

Happy Thanksgiving!

Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving Service





PRELUDE

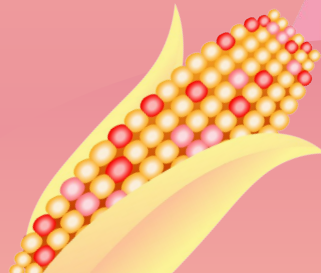
Fanfare for Christ the King

- H. Hamilton Smith



WELCOME

Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church Plainfield's Christ the King and Thanksgiving Service. Today's liturgy is modified to reflect the thanksgiving spirit in honor of Christ the King. On this day, many Christian churches observe Christ the King Sunday, celebrating Jesus' Messianic Kingship. The service emphasizes – Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, reigning supreme over all things.





Almighty everlasting God, who in Thy beloved Son, King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things anew; grant in Thy mercy that all the families of nations divided by the wound of sin may be subjected to His most gentle rule. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth world without end.

Amen.

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

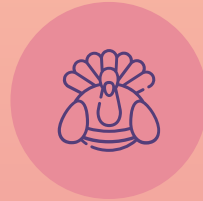
(Today's opening prayer is borrowed from a Roman Catholic liturgy)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Community Meet & Greet

Early afternoon of fellowship on Sunday, December 4, 2022, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.



UPC's Annual Caroling event

It's the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one







Advent begins

Next Sunday, November 27. You are invited to join our nightly Advent study at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.



RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 95: 1-6)

- Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout to the Rock of our salvation!
 - **Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him in song.**
 - For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods.
 - **In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.**
 - The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.
 - **O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
 - For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the sheep under His care.
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OPENING HYMN


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Come, Christians, Join to Sing



RESPONSIVE READING

(O Worship the King, all Glorious Above – recited)

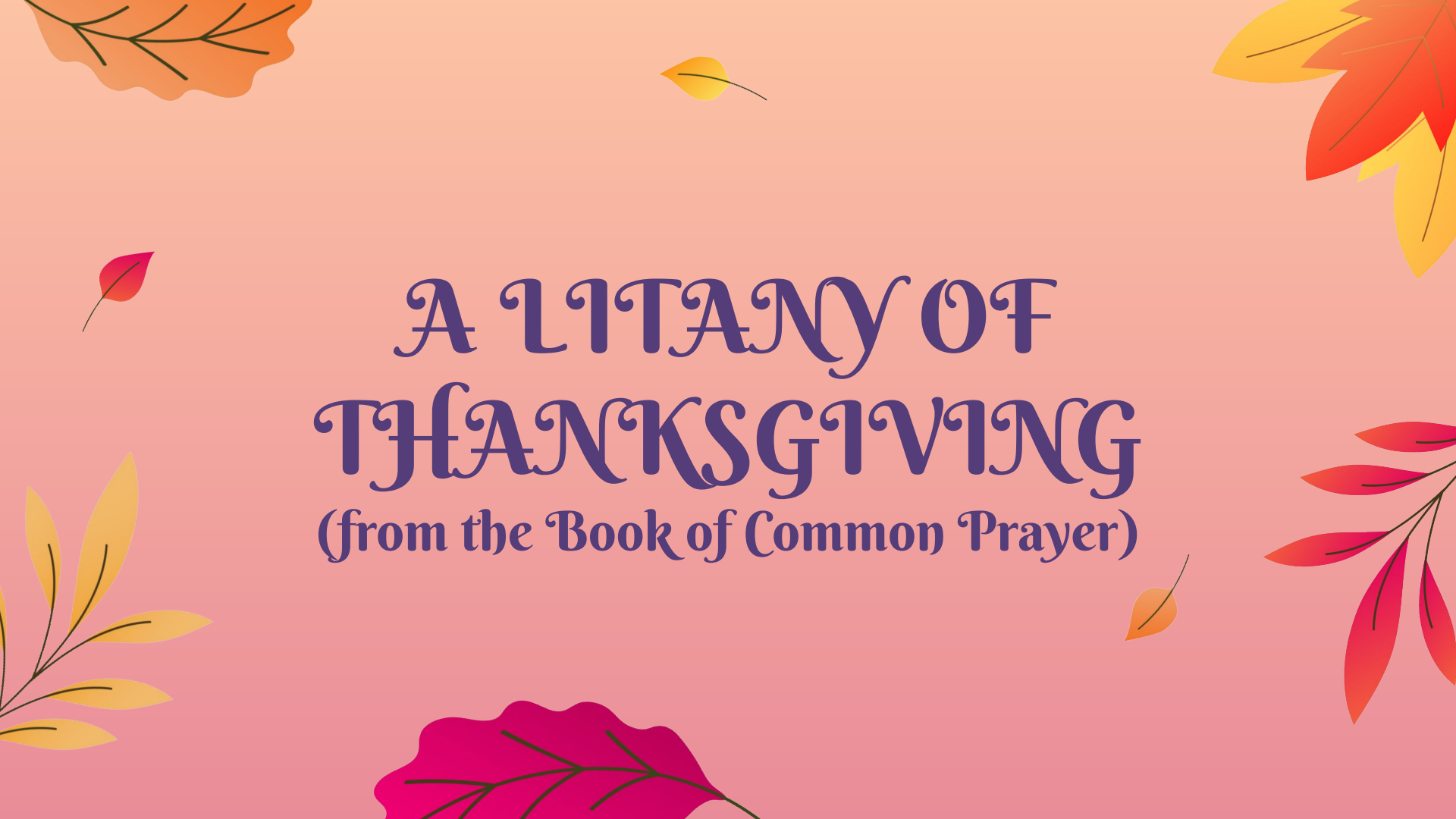
- O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his Love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
 - **O tell of his Might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**
 - Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
 - **Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**
 - **O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above! Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, in true adoration shall sing to your praise!**
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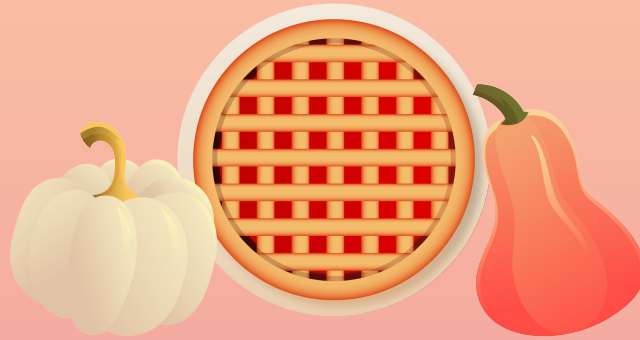
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Westminster Shorter Catechism questions 23 -26))

