

November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday
Communion Service

The Book of Common Prayer, ACNA 2019

The congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** print.

Please join us in saying the responses.

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

Know ✖ Grow ✖ Serve

Processional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

Hymn 544



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt., Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

Worthy is the Lord our God,
To receive glory and honor and power.

Almighty God, *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

Song of Praise

Gloria

Elizabeth Simmons

Refrain

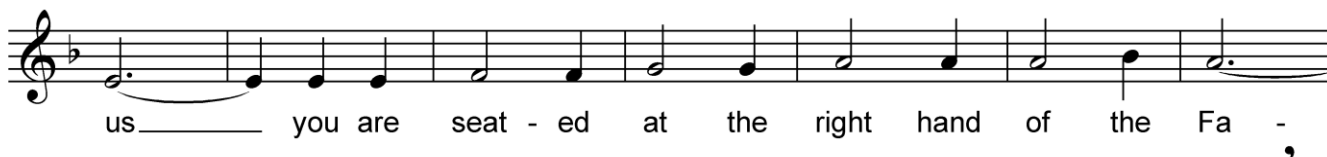


Verse 1



Refrain

Verse 2



Refrain

Verse 3

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One you a - lone are the Lord

you a - lone are the most high Lord Je - sus

Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo -

- ry of God the Fa - ther

Refrain

A - men. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

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.*

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11 – 20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95: *(Please pray by whole verse)*

1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2. ***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.***
3. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.
4. ***In his hand are all the depths of the earth and the heights of the hills are his also.***

5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land.
6. ***O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***
7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
8. ***Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,***
9. When your fathers tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
10. ***Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, "It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,"***
11. Of whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20 – 28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Worthy of Worship, v 1

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
 Worthy of honor and glory,
 Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
 Worthy of all the offerings we bring.

Refrain:

You are worthy, Father, Creator.
 You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
 You are worthy, worthy, and wonderful,
 Worthy of worship and praise.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31 – 46

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Worthy of Worship, v. 3

Verse 3

Almighty Father, Master, and Lord,
 King of all Kings and redeemer,
 Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,
 Savior and Source of our life without end;

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator,
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer,
You are worthy and wonderful,
Worthy of worship and praise.

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The Sermon

Rev. Cody Lang, Curate

Christ our Shepherd King

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

**The people are encouraged to pray aloud their intercessions and thanksgivings.*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We remember those that have died in Christ. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, and the congregation responds: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, ***we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 ESV

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kim Sherman 11/28

RJ Middlemiss 11/29

Jim Henley 12/1

Anniversary:

Bob & Carroll Middlemiss 11/30 (49 yrs)

Question for Week 48

The New City Catechism

What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

(2 Thessalonians 2:13)

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Offertory

Doxology

All Creatures of Our God & King

Hymn 400, v. 7

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords; for you have seated him at your right hand in glory, and put all things in subjection under his feet, that he may present them to you, O Father, perfectly restored in beauty, truth, and love.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell, and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***Amen.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 and ever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Lamb of God

Twila Paris



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent — Him from Your —
 (2. Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned — Him as He —
 (3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought — me to Your —



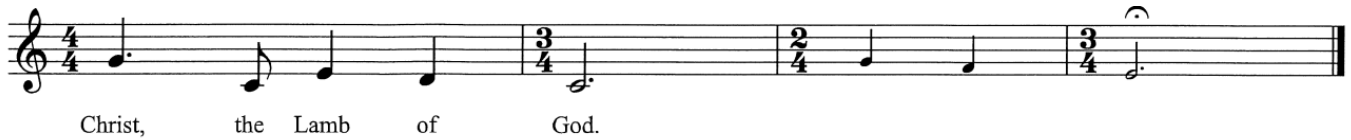
side, — to walk up - on — this guilt - y sod, — and to be - come the Lamb of
 died. — The hum - ble King — they named a fraud, — and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
 side — to be led by — Your staff and rod, — and to be called a lamb of



God. 2. Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, — sweet Lamb of God. — I love the

