GINTER PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The mission of GPPC is to embody God's love
by cultivating community, practicing hope, repairing harm, and doing justice as Jesus did.

November 22, 2026 | *Christ the King / Reign of Christ* | 11:00am

+ indicates you are invited to stand
***Bold print** indicates congregation in unison*

Let's Draw Closer in Worship

To improve our sense of community and create a more intimate atmosphere, please consider sitting toward the front and center of the Sanctuary.

We are grateful to be gathered here in the Almond Creek-James River watershed, which we share with a diversity of plants and creatures, including the flowering dogwood, butterfly milkweed, striped bass, northern cardinal, and red fox. We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Powhatan Confederacy. May we nurture our relationship with all our neighbors, and our shared responsibilities to this watershed where we gather today.

GATHERING

The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world. Gather your thoughts and feelings. Entrust yourself to God's saving grace.

Prelude — Prelude and Fugue in E Major — J.S. Bach

Greeting and Announcements

Introit — Doug Brown

I therefore beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another in love. Ephesians 4:1-2

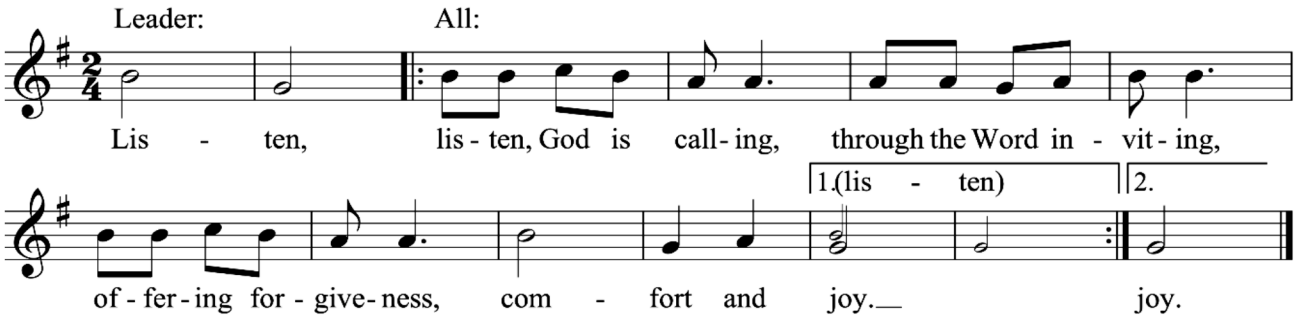
Call to Worship — *from the World Council of Churches 1991: In Spirit and in Truth.*

One: In mystery and grandeur
All: we see the face of God.
One: In earthiness and the ordinary
All: we know the love of Christ.
One: In heights and depths and life and death,
All: the Spirit of God is moving among us.
One: Let us praise God.

+ Hymn 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Confession of Sin and Pain

Kenyan traditional



Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness and Healing

+ Gloria (Hymn 582) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WORD

Where the scriptures are read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ, the living Word, is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit also evokes our response. Through singing, affirmation, and prayer, with the help of God's Spirit, we discern Jesus Christ, receive Christ's grace, and resolve to follow Christ's way.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Human One comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these siblings of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God,
All: God made us, and we belong to God.
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
One: Enter the gates of the temple with thanksgiving and go into its courts with praise.
Give thanks, and bless God's holy name.
All: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which you have been called, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rich Voelz

+ Hymn 376 *When All Is Ended*

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *the PC(USA)'s A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

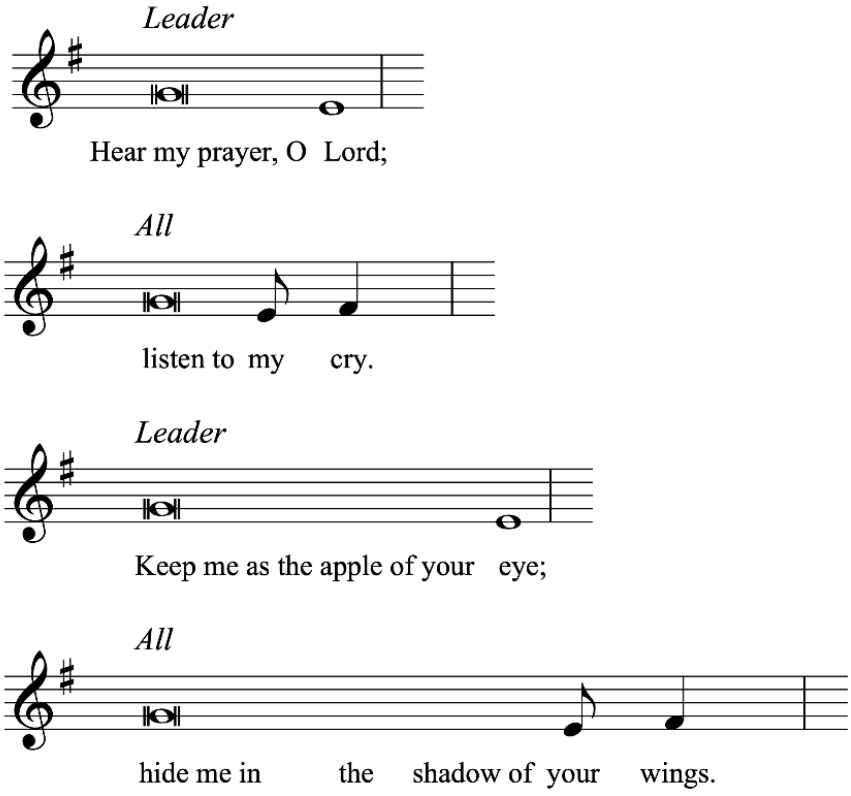
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+ Somos Uno (Hymn 322)

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.
We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,
One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

Prayers of the People





EUCHARIST

Though we are not sharing the bread and cup today, we remember with thanksgiving (eukharistia) the grace (kharis) with which Jesus welcomes us to sit at his table, eat what will satisfy our deepest hungers, and feed others as we've been fed. We offer ourselves in response to Christ's wonderful offering of love.

Offering

Everyone is invited to place tithes, offerings, visitor cards,
or any other communications to the Pastor or staff
in the designated wall boxes beside each door at the back of the Sanctuary
or signal an usher to bring you the offering plate.
Monetary gifts and pledges to GPPC may also be given online at
https://www.ginterparkpc.org/giving, or by using the QR Code to the left.

Offertory — From Messiah — G.F. Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the
kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords.
Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

+ Doxology (Hymn 607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

SENDING

Our worship and service do not end with the postlude; we go forth to love and serve God in our daily lives.

+ Hymn 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

+ Charge and Blessing

+ The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

+ Postlude Prelude and Fugue in E Major (conclusion) J.S. Bach

Visitors - we're glad you're here! *We believe God knows, loves, and welcomes you fully. We hope to welcome you in ways that reflect God's love. Could we reach out to you later this week - to say another hello, answer any questions you may have, and perhaps share our e-newsletter? If so, please scan this QR code to share your contact information.*

ABOUT WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are given by Helen and Bob Roybark to the glory of God and in honor of Carla Pratt Keyes. Happy Thanksgiving, Carla!

WORSHIP LEADERS: Director of Music is Doug Brown. Today's liturgist is the Rev. Michelle Owens, and our lector is Amy Clark. The livestream operator is Alfred Walker. Scott Carswell is lead usher and Judy Harr is greeter.

Our guest preacher today is Dr. Richard Voelz, an Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he formerly served as senior minister of the Johns Creek Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), an open and affirming congregation in metro Atlanta, Georgia. He has over a decade of ministry experience in various contexts.

Today's Bible translation is the NRSVue, adjusted per *An Inclusive-Language Lectionary*.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNS are available from an usher in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS about events in the life of GPPC are available through a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact Karen Mitscherlich at ginterparkpc@gmail.com.