

Sunday, November 24th, 2024 - 10:30 am

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

WELCOME Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

INTROIT “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

*All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Patrick Riley

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!
Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world,
and God’s realm will never be shaken
Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.
Christ will reign forever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN #363** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call. In your abundant mercy, teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn #693, v. 3)**

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every
deed; by this we worship, and are free.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Robert Newman

FIRST READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us

from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-38

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

***HYMN #802**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

EUCCHARIST

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn #607)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

SENDING

***HYMN #269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!”**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE “Hallelujah, Amen”**

***POSTLUDE “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”**

Leading Today’s Worship

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Co-Pastor

Robert Newman, Program Director

Dr. Larry Hardin, Music Director

Kyle Henderson, Director of Worship Arts

David Renaker, Organist

Patrick Riley, Liturgist

Welcome to Southminster

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Sarah Morgan and Jerry Snead in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Connect: If you are new to Southminster, we are glad you are here! Fill out a connect card and visit us online at southminsterpcusa.org to learn more about what’s coming up.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available for infants through age three in our Nursery (Room 213), staffed by caring, experienced workers. Worship bags for children are available in the entryway.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. The bread and juice are alcohol-free and gluten-free. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

Prayer concerns: Fill out a card to share prayer concerns with our pastoral staff. You can pick up a copy of prayer concerns at the entrances to the sanctuary each week.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes located at the sanctuary entrances, or you may give securely online by visiting southminserpcusa.org/give.

This Week

SUNDAY / NOVEMBER 24

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service

9:15am / Sunday School

1:30pm / Hope Circle

WEDNESDAY / NOVEMBER 27

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY / NOVEMBER 28

Church Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving

FRIDAY / NOVEMBER 29

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY / DECEMBER 1

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service

9:15am / Sunday School

11:45am / Faith Formation Committee

1:00pm / Chancel Choir Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols

5:00pm / BYG – Edgewood

Coming Up

Greater Birmingham Ministries Angel Tree

You are invited to remove an angel off the tree in the Grace Hall gathering area, shop for the age group on the back, and place your gift back under the tree. You can also purchase Visa or Walmart gift cards and turn those into the Church Office by Sunday, December 8th.

Christmas Party

Friday, December 6, 6 pm

We'll enjoy a delicious catered meal of Pork Tenderloin, Loaded Baked Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls and Cheesecake with Toppings and our entertainment this year is Three On a String, playing some of their traditional Christmas music and other favorites! The cost is \$25 per person. Childcare, if needed, will be provided in the nursery. RSVP by calling the church office by Monday, December 2nd. We hope you'll join us!

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to start placing orders for the beautiful poinsettias that decorate the Sanctuary during Advent. If you would like to order one, or more, in honor or memory of someone, please call the Church Office. The cost is \$20 per poinsettia.