

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 24th, 2024 | Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

† The people stand

OLD HUNDREDTH

Opening Voluntary | The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fettke

Chiming & Welcome! Pastor Keith

We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing.

Announcements Greg Sanderson

Please read and take note of our announcements found on the back of this bulletin.

Call to Worship Greg Sanderson

L: Grace to you and peace from the One who is, who was, and who is to come!

P: We've gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Ruler of all rulers on Earth.

L: We are in the line of rulers, and leaders, because of Jesus, who loves us.

P: So we lift our voices to worship God, who is, who was, and who is to come.

L: Together, let us pray to the Alpha and the Omega.

P: Eagerly we stand giving glory and power to the Lord, our God. Amen!

†**Hymn 131** | We Gather Together KREMSER

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Pastor Keith

Children's Sermon Pastor Keith

Psalm 132: 1-12 | Psalter 849 Greg Sanderson

The congregation is encouraged to sing the Psalm Response with the choir at an "R."

†**The Affirmation of Faith 881** | The Apostles Creed Greg Sanderson

†**Gloria Patri** GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.**

World without end. Amen. Amen.

†**Hymn 694** | Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Offertory | Count Your Blessings Johnson Oatman

An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church.

If you are visiting, please sign a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate so we may connect with you. Scan the QR code to the right for digital offerings.



†**Doxology & Offertory Prayer**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem | Look at the World John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain: *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee.* Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold: *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee.* Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of His love; We are his hands, stewards of all His bounty; His is the earth, and His the heav'ns above: *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee. All things come of thee.*

†**Scripture Reading** | John 18: 33-37 Pastor Keith

Sermon | "Is it you that wishes to know?" Pastor Keith

†**Hymn 102** | Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

During the singing of this hymn, you may pray at the altar rail.

†**Dismissal with Prayer** Pastor Keith

†**Choral Benediction** | Crown Him With Many Crowns DIATEMATA

†**Closing Voluntary** | Chorale Prelude on *Nun Danket* Karg-Elert

We thank you for your presence with us today. We hope that you have a great week and that we will see you again soon.

☸ **The front of the bulletin** has lately displayed artwork that directly pairs with the Scripture reading and sermon. Today is Christ the King Sunday. The artwork shows six-winged seraphs and other angels around Jesus on the throne - symbolizing His Majesty and Glory. We encourage you to ponder and dwell on the artwork when applicable. It is intended for you to gain yet another *perspective* in the worship service. The "A" means Alpha and the "W" means Omega.

Our Prayer List | Please be in prayer for all on the prayer list!

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our Nation, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Mary Burr, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Sarah Potapova (sister of Betty Hurst), and Lynda Stann (friend of Jenny Outen). **Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks.**

CHURCH Announcements

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY...??? - Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar year (today). It was established as a holiday to remind Christians that Christ is still King and that His Kingship extends far into the world. Next Sunday (Advent 1=Dec.1) begins a new liturgical year. A liturgical year starts with the Advent of Jesus and culminates with the Reign of Jesus on Christ the King Sunday in November.

THANK YOU! - Thank you to everyone who helped and donated at the Youth and Fireflies Soup Fundraiser. It was a great success and greatly appreciated!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - **Sunday, November 24th 2024** immediately following the Worship Service today.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS - Griefshare meets **this afternoon at 2:00pm** in the Parlor.

ABBA'S HOUSE - On **Monday, November 25th**, we are providing cranberry sauce for "Thankful Monday." The Ezer Sunday School class is providing the cranberry sauce. We still need volunteers to serve. Please sign up in the church office. Thank you very much.

- Zenda Rushing

200TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FIRST CHURCH - **Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30pm**. There will be a celebratory service in the Sanctuary in celebration of 200 years of our Church! A time of refreshments and fellowship will be held immediately following this service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite finger food! Please inform all members of this occasion and mark your calendars accordingly!

