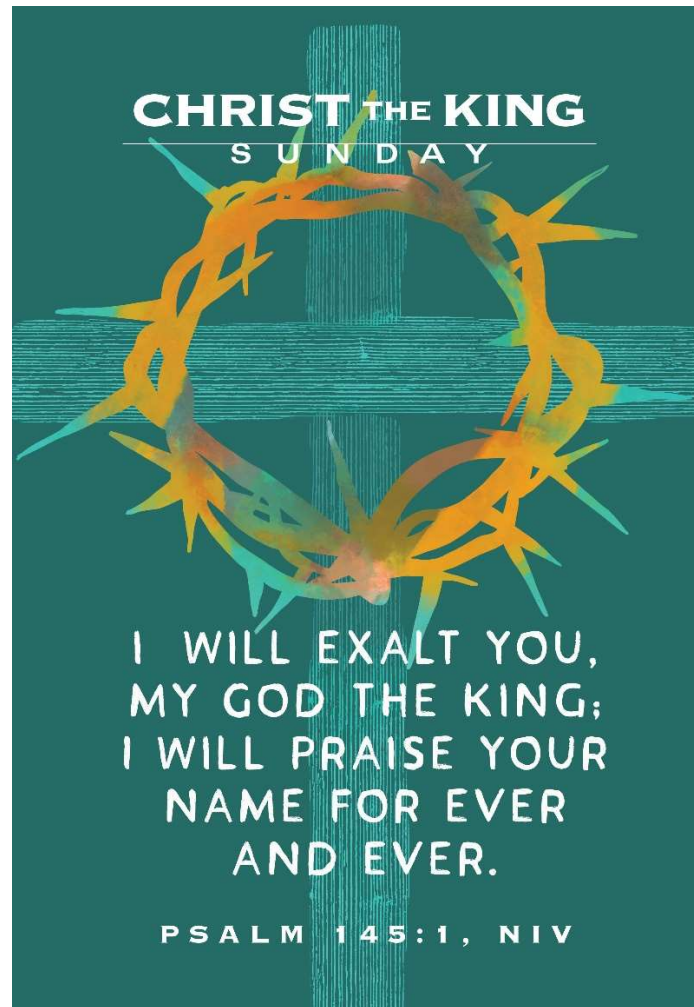


# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*November 26, 2023*

*The Reign of Christ*  
*Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.*



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**A Church for all People**

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(\*) *Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

+Facemasks are currently optional. If you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

*Health and Safety Committee.*

### Preparation for the Word

*Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.*

*"Loving as Jesus loves, helping as Jesus helps, giving as Jesus gives, serving as Jesus serves, rescuing as Jesus rescues, being with him twenty-four hours, touching him in his distressing disguise."*

*-Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**                      **St. Anthony Chorale**                      Johannes Brahms (1873)

#### Welcome

#### Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of mercy, give us eyes to see your face.**

**God of mercy, give us ears to hear your cry.**

**God of mercy, give us hands to reach out to you.**

**God of mercy, give us hearts to know your presence.**

**God of mercy, give us mercy that we may draw near to you.**

**Amen.**

#### Call to Worship

*Responsively*

from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into the holy presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to the Holy One.

**We are God's people, the sheep of our Creator's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and courts with praise.  
**Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name.**

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast loves endures forever.  
**Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn 32                    I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

**Prayer of Confession**

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people." Trusting that God is seeking us as we are, let us confess our sin together.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Shepherding God:**

**You have called to us, but we have not answered.**

**You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander.**

**You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us,  
but we have not extended the same care and mercy to others.**

**Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us.**

**Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for  
the whole world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

The relentless grace of God always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

**Praise be God's holy name. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Praise 582 (v.1) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination 458**

*Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)*

**First Scripture Reading**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16**

**Anthem**

**At the Name of Jesus**

**KING'S WESTON**

**Ralph Vaughan Williams**

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the last verse:*

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again.  
With his throne of glory, with his angels train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*Caroline M. Noel*

**Time with the Children**

**Pastor Mark Harper**

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

**Reflection on the Word**

**Sermon**

**When Did We See You?**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

**\*Hymn 450**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**SLANE**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Mark Harper**

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and invited from  
the congregation and the Zoom "Chat Box"*

**Prayer Response:** Lord in your Mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread, and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**The Offering Invitation**

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.*

**Offertory**

**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**

Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*Doxology 607**

Old HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us, and sent us into the world to do your will.

Receive now this offering of our money and our lives.

And through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## Announcements of the Community's Life

\*Sending Hymn 756 O God of Every Nation

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret (1729)

*Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.*

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### *Participants in this morning's service*

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor  
Mary Pat Brennan, Liturgist  
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. James Bingham, organ  
Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician  
Erol Kalayoglu, Zoom Technician

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Schedule for upcoming events

#### \*\* Zoom events

Monday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, November 28, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m.	Green Team Meeting**
Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.	SWAC Meeting**
Wednesday, November 29, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Thursday, November 30, 7:30 p.m.	Committed Racial Mindfulness meeting**
Sunday, December 3, 11:00 a.m.	Advent Choral Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome to our worship.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+**Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, in our lives, our neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+**2024 Stewardship Campaign.** Thank you, church family, for your generous stewardship pledges so far! We have received 48 pledges - a little more than half of our goal of 90. And the pledge total is \$257,000 -- almost 80% of our goal of \$325,000.

*If you haven't pledged yet, we need you!* Please consider what you can give to support the life and work of this church community.

Pledging is easy - fill out one of the pledge cards in the pews or pledge on-line at the [TPPC pledge webpage](https://www.takomaparkpc.org/tppconlinepledge)

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Your generous support will help keep our faith community alive and well!

### +**Advent Choral Service**

The Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir and Friends will present Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* for service on December 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Although this much-loved choral work was probably written around 1715, it remained relatively unknown until its revival in 1939 when it was presented in an Italian performance by Alfred Casella.

Since then, it has enjoyed a well-founded popularity that now places it second only to Handel's *Messiah* as a special Christmas choral event. Written for soprano and contralto soloists, choir and orchestra, it subdivides the traditional words of the *Gloria* from the Roman Catholic Mass into twelve short movements, bringing a Baroque freshness and perspective to their meaning.

This work will be supplemented by two Christmas carols written by James Bingham: *O Jesus Sweet* and *Dormi Jesu*, the second of which is taken from the larger work, *Procession and Carols*. All works will have orchestral accompaniment.

Please plan to attend this special service and encourage your friends to come with you.

+We need **volunteers to host coffee hour!** Hosting is easy and fun. Help support this important time of fellowship and sharing by signing up to host coffee hour - pick your Sunday and signup using this signup genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc>:

Questions contact [rogergriffis61@gmail.com](mailto:rogergriffis61@gmail.com) or 301-980-4694 Thank you!

**+Advent Services:** Please join us for our Advent Worship Services, on Wednesdays December 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.**

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

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