

***Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church***

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... *from*  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
*to him be*  
**GLORY and DOMINION**  
*forever and ever. Amen.*

REVELATION 1:5-6, NRSV

*“To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors.”*

# Tappahannock Memorial UMC

## Christ The King Sunday

“Witness”

November 24, 2024

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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### Prelude

*“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”*

Beth Harvey & Joanne Ruffa

### Welcome & Announcements

Good Morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshiping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at [tappmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:tappmethodist@gmail.com), with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

### \* Opening Hymn

*“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”* (verses 1-4)

UMH #154

1. All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

### \* Call to Worship

Christ comes to be our King.

**We are here to be Christ’s people.**

Clothed in righteousness, Christ comes to save us.

**Let the faithful shout for joy.**

Adorned with the glory of the rising sun,

**Christ disperses our gloom with holy light.**

Let all God’s people proclaim the Prince of Peace.

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Sovereign God, you clothe your people in the garments of salvation,  
and you bless them with grace and peace.

Open our eyes to the glory of your Son,  
who comes to rule with justice and reign with righteousness.

Open our ears to the sound of his voice,  
and open our hearts to love as he loves, that we might shine like dew on the grass,  
and dwell in Christ's peace. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**Mighty God, you are the bedrock of our lives  
and the source of our wisdom and strength.**

**When we lose our way,  
help us follow your guidance  
and embrace your rule in our lives.**

**When we build our lives on shifting sand,  
fix our gaze on Christ's kingdom,  
that we might build our future  
on the solid foundation of Christ,  
our rock and our cornerstone. Amen.**

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### **The Declaration of Pardon**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Reception of New Members**

As *members* of Christ's universal church,  
will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

As *members* of this congregation,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service and your witness?

**I will.**

**UMH #38**

Members of the household of God,  
I commend *these persons* to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase *their* faith,  
confirm *their* hope, and perfect *them* in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

**Children's Time**

**Pastor Becca**

**Scripture**

**2 Samuel 23:1-7**

**pg. 299**

*<sup>1</sup>Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. <sup>3</sup>The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, <sup>4</sup>is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. <sup>5</sup>Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? <sup>6</sup>But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; <sup>7</sup>to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.*

**Scripture**

**Revelation 1:4b-8**

**pg. 245**

*<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**“He Is Exalted”**

**Choir**

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**\* Psalter**

**Psalms 132**

**UMH #849**

**R: I sing of your prime, O Lord, your faithfulness to all generations.**

O Lord, in David’s favor  
remember all the hardships he endured;  
how he swore to the Lord  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.

**“I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed;  
I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,  
until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”**

**R**

The Lord swore to David a sure oath  
and from it will not turn back:

**“One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.**

If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies which I shall teach them,  
**their sons also for ever  
shall sit upon your throne.”**

**R**

For the Lord has chosen Zion,  
and has desired it for God’s habitation:

**“This is my resting place for ever;  
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

I will abundantly bless its provisions;  
I will satisfy its poor with bread.

**Its priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and its faithful will shout for joy.**

There I will make a horn to sprout for David;  
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

**His enemies I will clothe with shame,  
but his crown will shine upon him.”**

**R**

**\* The Gloria Patri**

**UMH #70**

*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.*

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Prayer before the Sermon**

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight,  
 O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**The Sermon**

**"Witness"**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

***"Peace Of Our Praying"***

**W&S #3022**

1. Peace of our praying, Song of our singing,  
 Truth of our telling, Love of all loves,  
 Health of our healing, Gift of our giving,  
 Life of our living, Light of all lights.
  
2. Peace of our praying, Christ of our crying,  
 Strength of our striving, Heart of our heart,  
 Bread of our breaking, Wine of our waiting,  
 Blood of our boasting, Death of all death.
  
3. Peace of our praying, Faith of forgiving,  
 Way of our walking, King of all kings,  
 Breath of our breathing, Courage of caring,  
 Hope of our hoping, Life of all life.

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**Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH # 884**

**We believe in the one God,  
 creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,  
 the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**  
**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
 God manifest in the flesh,  
 our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**  
**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,  
 in the life of love and prayer,**

**and in grace equal to every need.**  
**We believe in the Word of God**  
**contained in the Old and New Testaments**  
**as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**  
**We believe in the church,**  
**those who are united in the living Lord**  
**for the purpose of worship and service.**  
**We believe in the reign of God**  
**as the divine will realized in human society,**  
**and in the family of God,**  
**where we are all brothers and sisters.**  
**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness**  
**and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church, *United Methodist Hymnal*, no. 884. Adapt. ©1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission.

### **Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns**

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**UMH #895**

**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 trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And 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**

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website [www.tappahannockmethodist.org](http://www.tappahannockmethodist.org), or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

**The Offertory**

***“We Gather Together”***  
Beth Harvey & Joanne Ruffa

**\* Doxology**

**UMH #95**

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.

**\* Closing Hymn**

***“Rejoice The Lord Is King”***

**UMH #715**

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice.

**\* Benediction**

***“Shalom To You”***

**UMH #666**

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**\* Postlude**

***“Blessed Assurance”***  
Beth Harvey & Joanne Ruffa

**Thank you for joining us in worship!**

## PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, Claude Beasley, Eddie Bliss, the family of Carroll Brown, the family of Joshua Brown, Nancy Brumfield, Tom Burgess, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, the family of Jim Climaldi, Sally Conway, the family of George Croxton, Cookie Evans, Tinker Fornash, Christian Foster, Betty Gregory, Roxanne Griffith, George Grubbs, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Sarah Hundley, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, Jacob Magruder, Tawana Murry, Gerry Rose, Leslie Shaver, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor, Allen Turner, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Whitten. Inclusion & equality for the LGBTQ family & friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, those in peril, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

## MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

## PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,  
Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish and Jean Rhines.

*\* Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Today, November 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Christ The King Sunday</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Decoration of the Chrismon Tree</b>
Tuesday, November 26 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, November 27 <sup>th</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> :	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

*All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.*

*We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture  
and support one another through service and outreach.*

*Our facility is handicap accessible.*

**Pastor:** The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: (757) 870-8265

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**Pastor's Office Hours:** Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm