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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE
November 26, 2017
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY
10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

Scripture readings:

Psalm 95

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

Matthew 25: 31-46

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Sermon: "*Christ the King?*"



Last Sunday, in anticipation of the upcoming Thanksgiving day, Dr. Verse read portions of the Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789, in which President George Washington designated November 26 of that year as a national day of thanksgiving. It reads in part:

“Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly implore his protection and favor... Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be - - That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country”

This proclamation did not, however, establish a permanent federal holiday. It was not until after the conclusion of the Civil War that President Lincoln, on October 3, 1863 initiated a regular observance of Thanksgiving, to be observed on the last Thursday of November. In doing so he spoke of the peace and developing prosperity that followed the heartbreak of war, stating *“No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.”*

And thus we will be gathering together with our families and friends this Thursday to give thanks to our gracious and loving God, and to enjoy the bountiful harvest that He has provided.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

This Sunday | Christ the King – The Reign of Christ

The Christian story begins with Advent and moves through Epiphany, Passion, Easter-tide, Pentecost, and the long season of growth of the church identified as “Ordinary Time”. The great conclusion of this story is **The Reign of Christ**,

observed on **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**, which is this Sunday, the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is a day of celebration when the Gospel Lesson is the depiction of the Great Judgment, where we hear (in Matthew 25:31-33) the words: "When the Son of Man 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..."

The designation "**Christ the King**" comes from a number of passages in the Bible in which Jesus is referred to as King, such as: The Eternal King (Luke 1:33), King of the Jews (Luke 23:38), and the King of Kings (Rev. 19:16).

This day was first instituted as a feast day by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a response to the rising power of dictatorships in Europe. Meant as a reminder that there is no true ruler but Christ, Pius XI hoped to combat the growing influence of absolute dictators in the secular world. Now many Christian faiths celebrate **CHRIST THE KING DAY** each year on the last Sunday of the Ordinary Time.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY MISSIONS PROJECTS

Thanksgiving: Thank you to all who contributed food items for the Thanksgiving Mission food collection. On Monday, November 20, Ingrid Krumdick and Karen Metzger loaded up Ingrid's car and delivered 84.3 lbs. of food items to the HOUSE OF HOPE.



Christmas: Holidays can be especially lonely times for our service personnel stationed overseas and far from home. We are participating with **Operation Care for Heros** by writing Christmas greetings on cards to be sent to these young men and women. Cards are available at Church for you to sign, or you can provide your own card with your personal message. Many cards were signed this past Sunday, and young people in Sunday School made cards as part of their lesson.



More cards will be available for the same process this coming Sunday.

THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE



This is the 21st year that the **SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE** is presented by the Hobe Sound Ministries. This beautiful Christmas program is held at the Hobe Sound Bible Church, 11295 Gomez Ave. It will be presented at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 30 through Sunday, December 3. The doors open at 6:00 PM. Admission is free; an offering will be received.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The next concert in our Sanctuary will be **A Christmas Concert** featuring soprano Lorrianna Colozzo, accompanied by Brandon Glick. This concert, scheduled for **Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 PM**, is also offered free of charge, with a free will offering taken at the end of the concert. An artist reception in the courtyard will follow the concert

BRANDON'S CONCERT SERIES

This fall Brandon has his own concert series, **GREAT PIANO CLASSICS**, at the **Peter and Julie Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave. Palm City, FL** . sponsored by the Friends of the Martin County Library System, Inc.

Besides performing, Brandon offers commentary on the music he has selected. His previous concerts, on October 7 and November 4, were very well attended, and many HSCPC members and friends were among the very appreciative audience members. The final concert for this year is on:

Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 PM
Classics from France, with guitarist Rowdy Carlton
Couperin to Debussy, Ravel to jazz.

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE HOBE SOUND SINGERS

We have received a thank you letter from the Hobe Sound Singers acknowledging the \$1,370.00 donation given to them via a free will offering following their concert at our church this past summer. It reads in part:

"Dear Pastor and Church Family, Greetings in the name of our Lord from the Hobe Sound Singers. The vocal ensemble has returned from our musical mission to Ireland and our hearts are filled with praise. First of all, we would like to

express our deep appreciation for the opportunity to sing and share our vision with your congregation. We so enjoyed worshipping with you.

We would like to briefly mention how we sensed the Lord used our team to make a difference. We held seven services in churches in Western Ireland and the country of Northern Ireland. Once again, our ensemble sang and shared personal testimonies in a prison in Dublin. In each service, God helped us to minister effectively and I believe lasting connections were made! He answered many prayers along the way and kept us healthy and safe on those winding rural Irish lands.

...Many of the Christians there are first generation followers of Christ and we were touched by the simple, vibrant faith they displayed.

...we were warmly received as brothers and sisters in Christ. The fellowship we shared with each church family was rich and encouraging. The team left a portion of our hearts embedded in Ireland's emerald turf. We thank you for allowing this vocal ensemble to present our ministry in song. We shall continue to uphold our Irish family in our prayers.

May the grace, goodness and glory of the Lord fill your lives as you walk with "High King of heaven."

*Gratefully,
The Hobe Sound Singers*

NEW BIBLE STUDY: CHRISTIANITY 101 **What is involved being a Christian?**

Ask someone "on the street" and they might say "being a good person," or someone who follows the "golden rule," or the person who does "the Christian thing," or one who "follows Jesus teachings."

Pastor Roger has begun a six week Bible Study. It is being held every **Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., thru the weeks of Advent**. It is designed to answer the question posed above. We might just find that the "person on the street" has no idea what it is to be a Christian. And you might be a little surprised yourself!

CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Verse is preparing a series of classes for people interested in joining our Church. If you are considering becoming a member of HSCPC please contact Dr. Verse for further details. A time will be determined that is convenient for all.

DR. VERSE'S OFFICE HOURS: Dr. Verse's office hours are **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9AM until Noon**. He would love to have you drop in for a visit if you are in the area. However, if you have a special need to speak with him it would be best to call ahead to see if he is available; often meetings or pastoral visits will necessitate his being out of the office at times during his scheduled hours.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School, please contact Karen Kienzle, (561) 379-7900, or karenkienzle@hotmail.com, or personally at church on Sunday.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Christian Education Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position? This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the link below for Job Posting, and/or send your resume to karenkienzle@hotmail.com.

<http://www.tfpby.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017-Director-of-Christian-Education-2.pdf>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2 - Dorothea Wiley
November 2 - Mary Wiggin
November 5 - Johan Greene
November 6 - Deb Hobson
November 9 - Aislyn Rausch
November 13 - Pat Kavanaugh
November 24 - Diane Atkisson
November 25 - Everett Rausch

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 21 - Stan and Clair Ball

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jim White
- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Cimy Bitzer
- Terry McCloy
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Bill Carlson
- Annette O'Shea
- Owen Lovejoy

- Jay Morrison
- George Roberts
- Shanon Killey
- Judy McCloy
- John Middleton
- Pat Livingston
- Rita Skojec
- Mary Campbell
- Marilyn Garrabrant
- Heather Forster
- Joyce Spengler
- Renee Sinksen
- Earlene Thompson
- Hisa Clark
- Pati and Rachael Higginbotham
- Julia O'Connor
- Myrna Jubb

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request can be made to Karen Metzger.

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Karen Metzger, 772 220-4678, or kmmetz@bellsouth.net.

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