- What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?
- **Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**
- How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?
- **Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**
- How does Christ execute the office of a priest?
- **Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**
- How does Christ execute the office of a king?
- **Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**



A LITANY OF
THANKSGIVING
(from the Book of Common Prayer)



PASSING THE PEACE

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Rev. 1: 4-5)

And, also, to you.

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SILENT MEDITATION

SERMONIC TEXT

Luke 23: 33-43

23: 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 23:35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 23:36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 23:37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 23:38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 23:40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" 23:41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 23:43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Morning Meditation



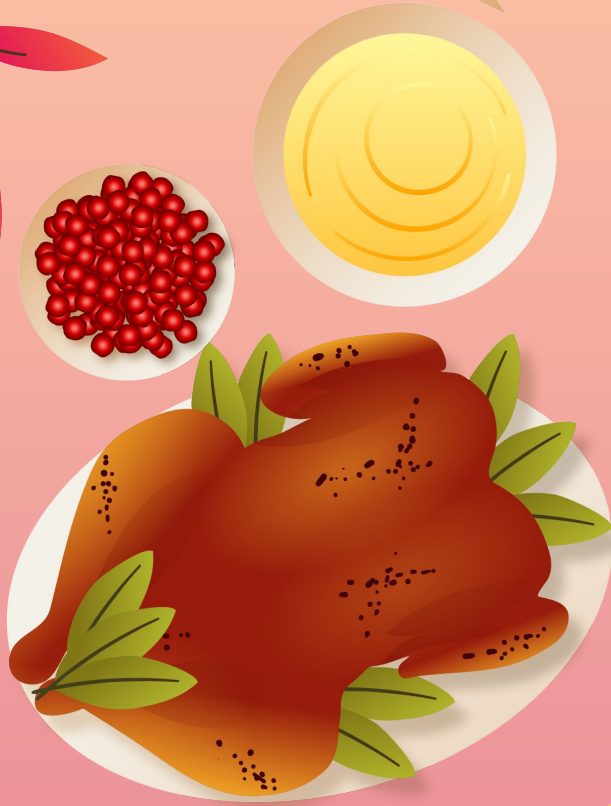
CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

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RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. Lead us away from
temptation and deliver us from
evil. For thine are the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever.
Amen.





CLOSING HYMN

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



THE BENEDICTION

Depart this service remembering
God loves you, Jesus died for you,
and the Holy Spirit is willing and
able to keep you from falling. In
Jesus' name, I bid you peace.
Amen.



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Amen

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POSTLUDE

To Grandmother's House We Go

- Lydia Child