

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Thanksgiving* George Winston

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Revelation 1:4-6

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins, and makes us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

* HYMN 267 "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all beginnings and God of all endings, we confess that, as we live in the in-between, we seek our own self-interest over the interests of your kingdom, which speaks of love and forgiveness rather than power and domination.

By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes anew to the truth of your redemptive way revealed in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 698 (three times) "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7

ANTHEM *I Wanna Sing* Traditional

I wanna sing, sing, sing. I wanna sing, sing, sing.
I wanna sing, I wanna sing to the Lord.
When the gates are open wide, I'll be standing by your side,
I wanna sing, I wanna sing to the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 18:33-38

SERMON "Truth Above Politics"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Canon in D* Pachelbel

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

EDWARD PERRONET, 1726-1792
Alt. by JOHN RIPPON, 1751-1836
DIADEM CM
JAMES ELLOR, 1819-1899

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial
 5. O that with you - der sa - cred throng We at his feet may

fall, Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al
 fall, Ye ran - somed from the fall, Hail him who saves you
 gall, The worm - wood and the gall, Go spread your tro - phies
 ball, On this ter - res - trial ball, To him all maj - es -
 fall, We at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, And crown him,
 by his grace, And crown him,
 at his feet, And crown him,
 ty as - crite, And crown him,
 last - ing song, And crown him,
 crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,

crown him, crown him, crown him, And crown him Lord of all. A - men.
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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Eternal Vow* Tan Dun

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgist: Angela Lepro
Today's greeters: Woody & Janet Ferrell and Austin Ferrell
Today's ushers: Herschel & Linda Lewis
Fellowship: Tom Fife's Care Group

Today we welcome the Rev. Ken Meeks to the pulpit!

While Pastor Kim is away this weekend, our newest associate member, Ken Meeks, a retired PC (USA) pastor and former General Presbyter of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery, is here to preach and lead us in worship. Ken and his wife Jane joined New Hope in September.

Today Is Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) Sunday is the culmination of our Christian calendar. Next Sunday, the liturgical year will start all over again with the beginning of Advent, the season when we hope for Christ's coming. Christ the King Sunday centers on the exalted Christ, who rules over the whole universe. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil. As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart. To Christ alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. Christ calls us to stand with those who in every age confessed, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" In every generation, demagogues emerge to claim an allegiance that belongs only to God. But Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty.

"Every Longing Heart" Starts Next Sunday

On Sunday, December 2, we will begin our 2018 Advent series, "Every Longing Heart." This theme comes from the first verse of the well-known Advent hymn, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," which concludes with the words, "Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of *every longing heart*." What did Israel long for in exile? What do we long for as we each experience exile in our own lives? Join us this Advent season as we explore some of our fundamental human longings and where the fulfillment of those longings resides.

Advent Sunday Morning Class: "Home"

Our sense of home deeply shapes our life journey and our faith journey. Over the four Sundays of Advent, we will use several familiar Bible stories as a starting place to explore different dimensions of our sense of "home." How are we at home in time and in space, in our bodies and in our relationships? When do we experience "homelessness"? Join leader Win Word-Sims at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in December in the downstairs classroom (Room 104).

2019 Stewardship Campaign Update

2019 Operating Fund pledges made	48
2019 Operating Pledge Total	\$158,255
2019 Member Contribution Budget Goal	\$159,475

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, December 2 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 28.

Calendar

Sun	25	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)
Wed	28	7:00 PM	Choir
Thurs	29	2:00 PM	New Wineskins
Sun	2	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)

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We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

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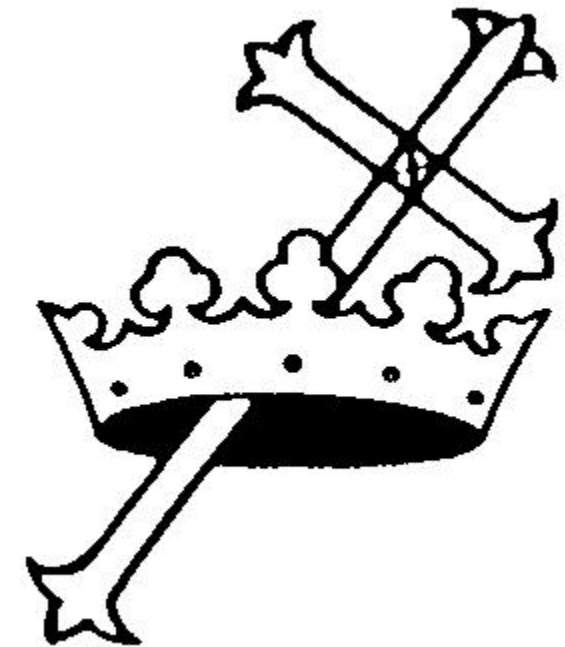
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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Christ the King/Reign of Christ
November 25, 2018
11 o'clock



"Truth Above Politics"



Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
John 18:33