

# St. John's Presbyterian Church

## Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023  
10:30 a.m.



### **Vision Statement**

*Worship God*

*Love One Another*

*Serve the World*

### **Worship Participants**

The Rev. Kent Meads  
Bea Ellis, Lay Reader  
Paul Torkelson, Music Director  
David Brock, Organist  
Chancel Choir

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**BOLD** People Response

### GATHERING

Welcome (The Rev. Kent Mead)

*Please sign our Ministry of Friendship pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you.*

Announcements

Prelude (David Brock, Organist)

Variations on *St. George's Windsor*

Anthony Giamanco

Call To Worship

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**People: In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God.**

\*Hymn No. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

—The Presbyterian Hymnal; CCLI# 50200/One License# 84090

\*Call to Confession (Bea Ellis, Lay Reader)

Knowing that God will protect us, give us strength and love, while we persist in falling short of God's glory, love, and hope for us, let us now join together to offer God confession of sin.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs and ideas turn us from You, we long to be placed back on Your path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to You. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever toward Your Way. We pray this together in the name of Your Son, Jesus. (Please continue in silent personal confession.) Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

We know that every moment of our lives is known to God. We know that the coming of Christ into the world set us free of shame and doubt because of God's grace to us in His Son, Jesus.

\*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)*

\*Hymn

*Glory Be to the Father*

**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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

—The Presbyterian Hymnal No. 577; CCLI# 221194

Moment with Young Disciples

Anthem (Paul Torkelson, Music Director)  
Chancel Choir

## **THE WORD**

Message

**The Odd Petition  
Matthew 6.13**

The Rev. Kent Meads

### **1 Corinthians 10.13**

Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out. (GNT)

No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it. (The Message)

**We face 2 questions:**

1. Does God lead us into \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Which translation \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

Today, we seek answers to the 2 questions.

**First Answer:** concerns the word \_\_\_\_\_.

The NT uses one word, **peirasmos**, with 2 meanings: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tempt:** we mean \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to evil.

**2 Examples: 1. Genesis 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Frodo**

Luther of this petition said: "We are beset before and behind by temptations and cannot throw them off."

**James 1.13-14**

**Test** the means by which the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of something is determined.

**Example:** \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 22.

## 2 practical reasons we need to pray the 6<sup>th</sup> petition

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Answer:** concerns the translation **tou pornerou** and the question of whether we believe in the Devil.

C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

Dr M Scott Peck, *The People of the Lie*

I Peter 5.8    John 17.15    II Thessalonians 3.3

Ephesian 6.10ff

**10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.**

Martin Luther ended each day with the 5<sup>th</sup> petition: “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors” and began each day with the 6<sup>th</sup> petition: “lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the Evil One.”

We are in a \_\_\_\_\_ battle.

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\*Hymn No. 387    *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

—The Presbyterian Hymnal; CCLI# 24078 /One License# FBC-A017998

Receiving the Morning Offering

Offertory (David Brock, Organist)

*Fix me, Jesus* - traditional spiritual

Danielle Brown, mezzo-soprano

\*Doxology    *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

—The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592; One License# 96892; Public Domain

Prayers of the People

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.**

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## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 281      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
—The Presbyterian Hymnal; CCLI# 1448 Public Domain/One License# 97969 Public Domain

\*Charge And Benediction

\*Congregational Response No. 108, v.5      *Christ is Alive*  
**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

—The Presbyterian Hymnal; One License# 106093

Postlude                              *Grand Choeur in D*                              William Spence

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*Join us for Fellowship Time  
in Martin Hall after our worship service*

### DONATE ONLINE

Use your mobile device to scan the QR code and donate online!



Any online donation should be made before the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month. When donations are received at the end of the month, the money is not always transferred to our account in time to be included in the month donated. It is included in next month's transfer, but at the end of the year that could cause a problem with your year-end totals.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Improvement Campaign needs to be specified on your check and/or online donation. Otherwise, it will go into the regular Capital Improvement account. If you have questions, please call Liz at (775) 826-0990 or email her at [liz@stjohnschurch.org](mailto:liz@stjohnschurch.org).

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held December 3, 2023 after the worship service for the purpose of electing Marc Ullom as a Deacon.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dec. 2 at 9:00 am</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b>
<b>Dec. 3 at 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Holiday Crafts Party</b>
<b>Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Cantata</b>
<b>Dec. 21 at 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Blue Christmas</b>
<b>Dec. 24 at 10:30 am</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Morning Service</b>
<b>Dec. 24 at 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Family Service (The ABC's of Christmas)</b>

HANGING OF THE GREENS will be on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 am to noon. Mark your calendar and come join in decorating the church for the Christmas season.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFTS PARTY will be on December 3 in Martin Hall (2:00 pm-5:00 pm). All ages are welcome to join in the fun or host a table. Bring snacks (finger food is preferred) to share. Contact Jeannine Stewart if you would like to host a table (775) 338-0302 or [jstew0162@gmail.com](mailto:jstew0162@gmail.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)** meets on the first Wednesday of the month (December 6) in the Clawson Memorial library. We are on chapter 3 in the Sacred Encounters study book.

