

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Special Music: Olivia Noronha
Greeter: Bill White
Usher: Barb Coulbourn
Worship Leader: Polly Brown

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

John Renshaw (LT); Norma Saulsbury (H); Sandra Greer (H); McFarlan Family (L); Sam (H); Janet Canavan (LT); Linda Lyons (H); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Donna McCormick (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)

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

Chester Bethel UMC

Nov. 22, 2026 9:30 AM



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Announcements

- Don't forget the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, with Preschool families and CB Thrift Shop. Please bring shelf stable foods or donate money (envelopes on board in lobby) so we can purchase turkeys, butter, and milk for our hungry neighbors.
- Mark your calendars for Dec 5 when we will decorate the church Christmas Tree at 9 am.
- We need Advent Readers to read short passages each week of Advent—please volunteer and either sign up in the Narthex or email the office, please! We will notify you of your date and give you the reading in advance. Thank you!
- If you'd like to serve as a character in the Live Nativity (Dec 23 and 24, 6 PM), please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Dates To Remember

November 21 – Creche assembly at 9 am

29 – Fifth Sunday joint worship and fellowship at Chester Bethel—11 am! Potluck to follow.

December 5 – Decorate church Christmas Tree at 9 am

[1] https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/it-will-be-like-this/week-3-twenty-sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-3-twenty-sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-it-will-be-like-this-liturgical-resources.

November 22, 2026 9:30 AM
Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP – for Christ the King Sunday[1]

Leader: O sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines.
People: **All Creation declares your majesty!**
Leader: In you, we move, live, and have our being.
People: **Be glorified in our worship and known by our testimony!**
Leader: We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south.
People: **On countrysides and city blocks, you reign.**
Leader: In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting.
All: **We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth!**

*OPENING HYMN – "We Gather Together" UMH #131

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.[2]

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

[2] From the Episcopalian *Book of Common Prayer*.

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

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.[4]

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11-16
NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
UMH #79

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 – "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
UMH #327

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION[5]

Leader: In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:
People: **We confess you are still speaking!**
Leader: In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:
People: **We confess you are still speaking!**
Leader: In a world crying out for wisdom, love, and mercy:
People: **We confess you are still speaking!**
Leader: In a world calling for the blessing of truth:
All: **We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to receive!**

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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[3] "Catholic" in this instance means "universal."
[4] https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf .
[5] https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/it-will-be-like-this/week-3-twenty-sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-3-twenty-sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-it-will-be-like-this-liturgical-resources.