



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 26, 2023

Reign of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Chris Casanova

Welcome!

*We're glad you are here to worship with us,
whether in-person or virtually on Zoom or YouTube.*

Gathering the People of God

WELCOME

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

Please register your attendance with your mobile device by scanning the QR code to the right or by going to www.upctempe.org/fellowship, and completing the form.



Christ be with you!

⌘ **And also with you!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

(480) 256-8216

*Prayers may be texted to the above number,
or call and leave a message.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

"Come Thou Almighty King"

BY FELICE DE GIARDANI, ARR. JERRY RAY

Ted Gibson,

Pianist

We use this time to center our spirits, bring our attention to God within our breath, and remember that we are connected to all things through the Body of Christ.

Candles remind us of the light of God's love that exists within each human being and every created thing. The candles on the communion table represent the light of community. The single candle near the pulpit is the paschal candle, the light of Christ that shines on and in the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Yahweh is our shepherd.

**⌘ And we are the people of God's pasture,
the sheep of God's hand.**

God seeks the lost,
feeds the hungry,
and strengthens the weak.

**⌘ But the proud and the power-hungry,
they will be fed with justice.**

Trusting in God's compassion and justice,
let us share in God's peace
and worship our Creator.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ And also with you.

***HYMN**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

#15

with Handbells

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**⌘ Sovereign and just God,
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where you lead.
You love and feed and care for your children,
but we fail to love and serve others.
You nourish your creation,
but we cannot find a way to come together
and care for what you have provided.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may live into your reign
and rejoice in your abundant love.
Holy Creator,
hear our prayers
and repair our brokenness.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

However long we wander,
however far we stray,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**⌘ In Jesus, our Christ,
we are forgiven and made whole.**

Siblings in Christ,
trust in God's goodness
and live into God's grace!

***RESPONSE TO GRACE**

"Alleluia!"
(Celtic Alleluia)

#587



Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Chris Casanova

Children are always welcome in worship. We know they'll make some noise during the service—we understand and welcome their participation in their own way.

Parents, if needed, at any time during the service you may take your children into the narthex to stretch their legs or to our special children's corner in the rear of the sanctuary. We do offer childcare upon request—please speak to the Elder in Charge in the Narthex.

ANTHEM

"A Jubilant Song"
BY ALLEN POTE

Chancel Choir
with the Bell Choir

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Shout his marvelous works among the people.
For great is the Lord, great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,
From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kin-dom.
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

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Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 8.7-18
Matthew 25.31-46

OT pg. 165
NT pg. 29

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.
⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

*"Gospel for a New Day – Part 4/4
Don't be a Goat!"*

Responding to God's Word

*RESPONSE

"Sanctuary"

#701



Lord, pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
ho-ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Packages from Home"

Catherine May

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Send prayer requests by texting or leaving a message at (480) 256-8216.

PRAYER OF JESUS (Modern)

⌘ **Our Creator in Heaven,
blessed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Keep us from temptation,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory,
are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING¹

*Offerings may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed,
mailed or dropped off to the church office,
or given through our website at www.upctempe.org/donate.*

OFFERTORY

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Jon Sywassink,

ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

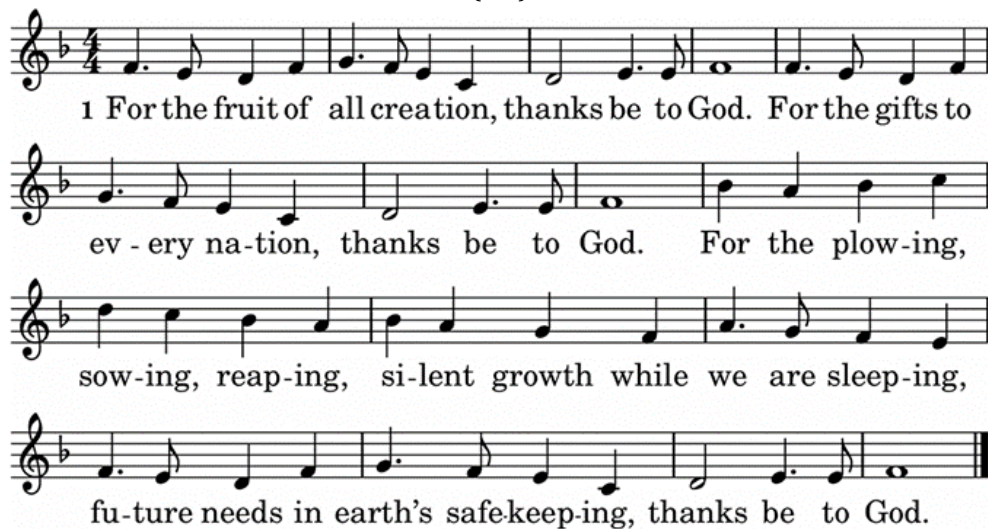
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*DOXOLOGY

