

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”  
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

***Ascension***

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



***An Open and Affirming Congregation***

**November 21, 2021**

**11:00 AM**



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**Proper 29/26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**    November 21, 2021  
*Reign of Christ Sunday*

**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Worthy Is the Lamb”    (McCrossen/Gallen)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:**        Grace to you and peace from the one who is  
                         and who was and who is to come,

**People:**        **and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
                         the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the  
                         kings of the earth.**

**Leader:**        Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**People:**        **The whole earth is full of God’s glory.**

**Leader:**        Let us Worship our God!

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”    *Glory to God 643*

**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.**

*silent prayer of confession*

**KYRIE**

Leader: Lord have mercy.  
**People: Christ have mercy.**  
Leader: Lord have mercy.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God gave the costliest of gifts to the world,  
Jesus, the Christ.  
**People: In Christ, the forgiveness of sins is assured.  
In Christ, sacrificial giving is perfected, and  
the kingdom of love inaugurated, a kingdom  
of good news for the poor.**  
Leader: Praise and thanks be to God!

**HYMN**

“Let All Things Now Living” *Glory to God 37*

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*please be seated*

First Reading 2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

*please rise*

Gospel Lesson John 18:33-37

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

**THE SERMON**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**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.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your covenant love. Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more – for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor’s daily bread, and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“All Hail The Power of Jesus Name” *Glory to God 263*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

“To Him Belongs the Power and Glory” (Kissinger)

**November Birthdays**

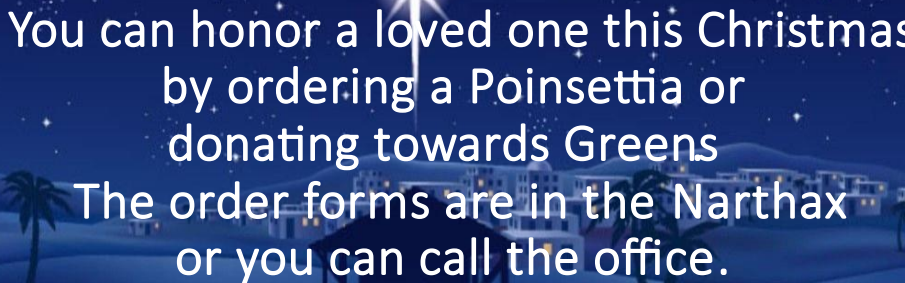
**11/21-11/27/2021**

*Adam Kleinert (26) Jaclyn Dzedzy, Barbara Firth,  
Amanda Shaw, Pat Beazer, Nancy Fryer (27)*

## Christmas Gift Ministry

Ascension, once again, will be sponsoring Christmas gifts for the children at Bethany Children's Home. The Home currently has 75 youths. We are looking to purchase \$25.00 Target gift cards for each child and are asking if you can send us the donations by 12/5, either through the mail or drop off at the office, and we will purchase the gift cards as well as drop them off to the Home.

We appreciate your generosity towards this important outreach mission, and we welcome you to consider sponsoring more than one child, if you are able.



You can honor a loved one this Christmas by ordering a Poinsettia or donating towards Greens. The order forms are in the Narthax or you can call the office.

# Christmas Caroling & Bonfire



Please join Ascension UCC  
on Friday, December 17, at  
7:00pm for a community  
Christmas Caroling and  
Bonfire event.





*We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.*

*We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.*

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| <b>Ministers</b>                        | All the people of the Congregation  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                           | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier   |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>                | Dan Weckerly  |
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| <b>Vice President of the Consistory</b> | Michele Luke  |
| <b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>      | Liam D'Aquila   |
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