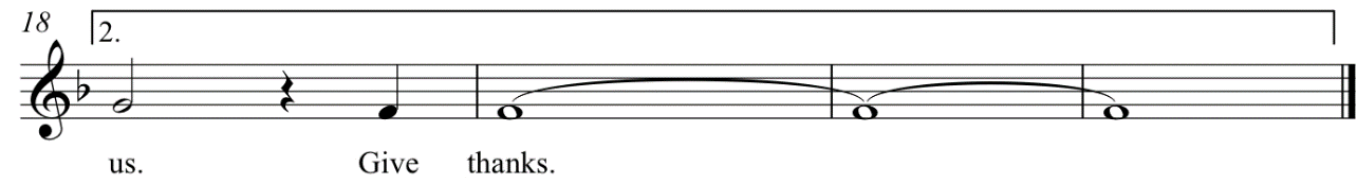
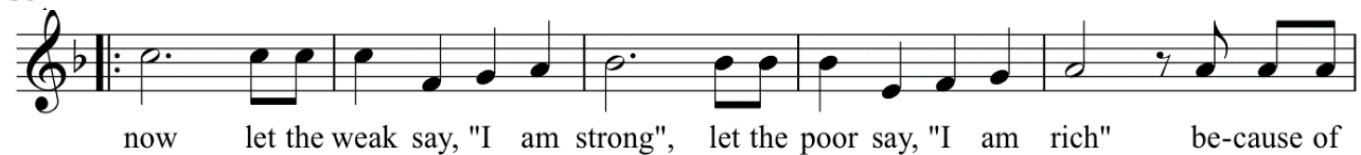


ho - ly Lamb of God. — Oh, wash me in — His pre - cious blood, — my Je - sus



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Give Thanks



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Song of Celebration

There is a Redeemer

Melody Green-Sievrigh



1. There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; _____
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; _____
 3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face; _____



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O_ for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in_ that ho - ly place.



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, _____ And



leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work_ on_ earth_ is done.

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Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, *we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

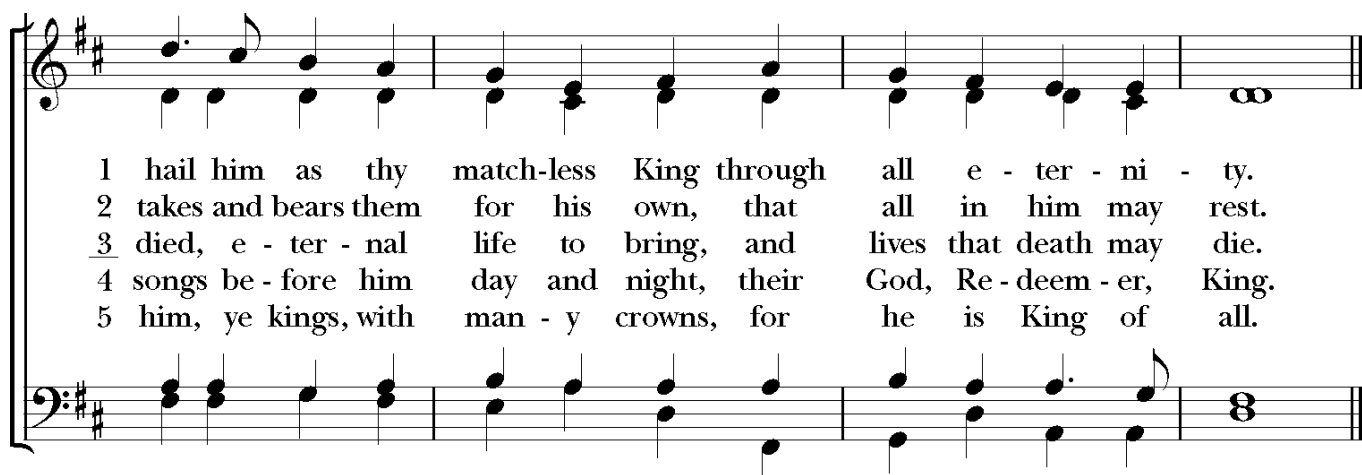
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn 494

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



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The Dismissal

Go, in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for Vestry – Quality elders are one of the keys to a healthy church. Forms are available in the narthex and should be returned by **December 1st** to one of the vestry members listed on the nomination form. Interviews will be conducted in early December.

CCW Advent Devotional '23: "The Coming of the King" – 25 readings for Advent, extracted from J. C. Ryle's "Expository Thoughts on the Gospels." For most of us, Advent is synonymous with Christmas. After all, don't our Advent calendars count-down to December 25th? Isn't Advent a time to think about the birth of the baby in the manger, the angels, and the shepherd? It certainly is. Advent means the coming of the special baby who was laid in a manger in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. But J.C. Ryle would also remind people of the 'Second Advent' when Jesus will come again. On that day, Jesus will return to our world, not as a baby but as the unmistakable King of kings and Lord of lords. Join us as we anticipate the Coming of the King.

Thanksgiving Dinners – Thanks to all who generously donated to this outreach program. The Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to 14 families in Avon Lake on Tuesday, Nov. 21st and all the families were very grateful! A huge shout out to the Bayvon Lake Little Church for doing such a great job managing this program!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes – Thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated to this ministry! Last year, they collected and processed 309 boxes. This year, we doubled that number to 619 boxes! Praise God! A big shout out to Amy, Reesa & Evy Jackson for all your hard work managing this amazing outreach program!

Let's Go Caroling Together – Please join us on **Sunday, December 3rd**, **from 2:00-3:00 pm** at the Avon Lake Public Library! Calling all volunteers who like to sing Christmas carols to meet us at the library at 1:50 pm for an hour filled with joy! Please contact Gene with any questions.

CCW Annual Women's Holiday Party – Please join us on **Saturday, December 9th** in either the Fellowship Hall or the Hearth Room from **2:00-4:00 pm** for an afternoon of fellowship, appetizers, singing, cookies (cookie exchange), praying, and much, much more! There are two sign-ups, one for the cookie exchange and one for the appetizers or volunteering to help out. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Realm post you received this week or add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex. As sisters in Christ, let's take this opportunity to come alongside each other to share in making our holiday efforts a bit lighter, thereby giving us more time to enjoy our precious Advent Season. Don't forget to wear your best **UGLY SWEATER** and bring a friend or two to the party!!!!

Holiday Concert at CCW – The Avon Lake Women's Chorus invites all of you and your families to an afternoon of Christmas Carols on **Sunday, December 10th from 4:00-5:30 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a free concert, and it would be wonderful if we could support them by attending this event! Please make sure to bring a friend or two! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex in the next couple of weeks.

CCW's One Year Anniversary Celebration – Let's celebrate CCW's one year anniversary of our new church home by attending "Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night." Christ Church members and their friends will be gathering at the Westlake Regal Cinema, in Crocker Park (Westlake), on Tuesday December 12th, at the first showing around noon, and Thursday December 14th, around 6 PM. We don't have the exact times yet. The cost is \$10 for our Senior Saints and \$14 for adults. If there should be any questions, please contact Bob Drusendahl, at 216-702-4433 or Cody Lang, at 405-609-9142. All are welcome!

Poinsettias for 2023 Christmas Services – The donation forms are available in the narthex and the last day for signing up is **Monday, Dec. 18th**. The suggested offering is \$10 and may be given in memory of a loved one or as a thank offering. If you would like to order them online, please send an email to the office or contact Iris directly at 847-404-6335.

Gifts for Our Senior Saints – We are remembering our senior saints this Christmas with a gift bag from our church family. If you wish to donate, please write "Senior Saint gifts" on memo line on your check. The bags will be ready on **Sunday, December 10th** and we would appreciate your help delivering them. For more information, please contact Iris at the church office, Jane Godfray (440) 476-8152, or Peggy Joyce (216) 225-8180.

Santa's Workshop for CRS at CCW! – There are two Christmas trees in the Narthex for donations to CRS. The Angel Tree has gift tags with the name of an item that you can purchase and return to CCW for Santa's Workshop. Please select a tag, or several, and bring the purchased item back to CCW **unwrapped** with the tag attached. The second, smaller, tree is for donations of new hats, gloves, and scarves. You can also shop online at Walmart. They have the complete registry on their website, and they will ship it directly to CRS. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 10th!** We are blessed; so, let us be a blessing to others!

CRS Santa's Workshop – We have been blessed this holiday season to host the CRS Santa's Workshop in our new home! Santa's workshop will be open from Monday, December 11th through the 14th. CRS allows their clients to "shop" for new coats, pajamas, and one other toy or specific item requested by their children for Christmas. Volunteers from CCW will be greatly appreciated to assist their customers while they shop and help them out with Christmas gifts for their entire family. A message will be sent out via Realm in the next couple of weeks with a sign-up sheet included. The shifts are usually 2-3 hours. We'll keep you posted as we get closer to those dates.

**TrueNorth Chorale and Chamber Orchestra Annual Christmas Concert
December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church.**

No tickets required, a free-will offering will be taken to offset concert costs.
Come and enjoy perennial holiday favorites and newer carols and songs!



Sermon Text: Matthew 25:31 – 46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God
by Bob & Carroll Middlemiss
In celebration of RJ's 8th birthday On Nov. 29th,
Bob & Carroll's 49th wedding anniversary on Nov. 30th,
& for all of God's blessings!

2023 Financials

Through Sunday	11/19/2023
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Budget	\$36,133
Current Month Actual	\$30,235
YTD Budget	\$442,910
YTD Actual	\$451,546
Annual 2023 Budget	\$520,593

Attendance for 11/19/2023

9:00 am — 29

10:30 am — 84

Wednesday — 19

Online — 25