“For the Fruit of Creation”

#36

(v. 1)



1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to
ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God. For the plow - ing,
sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

*HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

#327

with Handbells

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"A Jubilant Song"
BY ALLEN POTE

Chancel Choir

The postlude is a time of reflection on how God has been present to us during worship, and is present to us in our daily lives.

*Remember you are the light of the world!
Let your light shine!*

Sign up for our Weekly Update email at
www.upctempe.org/email

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder in Charge	Larry Seubert
Ushers	Larry Seubert & Team
Worship Techs	Sada Reed, Chris Trella
Trustee on Duty	Pete Godfrey
Deacon of the Month	Laura Green
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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¹Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), 257ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *None given this day*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Percy Yarter, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Mike, Sue, Jim, and Ron Coleman, 1987.*

The World: Prayers for peace around the world, especially in places of war, famine, strife.

All elected leaders: The President of the United States, members of the U.S. Congress and Senate, governors, county officials, mayors, and city council members, that they may all work toward peace for our cities, nation, and world.

Continued Prayers: Lori Saager and family; Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Carl and Barbara Smith; Jim Phillips; Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins; Sue Coleman's nephew-in-law, Carl; Louisa and Lyle Starkey, and Rob Starkey; Joni Jacobs; Catherine May's niece, Kaycee.

Homebound: Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Courtney Kemp, Molly Winkler, Laura Knorr, Beth Hermanson, Debbie Sands

If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office to let us know the date so we can celebrate with you!

Elders: Alan Sweeney, Lawn Griffiths, Molly Winkler, Brigitta Kuiper, Pastor Eric Ledermann

Deacons: Nancy Martin, Jim Niemann, Laura Green, Jeanette Miller

Trustees: Carol Rickel, Cheri Hardy, Dan Maloney

Presbytery: First Presbyterian, Mesa, their pastor, Rev. Dr. David Hodgson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NO CLASSES: Nov. 26

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rm 2): Bible Time explores lessons to be learned from Old and New Testament scriptures through music, hands-on activities, and stories. All children grades K-4 are welcome.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Youth Room): We have a great group of youth in grades 6-12 who are excited for our upcoming events. Be on the lookout for monthly service projects as part of our regular Sunday fellowship. All middle schoolers (6th-8th grades) and high schoolers (9th-10th grades) are invited to join us on Sunday mornings after worship at 11 am! If you have questions or would like more info, contact Ted Gibson, Christian Education director, at tedgibson@upctempe.org.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sanctuary):

- **Nov. 26 - NO CLASS** - *Thanksgiving holiday weekend*
- **Dec 3 - 17** - "Awe" - An Advent Series led by Larry Gardner

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY (Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Zoom): Join us as we read, reflect upon, and study the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday in the Revised Common Lectionary. The new year, Year A, of the Revised Common Lectionary is available for download: List Form (www.upctempe.org/rcl).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for our weekly emails and bulletin, submit it to the church office no later than Wednesday of each week. Send it to upc@upctempe.org.

Note: All Zoom meetings may be accessed online via the links provided, or by calling (602) 753-0140 and entering the Meeting ID (the numbers in the weblinks below) and the password, "139." Long distance rates may apply.

GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY (Sunday, Nov. 26, 11:00 a.m.) : Please join us for the "greening of the sanctuary" for the Advent and Christmas seasons following the worship service. We could use many hands. Please contact Larry Seubert with any questions you may have.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL WORK SEASON (Nov. 4-Dec. 10): There are some remaining tasks that we are hoping to finish. Check out the list of remaining tasks to be completed by going to www.upctempe.org/congregationalworkday. Each task has a trustee who can be contacted for additional information or if supplies are needed. Most tasks will take 1 to 2 hours and can be completed at your convenience. Tasks range from washing windows to weeding and pruning. The trustees are hoping to have everything completed by the end of the day on Dec. 10th.

226th GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS (June 25-27, 2024, and June 29-July 4, 2024, Salt Lake City, UT): Next year Salt Lake City will be hosting the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA). For each assembly the Presbytery of Grand Canyon invites particular churches on a rotation to recommend ruling elder commissions and Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs). **UPC is part of the rotation to nominate commissioners and delegates for the upcoming assembly**, which will be hybrid, with committees meeting virtually June 25-27, 2024, and the assembly meeting in person June 29-July 24, 2024. If you would like to be considered, please contact Pastor Eric or Brigitta Kuiper, clerk of session, for an application. **Forms are due Nov. 27, 2023.** Commissioners will be elected at the Dec. 7, 2023, presbytery meeting. GA is a wonderful way to witness the amazing work the PC(USA) does around the world. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity!

DINNER FOR EIGHT: Would you like to get better acquainted with others from UPC? Join the next group of DINNER FOR EIGHT which will begin in January of 2024. What is Dinner For Eight? Groups of 6, 7, or 8 people take turns hosting a gathering once a month for four months for a meal and conversation. The emphasis is on fun and friendship, so you don't have to be a great cook to participate! During a four-month period you will host only once, and will be a guest on three occasions. When it is your turn to host, you decide when and where. Visit the sign up table in the courtyard after worship, or contact Margaret Branson at (224) 406-1507 or mlherbst90@gmail.com.

RISE SHINE BREAD: We have delivered 4,874 mini-loaves and 3,925 full-sized loaves of bread to those in need. Thanks to the UPC bakers and please invite your friends to become a baker. Please

contact Andrea White at info@riseshinebread.org or (480) 580-3021. Here is a link to a video you can view! <https://youtu.be/Go5llLjTuw>.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP PAD (www.upctempe.org/fellowship, or scan the QR code):

If you are attending worship either on Zoom or YouTube, remember to complete the online Fellowship Pad and include your prayer requests. Also, please include any new contact info (phone, email, etc.) and check the "New contact info" box. ***If your contact info has not changed, you do not need to include your address or phone number.***



UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Find Zoom links and calendar updates at
www.upctempe.org/events.

Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:
www.upctempe.org/email

Sun., Nov 26

Reign of Christ

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
11:00 am Greening of the Sanctuary (S)

Mon., Nov 27

6:30 pm PW Kayenta Circle (MR)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Nov 28

7:00 pm Stated Session Meeting (S, ZU)

Wed., Nov 29

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (ZU)
3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (ZU)
5:15 pm-6:15 pm Wednesday Church Dinner (FH, K)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice (S)

Thu., Nov 30

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

Fri., Dec 1

3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K) Meal: UPC
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Dec 2

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
9:00 am-2:00 pm Baseball Card Show (FH)

Sun., Dec 3

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
11:00 am Adult Christian Education - ACE (S)
11:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 3)
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
3:00 pm-5:00 pm Cookies & Carols - Choir Concert & PW Bazaar (FH, K)

Location/Room References:
(CH)-Choir Room (CR)-Conference Room/Office (COR/Rm7)-Community Room
(FH)-Fellowship Hall (MG) Memorial Garden (HSR)-High School Room
(MSR)-Middle School Room (K)-Fellowship Hall Kitchen
(L)-Lounge (MR)-Meeting Room (PO)-Pastor's Office
(Rm#)-Room Number Indicated (S)-Sanctuary
(Z)-On Zoom (See Weekly Update or UPC Calendar for links)



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Ministers	All Members
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Ledermann
Clerk of Session	Brigitta Kuiper
Director of Music & Christian Education	Ted Gibson
Organist	Jon Sywassink
Administrative Assistant	Lori Saager
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Andrea White
Attendance Secretaries	Sharlan Pierce, Jeanette Miller
Custodian	Carrie Miter

Pastor's Office Hours:

Available by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,

or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.