

An Order for the Service of Worship

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	9:30 AM	NOVEMBER 21, 2021
PRELUDE		Ms. Becky Oliver, Organist
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor
INVOCATION		Rev. Bowers
GATHERING HYMN	<i>The Church in the Wildwood</i>	Cokesbury # 121
HYMN	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	UM Hymnal # 61
THE APOSTLES' CREED		<i>—Traditional version</i>
	I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	
		<i>* Universal</i>
RESPONSIVE READING	<i>from Psalm 132</i>	UM Hymnal # 849
MORNING PRAYERS:		Rev. Bowers
	Silent Prayer	
	Pastoral Prayer	
	The Lord's Prayer	
OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY		The Ushers and Congregation
HYMN	<i>He Is Lord</i>	UM Hymnal # 177
SCRIPTURE LESSON	<i>2 Samuel 23:1-7 (p286)</i> <i>Revelation 1:4b-8 (p230)</i>	Rev. Bowers, Reader
GOSPEL READING	<i>John 18:33-38a (p106)</i>	Rev. Bowers, Reader
SERMON	<i>Are You Listening?</i>	Rev. Bowers
PARTING HYMN	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i>	Cokesbury # 21
BENEDICTION		Rev. Bowers
POSTLUDE		Ms. Oliver

A cordial welcome is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given thanks to God for all his glory by Phil and Amy Eskew, Ted, Cathy, Evan, and Linda.

**Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance and the
Spartanburg County Foundation present:**

The annual Thanksgiving Service bringing together diverse faith groups in a time of fellowship, unity, and thankfulness. This year's service is at Congregation B'nai Israel at 146 Heywood Avenue in Spartanburg on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Fully vaccinated community members wearing masks are invited to join in-person. The service will also be broadcast live via [facebook.com/OurTemple29302](https://www.facebook.com/OurTemple29302)

In addition to fellowship, the Spartanburg community joins together in generosity to support a local charity through the Thanksgiving Service offering.

This year's organization is

Brothers Restoring Urban Hope (BRUH Mentor)

The Spartanburg County Foundation
matches the offering up to \$5,000.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be held for the entire community at the Landrum United Methodist Church 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. We are invited to join worshippers from the Landrum as well as the Campobello and Liberty United Methodist Churches.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:00 PM on December 24. This year, instead of poinsettias for the sanctuary, we are invited to make a special tribute gift to support a specific charity, ministry, or cause. If you would like to participate in this effort, please complete the form on the insert provided and share Christmas Joy with others!

***Got an idea? Need a suggestion? Want to get involved? Just want to talk?
Facing a challenge? The person below is eager to listen!***

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Litany of Giving Thanks

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets, and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes, and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites, for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

We give thanks this day.

- O. Eugene Pickett

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