

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

On a journey with God to Reach, Grow, and Serve

TLPC is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We welcome you to worship and grow with us as we live in God's amazing grace! Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall and let us know how we may serve you.

Supervised childcare for infants is available in the nursery room at the rear of the sanctuary. **Worship Bags** for young children are available at the welcome table in the Narthex, the welcome space at the top of the stairs.

Sunday School is offered downstairs in the classroom off the fellowship hall for children age 3 through grade 8 following the opening liturgy. They will re-join us in worship for communion.

Sheet music, large print bulletins, and assistive listening devices are available for your use. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Prayer Slips** are in the worship bulletins; written requests may be placed in the offering plate.

Please consume food and beverages in the fellowship hall only.

Wednesday

The Men's Bible Study, which meets for breakfast Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at Coffee And will resume next week.

The Bible Study on the book of James, which meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Church of the Mountains will resume next week.

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday

The Hiking Group will not meet the day after Thanksgiving, but will resume next week. For more information, email fridayhiking@googlegroups.com

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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The pastor or worship leader will read the regular print text.

The congregation will read/sing the **bold** text.

Please stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk *.

PREPARING TO ENCOUNTER GOD IN WORSHIP

We invite you to sing or pray as we quiet our minds to hear God's voice and open our hearts to feel God's presence.

♪ **All the Earth**

♪ **You're Worthy of My Praise**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 4:8 and Psalm 93)

Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is to come.**

Our God reigns!

Robed with majesty and armed with strength,

God holds our world and our lives securely.

This is the God to whom we have given our lives—

the God who deserves our worship and our praise!

WELCOME

* GATHERING SONG

♪ **Crown Him with Many Crowns** – vs. 1,3,4

* CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

We often have our own plans and agendas
and we want to be rulers of our world.
We fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
May your Kingdom come here now,
bringing a reign of justice, righteousness, hope, love,
peace, mercy and grace for all.
Rule in our hearts and help us to know how to live
as your Kingdom People in these times. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*All are invited to share a handshake or a hug as a sign of reconciliation and peace,
saying "Peace be with you." We do so in the name of Jesus, who offered peace to his disciples when
they were gathered in fear [John 20] and who extended his life to the point of death to make peace
with humankind.*

Children age 3 through grade 8 may go to Sunday School.

FIRST READING

Revelation 1:4b-

8 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and
from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a
kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever
and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So
it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ **Firm Foundation** (ref.)

***GOSPEL READING**

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "A King who Restricts His Power"

Spiritual reflection

SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

♪ **O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*** GATHERING OF GIFTS**

Our finest offering is our attention, moment by moment and day by day, to God's purposes for our world. We join our constant efforts to be faithful with these weekly moments of giving that celebrate the love with which God surrounds us. We are God's children, committed to caring for all of God's creation.

*** PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, SONG OF THANKS**

♪ **Sing to the Lord of Harvest**

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*When a worshiper concludes a petition with "Lord, in your mercy."
Let all respond, "Hear our prayer."*

*** INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues with the Eucharistic prayer . . .

Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

♪Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The pastor continues with the Eucharistic prayer . . .
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrificededicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all to share in Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in and with the elements. We receive this sacrament in remembrance of what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*You may either eat the bread and drink from the common cup of wine (first chalice) or hold the bread and dip it in the grape juice (second chalice). Gluten-free wafers are available; just give Pastor the "OK" sign as you come forward to receive the bread.
Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

Some people wish to receive communion every week, others less often. Please do what is meaningful and comfortable for you. If you prefer to receive communion while seated, indicate this to an usher.

COMMUNION SONGS

♪ **We Bow Down**

♪ **Jesus, Remember Me**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God,

**we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** SENDING SONG**

♪ **Prince of Peace**

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church family,
in our local community and throughout the world.*

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*** POSTLUDE**

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TLPC Worship and Community Notes:

Christ the King or the **Reign of Christ Sunday** marks the conclusion of the Church liturgical year. This Sunday is a time for the church to give thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign. This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. 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.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of **Advent**, which means *coming*.

The Nicene Creed is the oldest theological statement of the whole Christian church. It developed from the work of two ecumenical councils, Nicaea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It stresses the deity and the humanity of Jesus Christ and the personal reality of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People: We are making a shift in how we offer the Prayers of the People. The Pastor will conclude the Song of Thanks with a prayer, thanking God for both the monetary gifts and the written prayer requests. NOTE that instead of praying a series of individual petitions on various topics, the Assisting Minister will invite everyone to pray for the church, the community, the world and all those in need, including any personal petitions. We will then have one open time of prayer for all these topics. Those who have written a prayer request may choose to pray that request aloud during this time as well. At the end of each prayer – whether praise or petition – the person will say, “Lord, in your mercy,” and the congregation’s response will be “Hear our prayer.” The Pastor will then offer a concluding prayer.