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26th Sunday after Pentecost November 22, 2026 Reign of Christ
Service colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)
Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)
Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Hymn 830)
Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)
M: Come, let us worship Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. **C: To Christ be glory, honour, and praise, now and forever.**
M**:** Christ reigns not through earthly power, but through love, humility, and grace.
C: His kingdom is a kingdom of justice, peace, and righteousness.
M**:** In Christ, all things were created, and through Christ, all things are reconciled to God.
C: We belong to Christ, who is our hope, our strength, and our salvation.
M**:** Let us worship our risen and reigning Lord, whose kingdom shall have no end. **All: To Jesus Christ, our Saviour and King, be all glory and praise. Amen.**

Hymn: 65 *All people that on earth do dwell*

Prayer of Adoration
Prayer of Confession: (unison) **God most merciful, we confess that we have failed to love fully or forgive wholly. You offer us freedom, but we settle for the familiar. You offer us hope, but we prefer knowing what will happen next. Teach us to give up cautious faithfulness, so that we can offer you our whole lives, and commit to following Jesus into the future you are creating. Amen.** ***Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."***

Declaration of forgiveness
M.May the Peace of Christ be upon you **C. And also on you.**
A sharing of the Peace of Christ, followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Announcements
Hymn: *Christ be beside me* (words on insert) (all seated)
Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: God of mystery and majesty, your thoughts are not our thoughts; your ways are not our ways. Send us your Holy Spirit, to speak to us through the Scriptures, so that our thoughts and ways may be transformed as we encounter your Living Word, in Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Lessons: Deuteronomy 10: 17- 19(p.156); Psalm 100 (Responsive Reading); Matthew 25: 31-46 (p.25)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**
Sung response: 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.
Sermon: "Can this be Jesus?"
Hymn : 534 *All who hunger, gather gladly*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward following Hymn 13, *Ye gates, lift up your heads*
Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)
Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord'Prayer(debts,debtors)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

M: The Lord be with you; **C: And also with you.**
M: Lift up your hearts; **C: We lift them up to the Lord.**
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
……..to lift our hearts in joyful praise.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!
……the mystery of our faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Hymn: 267 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
Benediction & Choral Amen
Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)
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Postlude
Welcoming Worshippers: Lee & Naomi Walker
Elevator: Neil Pegg
Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** June Stone
Reader: Margaret MacDonald
Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Christ be beside me (tune: Morning has broken)
1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me; Christ be behind me,
King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.

3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.
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Today: The Lord's Supper; all bread is gluten-free. Fellowship and birthday cake in the Hall following the service.
Tues: 7 p.m. Personnel & Planning Committee
Wed: 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry**; 6:30 p.m.** Christmas choir rehearsal
Sun: Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent

Christmas Project: The goal is $2,500 in support of FEED NS. All donations made by Dec. 1 will be doubled.

The jigsaw puzzle exchange is up and running! It is located in the Church Hall.

***The Ladies' Guild gave a $2,500 donation to St. Andrew's Operating Fund. Thank you!

****From Jim & Kathy Kennedy: Christ Church would like to give a huge thank you to the congregation for their generous donations. Items were dropped off this past week, and they were very surprised and pleased at the number of items.

*****An invitation to our Youth from All Nations Presbyterian Church, Halifax
All Nations Church in Halifax is kicking off a Kids Club ministry! It begins with a social afternoon with games and food on Saturday, December 12! It's from 4:00 - 5:30, in the church building, at 2535 Robie Street, Halifax. Kids Club is for kids in Grades 1-6. (Sorry, we cannot accommodate children younger than Grade 1.) Regular meetings will begin in the new year, on Jan 9, 4:00 - 5:30, and meet twice a month until early June. Regular meetings will focus on Micah 6:8 - "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God."

******From Iona Church, Dartmouth
CAROL SING-ALONG - Friday, DEC 4, 6:30 pm, at Iona Presbyterian Church. (90 Lucien Drive)
SING, LISTEN, and DELIGHT in this one hour extravaganza of carols! ENJOY hot cider and cookies! ! A monetary donation or a food item at the door supports the East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank.