

**The Worship of God  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 25, 2018 - 10:55 AM Service**

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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship God.*

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**Reflection**

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
-African-American Spiritual*

*No sooner is a temple built to God, but the Devil builds a chapel hard by. - George Herbert*

*Jesus Christ is a God whom we approach with pride, and before whom we humble ourselves without despair. - Blaise Pascal*

Prelude                      Thanks Be To Thee                      Handel

Call to Worship                      Amos 5:4  
Thus says the LORD,  
Seek me and live.  
**For here we have no lasting city,  
but we seek the city that is to come.**

Hymn of Praise, #715    Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
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**Invocation**

Confession of Sin  
**Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than your will.  
We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.  
We have spoken without an effort to understand others.  
We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.  
We have harshly criticized others, forgetful of our own need for grace.  
We have acted in accordance with our opinions rather than according to your commands.  
Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.  
And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.  
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

*[In these quiet moments, we admit to God our sins and doubts, and ask Him by His Holy Spirit to cleanse us, forgive us, redirect our lives, and grant us renewed faith.]*

Assurance of Pardon                      Romans 5:8-9  
*God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Since we have now been justified by his blood,  
how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

Hymn of Thanksgiving, #478    I Love to Tell the Story                      I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Offertory                      O Give Thanks                      Joseph Martin  
*Please pass and sign the welcome pads during this time.*

Scripture Reading                      Acts 8:9-25

Sermon                      Buying God                      Rev. Matt Kuiken

Hymn of Response, #707    Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken                      ELLESDIE  
(vs. 1—3, 5)

Benediction

Postlude                      All People that on Earth Do Dwell                      Bach

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Worship care ministries for infants-four year olds are located on the first floor of the education building during the 8:30 and 10:55 services. All members and visitors are required to pick up a parent pager when arriving. Students that are kindergarten age and older remain in the worship service.

If you have a physical or spiritual need or a concern for the upcoming week, there are elders available to pray with you immediately following the service. The prayer room is located behind the piano area.

<b>Financial Update</b>	
<b>General Operating Fund</b>	
	<u>As of 10/31/18</u>
Revenues	\$1,179,741.81
Expenses	<u>1,153,838.82</u>
Net surplus (deficit)	<u>25,902.99</u>

Names	Prayer Concerns
Sarah Ellen Carson	Upcoming knee replacement 11/27
Kathryn Cox	Passing of grandfather
Jack Green	Recovering from viral infection. Cancer growth is stable. "Praise the Lord!"
Bill Martin	Has fractured sacrum from bad fall and gallstones
Michelle McDaniel	Recuperating from car accident
Martin Pearson	Recuperating from knee replacement
Tim Schaap	Pray for discernment on cancer treatment
Betty Smith	Health concerns

**Acts 8:9-25**

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**Prayer Needs**

**Prayer Requests:**

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**Prayer of Belief:**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.

*(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please share with a church officer up front, or let one of the pastors know.)*

- **Youth Group** - there will be No Youth Group tonight.
- **Church Book Clubs** will meet tomorrow at 10am (Covenant Village) and at 7pm (home of Kathy Martin). Avid readers are invited to join us!
- **Israel Presentation at Covenant Village** - Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 6:30pm.
- **Women’s Ministries Advent Celebration** - Come join us Thursday, Nov. 29 from 10:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship, teaching and worship. A bus from Covenant Village will depart at 9:40am for the event. RSVP to Betsy Forbes (bforbes@firstarpchurch.org).
- **Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 9:30-10am to vote on the 2019 ministry budget and to receive an update on the building project.
- **Midweek Advent Worship** - will begin Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 12:15pm and will continue weekly through Dec. 19. Come join us!
- **Dress Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols** - Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the Sanctuary. Children will practice at 5pm. Adults and Youth Choir will rehearse at 5:30pm (children will be dismissed at 5:30 and youth will be dismissed at 6:30). The Chancel Choir will rehearse from 5:30-7:30pm.
- **Service of Lessons and Carols** - Sunday, Dec. 2 - Join all of our choirs and ensembles at 6pm in the Sanctuary for a candle-lit evening of carol and Scripture readings that will prepare your heart for Advent.
- **Girls Night Out** - for Second and Third Grade girls and their mothers! Thursday, Dec. 6, at 4pm - meet at Regal Cinemas to view “The Nutcracker” and head to B.A.M. afterwards for hot chocolate! Respond to: Rebecca Maney (rmaney@firstarpchurch.org).
- **Community Christmas Store Angel Trees** - Pull a tag off of either tree (Elevator Lobby and First Floor Main Entrance); return item or donation to the church office or tree. Our Dec. 12th store needs volunteers! Contact Vicki Marsh (Store Chairman) or Rebecca Maney (Birthday Party for Jesus - for the children of shoppers).
- **Operation Christmas Child** - 337 boxes were delivered to Parkwood to be transported to the OCC Charlotte Warehouse. Your participation with this ministry will put the gospel in the hands and hearts of many children! Our warehouse trip will be Wed., Dec. 5. Adults should contact Leslie Farrar (lfarrar@firstarpchurch.org) if you plan to participate or need transportation. Youth and parents should contact Lynn Haubert (lwhaubert@gmail.com) or Josh Hjenvick (jhjenvick@firstarpchurch.org). All participants must be 13 years or older and have a signed participation waiver.

*Welcome to our church community. To receive our newsletter and other mailings, please print clearly and place in the offering plate.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Learning about Christianity

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  Becoming a Church Member

Spouse’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Sunday School Community

Children: \_\_\_\_\_  Journey Groups

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Serving on Sunday Mornings

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the following lists:

\_\_\_\_\_  Weekly Email Blast

\_\_\_\_\_  Monthly Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_  Children’s Ministry Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_  Youth Ministry Newsletter

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Ladies’ Circles

### SESSION

Matt Kuiken, Moderator	Jeff Morrison, Vice Moderator	Rick Craig, Clerk
<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Jerry Best	Rick Craig	Micah Bomgaars
Tim Daniels	Mark Forbes	Ellis Fisher
Bill Kelly	Mike Foster	Gene Martin
Randy Mumford	David Jennings	Truscott McLearn
Phil Painter	Ben Morrow	Gary Miller
		<b>2021</b>
		John Connor
		Ken Henry
		Morris Keeter
		David W. Smith, III
		Joe Summerville

### ELDERS EMERITUS

Bob Barnhill	Brice Huffstetler
Harry Bryant	Joe Knowles
Tom Campbell	Tete Pearson
Maurice Canaday	Bob Sytz
Charles Ferguson	Joe West
Gene Hanna	Oscar Whitescarver

### DIACONATE

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Butch Boyd	Russell Cox	Matt Adams
Fred Caldwell	Craig Curtis	Tom Balsom
David Hooks	Todd Friday	Gene Barber
Jim Kelly	Eric Riley	Robert Heussy
Ron Kirkpatrick	Brad Wilson	Frank Hinson
Jack Lear	Danny Wilson	Chris McKay
Bob Rouse		

### TRUSTEES

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Charles Ferguson	Bob Sytz	Bob Barnhill

### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

John Cashatt.....Chairman
Rick Craig.....Secretary
Jerry Best.....Treasurer
Alice Auten.....Asst. Treasurer

### FIRST ARP WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

Gayle Goodrich.....President
Jenny Morrow.....Past President
Bonnie Jansen.....Recording Secretary
Alice Auten.....Treasurer

### MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend Deep roots into God’s Word and Wide Reach into God’s World.

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