

***Sung Benediction** “What Does the Lord Require of You” Micah 6:8/Strathdee

Tenors/Basses: **“What does the Lord require of you?” (x 2)**
Altos: **“Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.”**
Sopranos: **“To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.”**

***The Blessing**

***Postlude** “Come, Thou Almighty King” arr. Stellhorn

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Welcome to Montreat Presbyterian Church! If you would like to discuss membership in our church, please speak with the pastor. **The session will meet with anyone who is ready for a change in membership status after worship on Sunday, Dec. 4.** MPC is a PC(USA) congregation, a member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, an Earth Care Congregation, and a Living Wage Certified employer. All are welcome!

Large print bulletins are available. ✦ A **hearing loop** is active; the signal is strongest near the walls (set hearing aid to T-coil). Personal amplification systems are available for use during worship; see Beth Fountain or an usher. ✦ Masks are available and optional. ✦ This service is being livestreamed on MPC’s YouTube page.

Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

Some musical selections in this service arose from the Black or Indigenous communities at a time when these musicians and their communities were not compensated for their creative expressions and did not benefit from the economic resources they deserve. In June 2022, the PC(USA) Presbyterian Publishing Corporation made the decision to donate royalties from sales of our hymnal, *Glory To God*, to reparative justice causes.

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Christ the King Sunday, November 2, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Luke 1:78-79

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Choral Anthem

“Soon and Very Soon”

Andraé Crouch
arr. Schrader

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Introit

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

Cameroon Song
arr. Johnson

***Call to Worship**

from Luke 1:68-75

“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel,
who has looked favorably on God’s people and redeemed them,
who has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of David,
who has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered our holy covenant,
to grant us that we, being rescued, might serve the LORD without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before God all our days.”

***Hymn 41**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Romans 12:9-21
Jeremiah 3:25, Psalm 80:3

We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Kyrie Eleison 227 (unison; repeated)

“Jesus, Remember Me”

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Response 269 (v. 2)

“Lead On O King Eternal”

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace,
for not with swords’ loud crashing nor roll of stirring drums,
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

The Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 46:1-11

Hymn 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The Reading from the Gospels

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

“Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People and 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, and the power,
and the glory forever, Amen.**

Offertory

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Improvisation

*Doxology 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!**

*Prayer of Dedication and Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.

**They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing
that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

*Acclamation of Our Sovereign

Colossians 1:11-20

*Hymn 384

“Soon and Very Soon”

*The Charge

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.**