

Message to our Guests,

We are delighted to welcome you this morning! We hope that you will experience the grace, peace, and love of God in this place, and that you will feel at home among our church family.

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Worship in the sanctuary begins at 11:00. The service is live-streamed on the Jefferson United Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel, and available any time thereafter.

**JEFFERSON UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
716 GILL HALL ROAD
JEFFERSON HILLS, PA 15025**

***Inspire Faith,
Develop Relationships,
and Encourage Community!***

**November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rob Carr

Leader: Who is the king that we worship?

People: We worship Christ, who makes a home among the least and the lost.

Leader: Who is the king that we worship?

People: We worship Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, in prison, a stranger.

Leader: In caring for the least among us we serve and worship Christ.

People: Christ is King! Let us worship him!

***HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

BLUE #142

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

***Shepherding God, you have called to us,
but we have not answered.***

You have sought us out,

but we have continued to wander.

You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us,

but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***SONG OF RESPONSE** PURPLE #582

Glory to God, Whose goodness shines on me
And to the Son, Whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, Whose love has set me free!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Matthew 25:31-46*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: *Ezekiel 34-1-16*

SERMON: *"The Shepherd King"* Rev. Dr. Kristin Widrich

***HYMN:** *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"* BLUE #151

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Declaration of Barmen)*

As Jesus is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,

but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

PURPLE pg. 35

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

PURPLE #34

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN:** *"Joy to the World"*

BLUE #40

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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THIS WEEK AT JUPC

Sunday, November 26

11:00 Worship and Children's Worship

12:00 Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, November 28

5:30 Youth CAFÉ in Grace Place

Thursday, November 30

7:00 Session Meeting in Grace Place

Friday, December 1 – Sunday, December 3

Youth Retreat at Camp Crestfield

Sunday, December 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

11:00 Worship with Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, December 5

11:00 Women's Circle Christmas Party

6:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 10 – Christmas Pageant

Christmas Party immediately following worship