

King of Glory



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Christ the King
November 24, 2019

Pastor.....The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.
Organist.....Mr. Frederick Bolden
Choir Director.....Mr. Rayfus Parham
Pianist.....Ms. Kimari Wright

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

*** Preparation for Worship** *from Revelation 7 & 22*

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.

People: *Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength belong to our God for ever and
ever. Amen!*

ALL: *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.*

*** Call to Worship (unison):** Almighty God, we have come together in
faithful fellowship and joyful community. Silence all voices in our minds
but your own. Help us to seek and to follow your will. Join our prayers
with one another, so together we may glorify your name. Let us sing with
loud voices, let us love with large hearts, let us hope with high expecta-
tions, let us worship with hallelujah praise, for you are great and worthy
to be praised. Amen.

*** Gathering in Song**

"Thou Art Worthy" (x 2)

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Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Special Presentation

*** Passing of the Peace +**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you!*

ALL: *Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)

Announcements and Celebrations

Worship in Song

"Soon and Very Soon"

The Choir

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer

(Colossians 1:11-14)

Pastor: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

People: *He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

ALL: *With this assurance of God's grace, we come in confidence to offer our prayers.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Prayer Response

"I Love You, Lord"

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:33-43

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Special Music

"There Is a Redeemer"

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Commitment "He is King of Kings" # 153 Blue

*An Affirmation of Faith **Colossians 1:15-20**

Jesus Christ 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 the 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 to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri** "Glory Be to the Father"# 623

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

* **Offertory Prayer**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

* **Choral Response**

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.

WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

***Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"Majesty" # 74

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

PRAYER CONCERNS

For our nation and its leadership— for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation; for a capacity to seek the greater good instead of personal or party gain - for the impeachment investigation: for truth & justice

For our children and youth; for their teachers & school staff; for those in our neighborhood; for those who work with young people and seek to bring them to Christ and to nurture their faith in him

For all who mourn the deaths of loved ones and friends: Russ Merritt & family; the family of James "Bud" Robertson; for victims of violence: for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass shootings throughout the world; the families who have lost their homes and loved ones in the hurricane, in wildfires; survivors of natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; ***for refugees & families who are separated***

For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction, for those recovering from illness or surgery: Robert Cole, Carnis Poindexter, Phillip Claytor, Shannon Pendleton, Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Sondra Harris, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, The Roberson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; **for the elderly**

For our service men and women and their families

For those who seek employment, for the under-employed, for the homeless, for those who are in fear of losing their homes or their jobs; for those under stress at work and at home.

For broken hearts and broken relationships; *for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.*

For our enemies, both personal and national, including terrorists

For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring peace to the world—for the Kurds; for Russia; for Venezuela; for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; for The Congo

For our pastor and his family; for our ministry together

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

*Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6 pm
Come grow with us!*

The Pastor's Office hours are by appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

The Choir meets as announced Come join the fellowship.

Remember: No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family. School has started, and children are hungry. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.



**Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends
with a call, a card, a visit, your prayers**

<u>Mr. Bob Hale</u> —Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153	541-8898
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	366-0391
<u>Ms. Shirley Calhoun</u> —3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017)	362-0617

Why do we ring the chimes?

For centuries, churches have used bells to announce to the whole community that it is time for worship. Bells, or chimes, tell us it is time to cease our chatter so that we can focus on the reason we are here: we have come to worship a sovereign God who demands our full attention.

We sound our chimes three times, once for each member of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Please join us after worship today for
the unveiling of Our History room!*

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*Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever. (Psalm 106:1, NIV)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27 (Wednesday)

Thanksgiving Eve Service at Loudon Ave Christian Church, 7 pm - The Rev. Vernie Bolden will be preaching

December 1: First Sunday in Advent

Celebration of Holy Communion

Break out your purple Sunday best as we begin our celebration of Advent, *and* remember to bring an offering for hunger assistance.

Potluck Lunch following worship

Our monthly potluck meals for November & December are being combined! We will share a meal following our morning worship on Dec. 1. Bring a friend, and encourage your whole family to attend worship as we begin a new 'church year'!

Youth Calendar:

Saturday, December 14—Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22—Christmas Card Delivery
(in house)

Monday, December 23—Ice Skating

CHRIST THE KING

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8).

This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

Christ reigns supreme

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 151)

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. Christ's truth judges falsehood. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil.

Such concepts as these cluster around the affirmation that Christ is King or Christ reigns! As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart. To Christ alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. Christ calls us to stand with those who in every age confessed, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty.