

JONESBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

November 26, 2023 *Christ the King/Reign of Christ* 11:00 AM

Worship Leader:

Rev. Allen Huff

Liturgist:

Karen Childress

Music Director: Cherry Smith

Pianist: Jeri Paolini

Children & Youth Director:

Jane Wasem

Special Music: JPC Choir

Audio/Video Operators: Bill Reese, Chris Rouse

Greeters: Terry & Susan Hagar

GATHERING

Pre-Service Music

“Count Your Blessings”

Edwin O. Excell, arr. by Raluca Bojor

Welcome, Announcements

Karen Childress

Prelude:

*“For the Beauty of the Earth” with
“Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow”*

Conrad Kocker, arr. by Carol Tornquist

*** Call to Worship:**

“I will search for my sheep,” says the Lord.

Like lost lambs or scattered sheep, the Lord seeks us and calls us home.

“I will gather them from far and near,” says the Lord.

A cherished fold, a beloved flock, the Lord sustains us and gives us rest.

“I will be their shepherd,” says the Lord.

We listen for the voice of the God who seeks us, and follow with devotion and gratitude!

***Hymn #267 “Come, Christians Join to Sing”**

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia!, Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

***Prayer of Confession**

Karen Childress

God of mercy, “When did we see you among us?” We could have seen you in the classmate on the playground whom we did not invite to join our game. Or in the stranger on the sidewalk whom we crossed the street to avoid. Or in the neighbor at the nursing home, whom we left to carry her pain alone. We could have seen you

in the man begging for work or a warm meal, in the woman struggling to overcome addiction, in the child seeking refuge from the terrors of violence. We could have, but we turned away. Forgive us, Lord. Break our hearts for what breaks yours and give us compassion and courage to respond to the suffering of this world.

(Silent prayers may follow.)

***Assurance of Forgiveness:**

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to judge?

Only Christ, and Christ lives and dies for us.

Christ rises for us, and reigns in gracious power over us.

Christ prays for us.

In Christ, all of us are new creations.

Our old life has gone, and our new life has begun!

***Sung Response #240**

Verse 4

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

Children's Sermon

Jane Wasseem

Anthem:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

JPC Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crow him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crow him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crow him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crow him Lord of all!

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Psalm 95:1-7a (NRSV)

A Call to Worship and Obedience

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us 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.

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

The Judgment of the Nations

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

***Affirmation of Faith: (from A Declaration of Faith)**

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people – Jesus, the long expected Savior. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf.

We confess that in the execution of Jesus the sin of the human race reached its depths. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Arthur H. Mann, arr. by Marianne Kim

***Doxology #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #772**

“Live into Hope”

1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!
2. Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's work and thus be fed.
4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“There is Joy In The Lord”

Cheri Keaggy, arr. by Dan Wyrzten

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Reminder: If you are mailing your tithes/offerings, please use the church mailing address (PO Box 383) and not the treasurer's.

Thank You!

Sanctuary flowers are given today in honor of Joanne Comer's 96th birthday (Nov. 28) by her children

Ministry Teams & Ruling Elders:

Administration –

Christian Education – Mark McCalman

Congregational Life & Membership – Phyllis Cash & Kathie Dameron

Missions – Karen Childress

Property & Safety – Doug Hillmuth

Stewardship & Finance – Andy Andrews

Worship – Eva Garst & Ruth Verhegge

Clerk of Session – Bill Reese

November 19, 2023

Attendance

In Person	87
Live Stream	24
Sunday School	40

Offering

Collections	\$5,005.00
Broyles SS Class	\$33.00
Other Designations	\$40.00
Total	\$5,078.00

This Week's Calendar of Events

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	After service	Christmas Decorating
Monday	6:00 pm	Missions @UKIRK
	6:00 pm	Spiritual Practices
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Sessions
Wednesday	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	Officer Training (FH)
	5:00 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Christmas Dinner Set-up
Friday	5:30 pm	Christmas Dinner and Auction (FH)
Saturday	8:30 am	Session Meeting and Breakfast
	Before service	Christmas Decorating
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

November Elder on Call: Doug Hillmuth
November Counters: Kathie Dameron, Andy Andrews & Pat Hurley

**The 2024 Flower sign-up sheet
is posted in the lower level Narthex**

Announcements & Community Events:

Welcome to all who are visiting with us at Jonesborough Presbyterian Church! More information about our congregation and ministry can be found at www.ipcusa.org.

Updated Holiday for Jonesborough Area Ministerial Association (JAMA): For the rest of 2023, JAMA Food Pantry Item of the Month your choice of either *canned jelly cranberry sauce or canned pumpkin puree*. Donated items can be placed into the blue bins in Fellowship Hall. Your continued support of those in our community who are food insecure is greatly appreciated!

Bible Study A Bible study based on the book *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn is occurring. This study used the book to guide us to various parts of the Bible in which Heaven is described. If you're interested in understanding what to expect this should be helpful.

We meet on Sunday evenings from 6 to 7 pm at Bob McDonald's home. Purchase of the book is a prerequisite for the study. Please contact Bob for further information, (216) 926-6456.

Broyles Sunday School Class: The 1st Sunday in December the Broyles Sunday School Class will begin: Faith That Pleases God. This is from The Present Word Adult Bible Lessons. We meet between 9:45 and 10:45 in the Sunday School Room on the right when entering the Fellowship Hall. A copy of the booklet can be obtained by seeing or calling Bob McDonald, (216) 926-6456.

Two Sisters' Jewelry Sale

Sunday afternoon, December 3 from 2:00 'til 5:00

Covenant Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)

603 Sunset Drive, Johnson City

This year for the first-time featuring 18th century African Trade beads!

Great fun! Great treats! Great opportunity to buy gifts.

Profits go to support The River Ministry.

December 10th, The Advent Festival, 5-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at JPC: A poster is displayed in the narthex for details. We hope everyone will sign up and be a part of this event. The Graham Cracker House competition should be a blast!

December 17th is our Chili and Caroling Advent gathering from 4:30-7 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at JPC: We will visit our shut-ins and others. Afterward, we will meet back at the church for chili and hot beverages. What a great way to show we care and are thinking about the ones we visit! Hope to see a great crowd show up for this. When was the last time you actually went caroling or were visited by carolers? It is some of the best memories. Let's make new memories together.

We hope you will join us for one or both nights! **Sign up on the church website**, or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or by contacting the church office.

UKIRK ETSU Presbyterian Campus Ministry. JPC volunteers to cook and serve a meal for their fellowship. Our next date is November 27th. If you'd like to join in, please contact Marianne Huff (704) 466-1548

Auction following the Shalom Circle Dinner December 1:

Our auctioneers, Larry Garst and Jim Cash, will be auctioning donated items following our dinner. The monies raised will go to the Shalom Circle to support both local and national mission needs. All donations are welcome. We ask that everything donated be NEW. If it is a food item, please include a note listing ingredients that might cause allergy problems. Donations can be delivered to the church when you come for the dinner or left on the tables on the stage. Any questions please contact Pat Bollman 315-589-8815 or Pat@Bollman.com

49th Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party: The Gray Community Chest invites you to participate. December 9th, noon – 3:00 PM at Boones Creek Christian Church. There will be a meal, entertainment, door prizes and much more. **Free!!** Call Tony Barnes for more info: 423-913-2695