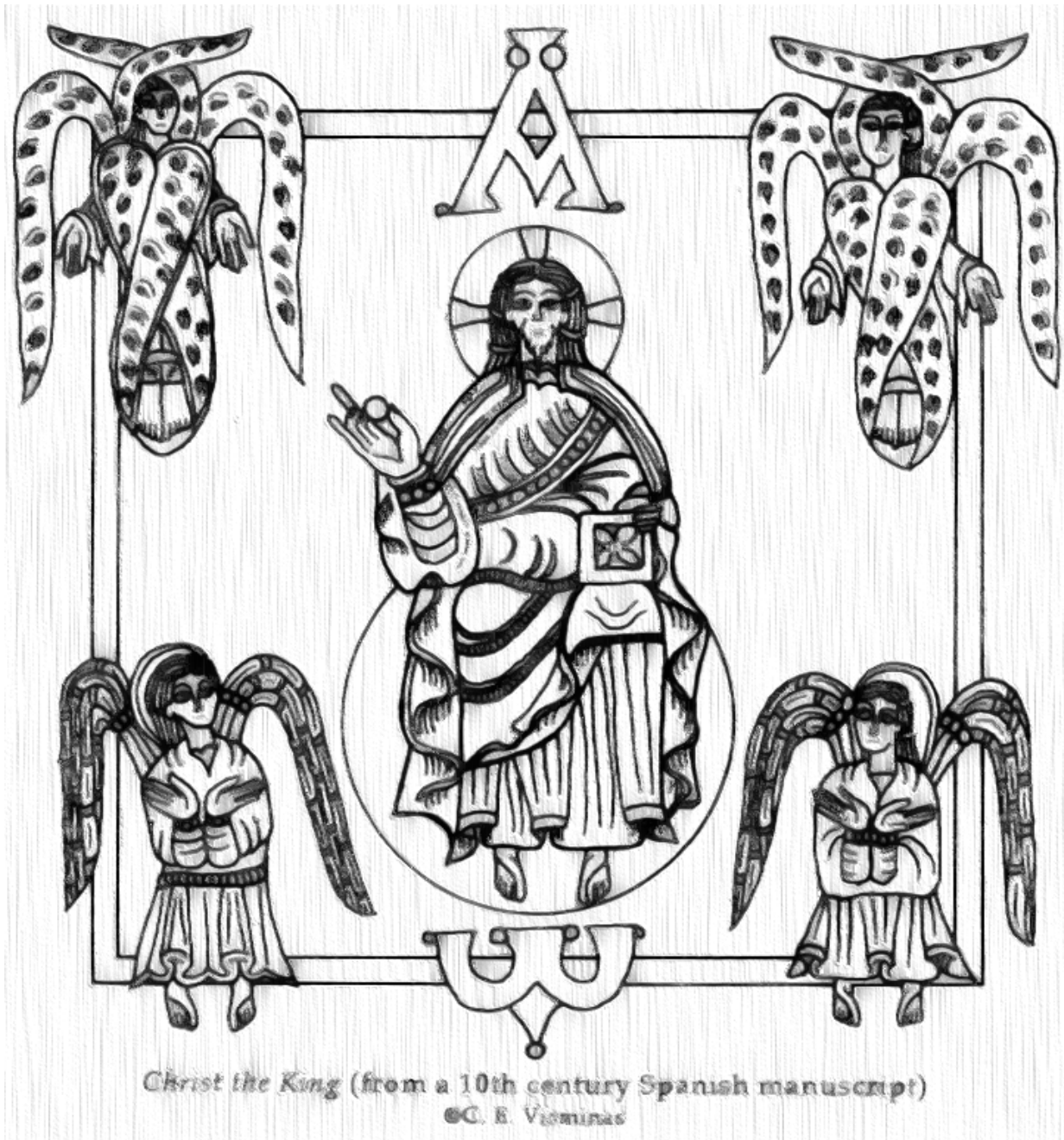
A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS - Mark your calendars now! **Thursday, December 19th at 7:00pm**. Come and enjoy secular & sacred Christmas music featuring a 45 member multi-community choir, brass quintet, string quartet, organ, and piano. The choir spans 5 counties & 2 states. The Handbell Choir will provide a 15-minute prelude before the program. Come early to claim a seat! A catered reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH Reports & Info.

Weekly tithe needed: **\$5,928.83**.
Tithes received Nov. 17th: **\$3,796.75**.
Sunday School Attendance Nov. 17th: **46**
Worship Attendance Nov. 17th: **103**
Acolyte: **Nancy Wagnon**
Liturgist: **Greg Sanderson**
Liturgist Dec. 1st: **Thomas Samuel**
Greeter: **Nancy Wagnon**
Greeter Dec. 1st: **Norma Cobb**
Head Usher: **Eric Dusa**
Nursery: **Amanda King**
Nursery Dec. 1st: **Reagan Freeman**
Sound System: **Sound Group**
Videographer: **Bryson Hunter**
Food Pantry: **Canned vegetables/peanut butter**
McArn Food Bank: **Canned beef/potatoes**
Website: **www.cherawfirstumc.org**
Address: **117 Third St, Cheraw SC 29520**
Church Office Phone: **843.537.7002**
Newsletter: **The Church Herald, monthly**
Church Design: **Greek Revival**

CHURCH Calendar

SUNDAY November 24
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
12:00pm Church Council Mt.
2:00pm Greifshare (Holidays)
5:30pm-7:00pm Youth Play Practice
MONDAY November 25
9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
5:30pm ABBA'S House
TUESDAY November 26
9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
10:30am-12:00pm Mat Making (kitchen)
12:00pm **Bulletin Deadline**
6:00pm Charge Conference
WEDNESDAY November 27
9:00am-1:30pm Church Office open
10:30am GriefShare (Parlor)
5:30pm-6:20pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm-8:00pm Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY December 1 Advent 1
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY of NOVEMBER 2024

CHRIST THE KING/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

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