

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

November 22, 2020

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

10:00 a.m.

**Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude** "First Couplet of the Kyrie" COUPERIN

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

**\*Call to Worship** (Matthew 5:3-12) Jim Griffin

Leader: Jesus says: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**People: And blessed is the church that serves with the love of God to eradicate systemic poverty.**

Leader: Jesus says: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

**People: And blessed is the church that trusts in the grace of Christ to build congregational vitality.**

Leader: Jesus says: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

**People: And blessed is the church that seeks by the power of the Spirit to dismantle structural racism.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O holy, triune God,

**People: and blessed is your holy realm forever.**

**Hymn** "Jesus, Be With Us" GAMBRELL

**Call to Confession** Jim Griffin

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin.**

**You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** Jim Griffin

Leader: Hear the good news: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

**First Reading** Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading** New Testament Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music** "Before the Throne of God Above" arr. SHACKLEY

## Sermon

### Responding to the Word

**Stewardship Reminder** (Clifton Avenue Food Pantry—use oatmeal box on the table)

### Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith)

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**People: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.**

Leader: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**People: In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.**

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**People: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

Leader: With believers in every time and place,

**People: we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Communion** (please refer to the liturgy insert)

Invitation  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Communion  
Prayer after Communion

**Hymn No. 766**

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

Glory to God

**Benediction**

**Closing Chorus**

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

**Postlude**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn Tune

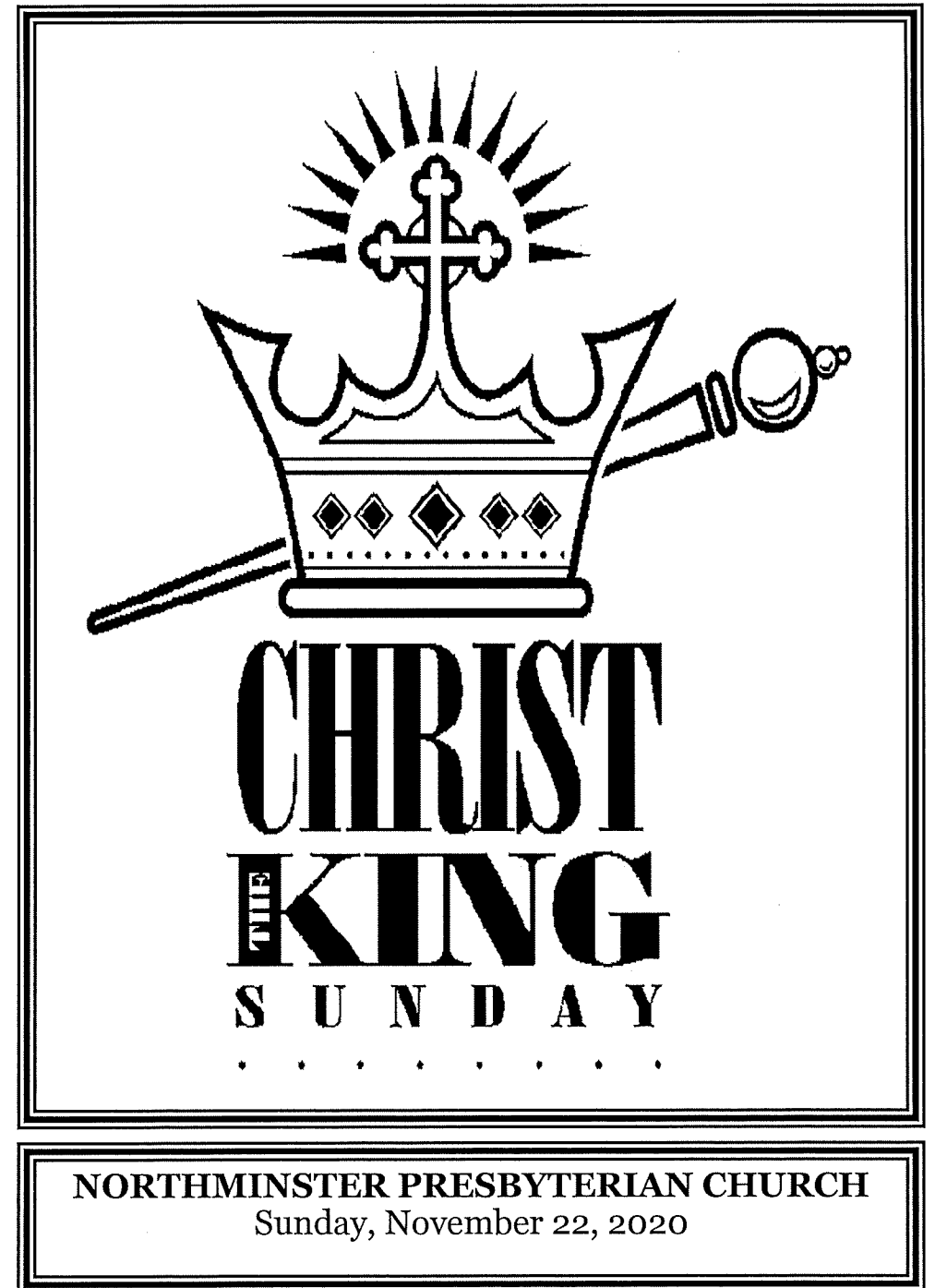
Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Special thanks to Presbyterian Mission for today’s liturgy

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