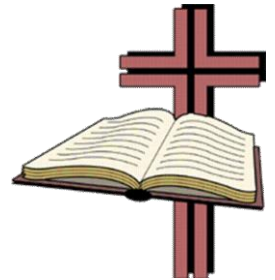
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Molly S. Wrightington

1922-1971

Katherine Hack Shoop

1917-1992



SEAMEN'S CENTER CHRISTMAS AT SEA – thank you!

USHERS NEEDED!

Can you say “Good morning!”? Hand out bulletins? Count to 80? Collect the offering? Then you can be an usher – AND WE NEED YOU! The Worship Committee has a sign up sheet in the CE Building – and it is BLANK starting NEXT SUNDAY NOV 5. You no longer are expected to commit to a month. Just a single Sunday here and there. Please consider stepping up to help. Instructions – and gratitude - provided!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 2017 - SATURDAY, DEC. 9 - How can you help?

Sign-up sheets and schedules have been posted in the CE building. See **Monty Gerhart** if you have questions about the schedules.

Books: Coffee-table quality books and other nearly new volumes are preferred. You may bring books in boxes or sturdy shopping bags clearly labeled for SOC to the CE building and leave them in the entry area. If you have questions, or if you have a large number of books to donate, please contact **Peter McCurdy** for guidelines.

“Look What \$20 Will Buy” table: Please contact **Jo Viola** or **Carol Mayhew** for details before bringing donations to the church. Need: **NEW children’s toys and games. The deadline for donations is Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017.**

Homemade Soups and Breads: For details or soup recipes, please contact **Susan Townsend** or **Janet Reed**. Add your name to the posted sign-up sheet!

Crafts: If you have a homemade craft specialty to offer, contact **Ellie Gerhart**

Refreshment table: Cookies may be store-bought or homemade. Please bring them in starting Nov. 26 and label them clearly for SOC.

Spread the Word: Red and green “Save the date” cards are available in the entry area of the CE building. Please pick up a few and distribute them to your friends and other contacts.

Pat Taylor, Miranda Matthews, and Kelly Koczak McCurdy

YARD WORK – SATURDAY, DEC 2, 9am-Noon

Please join us for our church yard clean-up. Please bring rakes and/or brooms. All are welcome! – Trustees

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Gingher, silverfran@aol.com

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/26	10:30am	CHRIST THE KING
		11:30am	Worship – All Family
		11:40am	Fellowship Hour – All Welcome
		12:00pm	Resource Development Meeting
			Colonial Chimers
Tuesday	11/28	8:30-10am	Arasapha Wreath Prep
Wednesday	11/29	9am-7pm	Arasapha Wreath Making
		1:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	11/30	9am-4pm	Arasapha Wreath Making
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	12/2	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	12/3	9:30am	Special Session Meeting
		10:30am	Worship – Lord's Supper
			& Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
			- All are Welcome!
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers