THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude — *Allegro from Concerto in D Major* — T. Albinoni
John McElroy, Trumpet

Welcome — Eric Clark

Choral Introit — *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Found* — MC KEE

Processional Hymn No. 260 — *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* — HYFRYDOL
Hymn sheet on page 3

Call to Worship — Julie Burge

One: In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth,
All: And God saw that it was good!
One: And in the beginning of the church's life,
All: We devoted ourselves to teaching and fellowship,
One: To the breaking of bread and the prayers.
All: Awe and wonder came upon everyone,
One: And all were together, holding all things in common;
All: All sharing with all, as any had need.
One: Come, friends, let us make something beautiful together!
All: Come, let us worship God!

– Inspired by Acts 2:42-47

Prayer of Invocation — Annette Beutjer

Hymn No. 321 — *The Church's One Foundation* — AURELIA
Hymn sheet on page 4

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps — Peggy Sanderford Ponder

Hymn No. 320 — *The Church of Christ in Every Age* — WAREHAM
Hymn sheet on page 5

Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:31-46 — Suzanne Martin

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer — *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* — NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer — Paxton Vaughn

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.

Reading from the Prophets Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Eric Clark

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.

Giving Story *What I Find Beautiful About Covenant* Suzanne Martin

Anthem *Christ: Foundation, Head and Cornerstone* L. Pfautsch

Covenant Choir

John McElroy, Trumpet Brad Sargent, Trumpet

Jarret Stinnett, Trumpet Jackson Vaughan, Trombone

Liam Stowe, Trombone

Christ, Thou are the sure Foundation,
Thou, the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Thou, Thy Zion's help in all ages,
And her confidence alone.
Christ, Thou art the sure Foundation,
Thou, the Head and Cornerstone.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.
To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today!

Here vouch safe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever and ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.
Christ, Thou art the sure Foundation,
Thou, the Head and Cornerstone!
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Sermon *Just Peace* Eric Clark

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment Eric Clark

Hymn of Response No. 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST. COLUMBIA

Hymn sheet on page 6

Words of Dedication Miles Looney

Reception of the Offering Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life.
Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory *Amazing Grace/Everything Is Beautiful*

John McElroy, Trumpet

Offertory Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Life of the Church Paxton Vaughn

Benediction Eric Clark

Postlude *Allegro non troppo from Concerto in D Major* Tomaso Albinoni

John McElroy, Trumpet

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool, heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.

3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o - be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with - out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)



5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
Today at 11:30 am!

Join us for BCOC's Thanksgiving potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after Sunday School today! Ham and drinks will be provided. Enjoy favorite side dishes and desserts from your friends and family.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP
No activities November 25

There will be no Wednesday Night Fellowship activities next week on November 25. Common Table will be handing out to-go meals. Join us on December 2 for 1st Wednesday Small Groups!

OFFICE CLOSED
November 25-27

The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holidays. Paxton Vaughn will be on call for any pastoral emergencies.

FAMILY ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT
Sunday, November 29 at 1:30 pm

Join in for an afternoon of Advent crafts! We will have a few different crafts available and hope that this will be a time of joy and community. This is an event for families with children and/or youth to attend together. Children and/or youth cannot be dropped off. Registration is required so that we know how many supplies to purchase. Register on Realm by November 23 to reserve your family's spot. Contact Paxton with any questions.

GBM TOY DRIVE
Offering Sunday, December 6

BCOC will collect toys and gift cards to support the Christmas Toy Drive at Greater Birmingham Ministries. We will be collecting toys for children aged 4-12 yrs old. Please plan to bring your gifts to church on Sunday, December 6 for a special offering and blessing. Gifts will be accepted at BCOC on Wednesdays and Sundays through December 3 if you are not able to attend the service on December 6.