



Chester Bethel UMC

Nov. 23, 2025

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pan Manocchio
Special Music: Pam and Carmella
Greeter: Bill White
Usher: Dora Greer
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

*Flowers are dedicated in
loving memory of Enya Hoyer
by Jessica White and the White Family*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Enya Hoyer's Family(L); Jessica White (L);Donahoe Family (L); Keith Saulsbury (H); Harry Taylor (H);The Barnhart Family (O);Steve Schellberg (H); Brione (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); KFK (O); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT) and disasters.

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex



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Announcements

- Next Sunday we will worship at Mt. Lebanon UMC at 11:00 AM—please join in!
- If anyone has a key to the front door they are no longer using, please return it for volunteers who need keys (which cannot be duplicated).
- If you are offered a free turkey by a supermarket and don't wish to use it, **please** bring it to church, put it in the freezer, and we will make sure they are taken to Claymont the week prior to Thanksgiving. Thank you!
- Live Nativity signups are available in the Narthex; please join in! Dec. 23 and 24 from 5:30-7 pm. Also—next Sat., November 29, we could use help putting the creche up, meeting at 9 behind the thrift shop. Thanks!!!

Dates To Remember

November 27 –Thanksgiving Day
29 –9 a.m. Church Decoration Day for
Advent/Christmas
30 –First Sunday of Advent-Service at 11 am
at Mt. Lebanon (fifth Sunday)
December 2– Opening day for Advent Bible Study.
Zoom at 7pm
4 –Advent Bible Study at 10 in Narthex
23 & 24 – Live Nativity

November 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP – for Christ the King Sunday¹

Leader: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness, and come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, and God has appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church.

All: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

*OPENING HYMN – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
vv. 1-4 UMH # 79

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: we your people acclaim you, praise you, exalt you, and bless your holy name. It is your love that is revealed in the life and death of Jesus, it is your power that is seen in his resurrection, and it is your majesty that is made known by his ascension into heaven to be at your side. We believe that Christ Jesus should rule within our worship and our life together as your people. Help us to be obedient to the word you place in our hearts and our minds on this Christ the King Sunday. Amen.²

¹ Adapted from original written by Bruce Pewer, accessed via re-worship.blogspot.com.

² Adapted from original written by Rev. Richard Fairchild: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/11/prayers-of-people-christ-king.html>.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,³ the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shine within our hearts, loving God, the pure light of your divine knowledge; and open the eyes of our minds and hearts, so that we may understand and embrace the message of the Scripture. Amen.⁴

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 23:1-6
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”**
vv. 1-3 TFWs #2145

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CLOSING HYMN – “How Great Thou Art”** vv/ 1.2 & 4
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit*

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³“Catholic” in this instance means “universal.”

⁴<https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/MARCH-22-25-BULLETIN.pdf>.