

# REIGN OF CHRIST NOVEMBER 22, 2020

**Opening Voluntary** 

Prelude in D major BWV 532/1 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Handbell Introit

**Opening Sentences** 

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON • arr. Jason Krug (b. 1978)

psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God, our maker, to whom we belong. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise. Give thanks and bless God's holy name. For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn 662 (see page 5)

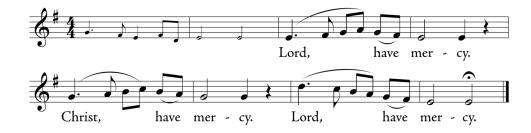
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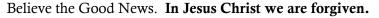
## **Prayer of Confession**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Christ as ruler of all, as we seek to follow his example of humble service and extravagant love.

silent prayer



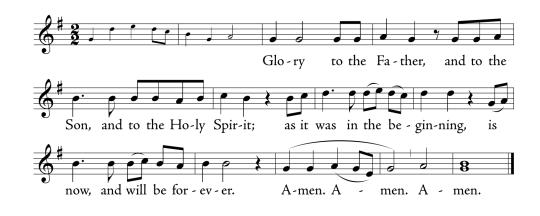
#### **Declaration of Forgiveness**



#### Response

Response

John Weaver



The Peace

#### Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

#### Anthem

#### Christ Is the World's True Light

Walter Kendall Stanton (1891-1978)

Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation; The Daystar clear and bright of ev'ry race and nation. New life, new hope awakes where'er we own his sway; Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all peoples meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting. When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake our fear; To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unites us all who own thee; Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee. The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; To heal its ancient wrong, come Prince of Peace and reign.

- words by George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** 

Ezekiel 34:11-16 Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!** 

Anthem	<ul> <li>King of Glory, King of Peace</li> <li>King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.</li> <li>Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.</li> <li>Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.</li> </ul>	David Charles Walker (1938–2018)
Coopel Pooding	— words by George Herbert (1593–1633) Matthew 24:31-46	
Gospel Reading	Word of God, word of life. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
Sermon	What If It's True?	John W. Wurster
Hymn 274 (see page 6)	You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd	PICARDY
Affirmation of Faith		Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

## **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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 265 (see page 7)

Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

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## Charge and Blessing

## **Closing Voluntary**

# SERVING TODAY

Liturgist

Kallie Pitcock

#### Musicians

Lee Ardell, Elizabeth Duerr, Jane Malcewskyj, Bonnie Moore, Jeromy Murphy and Diana Weiss — handbells Cecilia Duarte and Thomas Lewis O'Neill, vocalists Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, conductor

# WORSHIP NOTES

#### **Lectionary Readings**

- Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24—I will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord; I will save them.
- Psalm 100—Make a joyful noise to the Lord; we are the sheep of God's pasture.
- Psalm 95:1–7a—*The Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture.*
- Ephesians 1:15–23—Christ is seated at God's right hand; all powers are under his feet.
- Matthew 25:31–46—The king will judge: just as you did it to the least, you did it to me.

## MUSIC NOTES

**Organ music** — Bach's joyous *Prelude in D major*, today's festive **opening voluntary**, opens with a series of pedal scales and fanfare figures in the hands before settling down to a central *alla breve* section that makes much of its fairly slender musical material. A dramatic close brings back echoes of the beginning: in particular, a number of nimble flourishes and highly dissonant diminished chords. At the **closing voluntary**, the companion *D major Fugue* begins with one of the composer's cheeriest fugue subjects. Its sheer length produces a fugue of sizable dimensions, but one leavened with both humor and virtuosity, including a concluding pedal solo.

**Handbell music** — This morning's instrumental **introit** is a brief hymn-tune arrangement by Indianapolis-based composer Jason Krug, who has written over 400 handbell compositions, as well as other works for piano, organ, choir, and string orchestra. Krug's setting of *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (which we also sing as today's opening hymn) is written for a small handbell ensemble of just six ringers. Many thanks to members of Bell Canto for their joyfilled ringing this morning!

