Doylestown Presbyterian Church Christ the King/Reign of Christ November 24, 2024 – 8:30 am Rev. Pauline Sexton, preaching Rev. Becca Bateman, assisting

The Chimes

## Welcome and Announcements

(Persons nearest the aisles are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prelude Pavane Gabriel Faure

Eileen Telly, Marcy Huang, & Erin Rizk

Call to Worship

Welcome, friends, to this place.

Let us worship God in joy.

We are here in the presence of the One who feeds and clothes us; who accepts us and loves us.

Let us worship God in thanksgiving.

We are here in the name of Jesus who told us that our treasure is not what we have but what we share.

Let us worship God in love.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

\*Hymn 267 Come, Christians, Joy to Sing MADRID

**Prayer of Confession** 

Compassionate God,

forgive us, we pray, for forgetting that we are part of a wider family.

It is so easy to think that the things that are essential pertain only to us,

that we are not grateful for those who came before us nor concerned for those who will come in the future.

"As far as the east is from the west" is not speaking of our relationship with others in the world but of the depth of your grace in forgiving and renewing us.

Grant that our faithfulness in this generation will be a sign of our gratefulness

to our forebearers, our love for our neighbors, and our grace to our children.

Hear us as we silently confess our sin...

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Anthem The One Craig Courtney

Chamber Choir

On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven, comes a holy invitation to a feast. Interceding for His children, at the right hand of the Father, He invites us all, the most unto the least. Refrain: The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come." The One who bore your shame, God's only Son, has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above; a sacrament of peace, a feast of love. Gather now around God's table, feel the splendor of the Savior, as He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine. Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given, Praise the One who offers us the feast divine. (Refrain) He took, He blessed, He broke, He gave; a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during this time.)

\* Those who are able, please stand **Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond New Testament Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

Sermon "A Letter: To All the Saints"

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

(As you receive the gluten-free elements, please hold them until all have received that we may share in this meal together.)

**Communion Prayer** 

\*Hymn 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! MARION

\*Benediction

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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## In the spirit of worship, we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- If you need to enter or exit the sanctuary during the worship service, please do so by way of the rear of the sanctuary and side aisles.

**Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.** All are invited to participate in Holy Communion with us this morning. Our *Directory for Worship* reminds us "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." We encourage you to share in this meal of God's people with us.

Liturgy notes: Today's **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Confession** come from the PC(USA) publication *Faithfulness Sustains the Generations*, Volume 1, part 3.

The **flowers** are given today in memory of loved ones by Dick and Judy Mumaugh.

**Reception for Pauline.** Join together for coffee, tea, and refreshments on the bridge following worship as we celebrate Pauline Sexton's retirement.

This year's **Thanksgiving Offering** will be collected for DPC's mission partner Doylestown FISH, a nonprofit in Bucks County that often serves as the front line to individuals in our community who are in crisis by helping clients find emergency shelter, make utility payments, and find food. Envelopes for this offering can be found in the pew rack in front of you. You can also donate online by visiting bit.ly/DPCOnlineGiving (case sensitive).



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