



St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome to Worship! | November 23, 2025 | Christ the King

GATHERING

Prelude *We Gather Together*

Victor Labenske

Welcome

Moment for Mission

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Parker Lucas

Blessed be the Lord who looks upon us with kindness.

We are the heirs of the promises made to our ancestors.

Blessed be the Lord who gathers us here.

From across Market Street, from halfway around the world,

God welcomes us home to the heart of grace.

Blessed be the Lord who has chosen us as their children.

Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,

we are those redeemed and loved by God.

***Hymn 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of kindness to those who care for us; we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle. Forgive us for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy, love, and gracious hope.

Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson John 15:1-8

Second Lesson Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon *You're Not in the Driver's Seat*

Rev. Dr. Jerry Bron

***Hymn 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

***Affirmation of Faith[†]**

I believe in the God who has shown us love in Jesus Christ and continues to touch our lives in places of deepest need and highest aspiration. I believe God wants to touch the lives of all people and bring them to a sense of grace and joy as God has done for me. Therefore, I believe in evangelism as the act of sharing God's good news with others, that they too may be healthy and happy in spirit. I believe that our salvation is something we have together, and not apart, so that my witness to the goodness of God is as important to my being saved as it is to my neighbors'. And I believe that the best time to begin my witnessing is today, when I remember all that the Lord has done for me! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

arr. Jason Krug

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 260** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** *Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Postlude *Sonata in D, K 430, L 463*

Domenico Scarlatti

Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Jerry Bron
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Pianists, Sara Bryant and Steve Lowry

Adult Handbells
Trumpet, Casey Black
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Brooklyn Johnson

[†]Written by the Confirmation Class at Southminster Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.