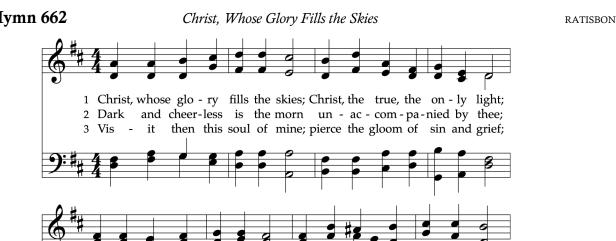
**Choral music** — Today's **first anthem** is by Walter Kendall Stanton, who was an English organist, educator, and sacred music composer. Stanton composed mostly choral music, including nearly fifty hymn tunes and a sizable number of choral anthems. *Christ is the world's true Light* was first published in 1943, and is a soaring anthem in the English cathedral tradition, with a text appropriate both to today's celebration of Christ the King and to the coming season of Advent, with words by George Wallace Briggs, who was an Anglican clergyman and hymn text writer. This morning's **second anthem** is by American composer David Charles Walker, who was an organist/choirmaster turned Episcopal priest. Walker served as a priest in a number of California churches known for their music programs, including All Souls' Church in San Diego, where, during his tenure, the church contracted with Paul Fritts and Ralph Richards for a beautiful three-manual tracker organ (their Opus 5). Following All Souls', Walker served as associate for worship and pastoral care at All Saints Church in Beverly Hills, and chaplain and director of pastoral care at Good Samaritan Hospital. His setting of *King of Glory, King of Peace* — one of the many great poems by George Herbert — first appeared in the Episcopal *Hymnal 1982*, and is breathtaking in its beauty and simplicity, evoking at once the contentment and peace of the seeker as well as the glory and benevolence of the Creator.

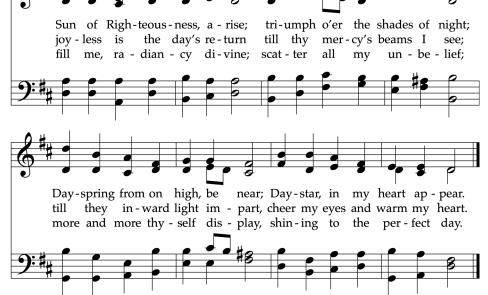
— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson



Art by Micah Meyers.

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This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

RATISBON

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740

MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847 7.7.7.7.7

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PICARDY



When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent. *Text* © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7 7

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This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793 DUKE STREET LM

# IN OUR PRAYERS

Jaqueline Hamilton Taylor upon the death of her aunt Donna Andrews on November 16 in Oklahoma.

- St. Philippians and their families— Casey Lambright; Sondra Sullivan; Mary Benson; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Jan Ostendorf; Laney Miller; Susan Huffman; Joyce Fugit; Vicki McKay; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Jeanne West; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Warren and Gretchen Cash—brother and sister-in-law of Kay Cash; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; Gene Lindley—father of Janet Hess; Betty Grant—sister of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Bessie Johnson—mother of Pat Lindsay; Mac & Beverly Wilson—parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family—daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family—cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron—sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Nikolaus Malczewskyj—father-in-law of Jane Malczewskyj; John Beck—brother of Nancy Young; Margie Foster—mother of Mark Young; Miriam Kalmbach—aunt of Nancy Higgs; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell.
- Homebound—Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolf; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.
- *Friends of St. Philippians*—Shirley Graff—friend of Sondra Sullivan; Ruth Duncan and Melerie Langford—friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Cecil Trent—friend of Jane Cooper; Craig Slein—friend of Denise Ferrell and Steve Carmichael; Melinda Penny—friend of Denise Ferrell; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; Hyam Ashoo and Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; and Walter "Buddy" Hamman III friend of Robin and Gary Willis.
- We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait. If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email <u>deacons@saintphilip.net.</u>

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

We continue to invite you to attend our daily prayer services at 11:00 a.m. (Monday-Saturday). Currently, we have a limit of five persons per day. Advance registration is required. For more information on conditions and to register click <u>here</u>. We hope that the opportunity to again worship in the sacred space of our Sanctuary will be a source of comfort and hope. If you have trouble with the registration or are not online, please call Lorrie Castle (832-262-1244—cell).

Our website has information a current list of opportunities on Zoom for fellowship and spiritual formation.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** - **November 29** - **10:00 a.m.** - **10:50 a.m.**—Media Study Television: Master of None's "Thanksgiving" episode touches on generational divides and explores relationships with both family and friends. The 2017 episode explores and beautifully portrays universal themes of family coming together for holidays every year among the difficulties of life, and the love that keeps them united through thick and thin—Presented by Kate Burkart. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes—<u>mmcgm63@gmail.com</u>.