

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

November 23, 2014

*Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday*

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*In Thanksgiving*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 146: 1-2, 5-6, 10

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God  
for as long as I have being.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD our God,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever.

**P: The LORD will reign for ever, thy God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

**Eternal Father, God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life, re-  
splendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to  
glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite all humanity in Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we  
have not bowed before him, and we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give alle-  
giance to the powers of this world, honoring those economic and cultural structures to  
which we submit. We neglect our commitment to you, and we fail to be governed by  
justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, so  
that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ Ephesians 1: 5-8

L: God destined us in love to be his children through Jesus Christ, according to the  
purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed  
on us in the Beloved.

**P: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#813**

ANTHEM

*Every Valley*

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON *(Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior  
Church following the children's message. Older children's bulletins are in the vestibule.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 3: 22-36 ~ Pages 924-925 in the pew Bible

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the land of Judea; there he remained with them  
and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was much water  
there; and people came and were baptized, for John had not yet been put in prison. Now a  
discussion arose between John's disciples and a Jew over purifying. And they came to John,  
and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you bore witness,  
here he is, baptizing, and all are going to him." John answered, "No one can receive anything  
except what is given him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not  
the Christ, but I have been sent before him. He who has the bride is the bridegroom; the  
friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's  
voice; therefore this joy of mine is now full. He must increase, but I must decrease. He who  
comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth belongs to the earth, and of the earth he  
speaks; he who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and  
heard, yet no one receives his testimony; he who receives his testimony sets his seal to this,  
that God is true. For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for it is not by measure  
that he gives the Spirit; the Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. He  
who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but  
the wrath of God rests upon him."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 1: 3-4, 9-13, 16-23 ~ Page 1017 in the pew Bible

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with  
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in Christ before the foun-  
dation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according  
to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things  
in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him, according to the purpose of him who  
accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, we who first hoped in Christ  
have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, who  
have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were  
sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in

the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Christ the King" Rev. Frank Wyche

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

\*HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #43

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ *Refer to Bulletin Insert*

\*HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #794

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *In All Things Give Him Thanks* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González

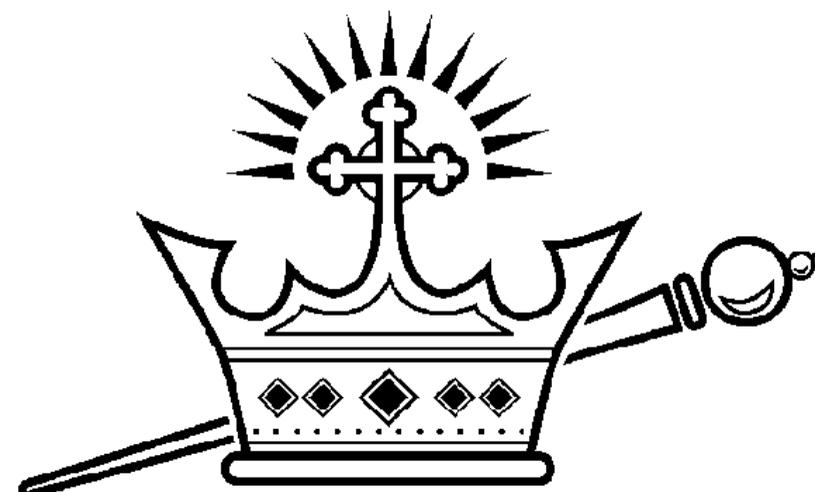
\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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