### **CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**

The Discipleship Mariners will once again be collecting filled Christmas stockings for needy children in the Reno area that will be distributed by Catholic Charities. Please fill a stocking with toys and/or gift cards valued at approximately \$20. Label the stocking with the age (Infant to 18), and boy or girl. No perishable foods please. Stockings will be collected here at St. John's until December 10th!! Contact Jane Cates with any questions (775) 848-8269. Merry Christmas everyone!

### **SUNDAY MORNING STUDY**

(The Rev. Kent Meads)

**When:** Sunday Mornings  
**Where:** Clawson Memorial Library  
**Time:** 9:15 am—10:15 am  
**Study:** The Book of Exodus

**CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE** if you have not completed the congregational questionnaire, and wish to do so online, scan the QR with your phone to get started. This will take you to the questionnaire in Doc form.

The responses are only collected in Google forms and are anonymous. Mission Study team will not see your e-mail address or personal information, other than what you put in the questionnaire itself.



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### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

<b>10/31/2023</b>		<b>Year to Date</b>
Giving	\$29,968	\$276,903
Other Revenue	\$4,537	\$41,152
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,505</b>	<b>\$318,055</b>
Expenses	(\$34,106)	(\$364,212)
Difference	(\$399)	(\$46,157)

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Improvement Campaign**

**Progress:** \$279,070.00  
**Goal:** \$450,000.00

**BLUE CHRISTMAS** will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary at St. John's Presbyterian Church. December 21, 2023, is the day with the most darkness. We gather to acknowledge that this is a season of joy and celebration for many people as we remember the birth of Jesus.

But we acknowledge that these celebrations can ring hollow in our hearts if we are experiencing grief, depression, or pain. We may not want to join in the celebration if we are walking in sadness or distress. There are many kinds of losses that trouble us in these days of darkness. Therefore, we will gather together for scripture, music, prayer, and candle lighting as we ask that God speak to us words of comfort, healing, restoration, and hope.

Several of the area Pastors and Musicians from our Presbyterian churches will participate in this service and the service will be streamed as well. We hope that you will join us.





david**brock**music

**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral—Pipes on the River  
Friday, December 1, 2023—David H. Brock, Organist**

*3 settings of*

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland  
(Savior of the Nations, Come)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

BWV 660 – Trio a due Bassi e canto fermo

BWV 659 – Ornamented Cantus in Soprano

“the impenetrable mystery of the incarnation of God’s Son”

BWV 661 – Canto fermo in Pedale “the hymn of praise of redeemed humanity”

*from Nine Pieces for Grand Organ*

5. Dans une douce joie (in quiet joy)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

8. Prelude sur une Antienne (Prelude on an anthem)

9. Rhapsodie Gregorienne (Gregorian Rhapsodie)

- sacris solemnus (the solemn feast)

- verbum supernum (the word descending)

- lauda sion (praise Zion)

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David Brock CDs will be available for purchase at the concert. More information about David H. Brock, including upcoming concerts, music samples, CD information may be found at [www.davidbrockmusic.com](http://www.davidbrockmusic.com).

David is Organist/Accompanist at St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Reno, Nevada, where he has served since 2019.

David Brock is the Organist and Continuo artist with TOCCATA, the Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, and has served in that role since the orchestra’s founding in 2005. Recent performances include Handel Messiah, Bach St. Matthew Passion, Mendelssohn Elijah, Requiems of Brahms, Mozart, and Faure, and all 6 Organ Concerti Opus 4 of Handel. David has also appeared with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra in Virginia, in performances of the Saint-Saens Organ Symphony, and the Mozart Requiem.

David Brock maintains an active organ recital schedule throughout the United States. His appearances have included Washington National Cathedral, St. Thomas Church New York City, the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco, National City Christian Church, Washington DC, Princeton University Chapel, as well as the Cathedral of Bergamo, Italy.

David Brock is a signed artist with A. W. Tonegold Records. His 8<sup>th</sup> and most recent CD is “Reflections – Organ Concerti of 3 Centuries” featuring the Josef Rheinberger Organ Concerto #1 in F major for Organ, Strings and 3 Horns, the Leo Sowerby Classic Concerto for Organ and Strings, and George Frideric Handel Concerto Op. 4, #4 in F Major for Organ, Strings, Oboes and Basso Continuo. All 3 concerti are available for digital download online through iTunes, Amazon.com, and other outlets. Also available for digital download are David’s first two albums.

David’s discography:

1. David H. Brock (2001) organ - J. S. Bach – Schübler Chorales, J. Langlais – Neuf Pieces
2. For Thou Art With Me (2005) Howells, Karg-Elert, Langlais, Messiaen, Praetorius, Sowerby.
3. Taste of TOCCATA v. 1 (2008) – w/ TOCCATA – incl. Handel Organ Concerto Op. 4 #3
4. A Baroque Christmas (2009) – w/ TOCCATA orchestra/chorus – organ, harpsichord continuo
5. Mozart Requiem (2010) – w/ TOCCATA orchestra and chorus - organ
6. Going Baroque (2011) – w/TOCCATA – organ, harpsichord – Handel Organ Concert Op.4 #2
7. Handel Messiah selections (2013) – w/TOCCATA – organ, harpsichord
8. Reflections (2015) – Organ Concerti of 3 Centuries: Handel, Sowerby, Rheinberger, w/Brock Musica Aliquando

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