#### Trinity Presbyterian Church November 26, 2023 A.D. Reign of Christ

## Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music Welcome & Announcements Prelude

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O most High.

## *P:* To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

L: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

# *P:* For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

L: Therefore let us worship Him with gladness on this day. Amen.

Call to Confession

L: The Lord be with you.

#### P: And also with you.

L: Together, with boldness, let us confess our sins unto the Lord who hears all. Let us pray . . .

In Unison: Merciful God, we confess our sins before you and one another; our disregard for the earth and our home; our lavish and wasteful lifestyles; our concern for transient security and lack of concern for the truth that can save us; our slowness in matters of the Spirit. Lift up our hearts and have mercy upon us; let us once more see your glory and your forgiveness, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. **Pastor:** Truly as far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our sins from us. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.

\*Our Response What a Friend We have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

## \*Hymn - Let All Things Now Living #554

The Morning Scripture Lesson: I Thessalonians 5:12-18

## **Final Instructions**

<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

#### Sermon: Thanksgiving Postlude: Mark Twain's Favorite Word

\*Hymn - Now Thank We All Our God #555

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings Offertory \*Doxology (Hymn #592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer \*Sending forth and Benediction

\*Choral response God be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again, by His counsel guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;

Postlude

Liturgist: Nicole Fleschut Head Deacons: Beth Davis & Nancy Thomas Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson Music Director: Pamela Carroll Thank you goes to Matthew Blom for being our guest organist this morning. We are grateful to him for filling in for Pam while she is off.

Thank You for: the Scouts who cleaned and raked our church yard, all who helped to decorate the sanctuary for Advent, all who helped with our delicious stewardship luncheon.



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