



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nancy Franz

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

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.

Reverend Shelly Moe



The love of God be with you!

⌘ **And also with you!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

(480) 256-8216

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

"Simple Gifts"

ARR. BARBARA BALTZER KINYON

Handbell Choir

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 WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the One who made heaven and earth.

⌘ **We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.**

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

⌘ **God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.**

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, "Thank you!"
to the One who loves us.

⌘ **We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives**

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus"

UCC Hymnal,
Pilgrim Press

All Hail the Power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Christ servant of all,
Attend the Savior's sovereign claim and crown Christ servant of all.

Adorn O martyred saints of old, the coronation hall;
Extol the wounded One foretold and crown Christ bearer of all,
Extol the wounded One foretold and crown Christ bearer of all.

Before the cross, with heaven's throng we on our knees shall fall;
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Christ savior of all,
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Christ savior of all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

⌘ **The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.**

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Shout for joy, children of God!
The God who was and is and is to come loves you,
forgives you, and renews you.

**‡ God's Spirit rests upon us,
grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"It Is Good to Give Thanks"

DAN FORREST

Chancel Choir

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name O Most High, O Most High.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to give thanks and sing praises to your name O Most High, O Most High.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning
and Your faithfulness by night, O Most High,
for You O Lord have made me glad by your work;
at the work of Your hands, at the work of Your hands I sing for joy!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to give thanks,
and to sing, to sing praises to your name.
Your name, O Most High, O Most High,
it is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to the Lord. It is Good to give thanks to the Lord!

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Sue Schnebel

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.

Following the children's moment, children through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Sunday School or parents can take advantage of childcare for infants through 5 years old. The head usher will be happy to assist you in the narthex!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

O God, light of the minds that know you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of those who seek you,
help us to know you through the sharing of your Word,
so that, loving you we might serve you with body,
mind and spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 8:10-22
John 18:33-37

OT pg. 251
NT pg. 113

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

SERMON

“Not of This World”

Reverend Shelly Moe

Responding to God’s Word

***RESPONSE**

“Now Thank We All Our God”
(v. 1)

#643

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

“Family Promise”

Ted Taylor

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 dropped into the offering plate as it is passed, mailed to or dropped off at the church office, or given through our website at www.upctempe.org/donate (scan QR code).

OFFERTORY

"We Gather Together"

ARR. HOWARD HELVEY

Margaret Branson,

Pianist

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#606U



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures
here be low; praise God for all that love has done. Cre -
a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it, One. A - men.

The New Century Hymnal (United Church of Christ), #778, text originally written by Thomas Ken (1672, 1709), adapted by William B. Abernethy (1995), ©1995 The Pilgrim Press.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

"We Gather Together"

#336

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ARR. RAYMOND HAAN

Jon Sywassink,

Organist

*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!*

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www.upctempe.org/email

Today's Worship Leaders

Head Usher	Larry Seubert
Ushers	Larry Seubert, Cheri Hardy, Jeanette Miller
Worship Techs	Chris Trella, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Pete Godfrey
Deacon of the Month	Nan Beams
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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¹ Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 216ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WHITE ROSE has been placed on the communion table this day for Christine Lesley, daughter of Barbara Gust.

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *None given this day.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of George Mayer, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Danny & Glenda Day, May 1986.*

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: Katie Ranes, Cathy Richardson, John Griffin, Bill Ranes; Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Barbara Smith; Bev Phillips; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins.

Homebound: Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Courtney Kemp, Molly Winkler

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

Elders: Sue Schnebel, Jim Hershauer, Faye Gardner, Brigitta Kuiper

Deacons: Sue Coleman, Sara Hershauer, Diane Hillyard, Bianca Osorio
Trustees: Steve White, Laura Knorr, Reza Foladi-Nejad
Presbytery: First, Mesa, their pastor: Rev. Christian Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 10:00 am - 10:45 am, Rm 2): Welcome all children grades K-5! Join us in developing a Christian foundation through Bible stories, discussions, music, and hands-on activities. Children are encouraged to participate in Communion, so Bible Time meets immediately after the Children's Moment on all Sundays except for the first Sunday of each month (and occasional holidays.)

YOUTH GROUP (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rm 9): All Youth are invited. Fellowship, games, and snacks will be involved! For more information you may contact Ted Gibson tedgibson@upctempe.org.

- **Nov 24** - No Youth Group - Congregational Meeting/MSJP World Market

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

- **Nov 24** - No class, MSJP World Market
- **Dec 1** - No class
- **Dec 8 - Dec 22** - "Names for the Messiah" hosted by Rev. Shelly Moe

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. With Advent we begin a new liturgical year – Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary. A list 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.

TRUSTEES' WORK SESSION: The Trustees' Fall work session will run through December 21st, so if you have an hour or two to help out, we have a task for you! The QR code will take you to our sign up sheet, or contact Steve White (602) 617-8308.



GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY (Sunday, Dec 1, after morning service): Have some coffee and a cookie, then come back in and hang a wreath. See you then, Larry Seubert

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Sunday, Dec 8, immediately after morning service) for the purpose of electing officers.

PW SWEET TREATS SALE (Sunday, Dec 8 at 3:00 pm, Patio, Narthex)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - SAVE THE DATE! (Sunday, Dec 8 at 4:00 pm, Sanctuary): An afternoon of joyous music featuring the chancel choir, handbell ensemble, organ, piano and more.

REFUGEE NEED: Our "Item of the Month" for November is Baby Wipes. Just pick up a pack or two when you do your regular grocery shopping and place it in the bin in the Narthex.

RISE SHINE BREAD: We have delivered 10,294 mini-loaves and 5,720 full-sized loaves of bread to those in need. Thanks to the UPC bakers and please invite your friends to become a baker. The project has about 45 bakers, including 15 who regularly bake. 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/Go5llLlTuw>.

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, if you have new contact info (phone, email, etc.), include that info as well 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 24

8:00 am	PW Christmas Angel Tree Mission begins
9:30 am	Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am	Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)
10:30 am	MSJP World Market

Mon., Nov 25

3:00 pm	Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice (S)
6:30 pm	PW Kayenta Circle (MR)
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)
8:30 pm	AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Nov 26

1:00 pm	PW Online Bible Study (Z)
3:30 pm	Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)
6:00 pm	Tempe Interfaith Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm	Tempe Interfaith Fellowship Thanksgiving Service (Dayspring United Methodist Church)

Wed., Nov 27

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
1:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3, Lounge)

Thu., Nov 28

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

Fri., Nov 29

1:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)
3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: St Augustine (FH, K)
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Nov 30

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

Sun., Dec 1

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
6:30 pm Choir Christmas Dessert

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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