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Sunday through Thursday
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Sun 26 • Christ the King/Reign of Love

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
4:30 p.m. Hymn sing. Choir Room

Tue 28

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 29

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Parish Care committee. Fellowship Hall

Fri 1

6:00 p.m. Civil War Christmas. Sanctuary

Sun 3 • First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:15 a.m. Blood pressure clinic. Narthex
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
5:00 p.m. Joy Gift dinner. Community Club
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Dec. 3, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Sign up in the FellowshipHallorgotoPerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 4:45–5:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers, if possible.

TWO-SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR JCCM Nov. 26 and Dec. 3: pancake mix and syrup; small bags or boxes of rice; canned pasta, such as ravioli or spaghetti; canned tomato and mushroom soup; snack-pack size applesauce and fruits; canned fruit; jelly; bath soap; paper towels; and toilet paper. Please check expiration dates. Food that is out of date cannot be accepted or distributed by JCCM. Place items in baskets in narthex or Fellowship Hall.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available for pickup in the

Fellowship Hall on **Dec. 3**. If you do not want envelopes or stopped getting them in the past, but want to start up again, let the office know.

DC YOUTH MISSION TRIP Feb. 23-25. Youth (ages 12 and up). Leave SPC Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon. Sign up in the church office. Cost is \$75.00 (pay what you can). The Verle Headings Youth Mission Fund will offset the fee as needed. **The deadline to sign up is Nov. 30.**

JOY GIFT DINNER. Sunday, Dec. 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Community Club (formerly Men’s Club). Ham, beverages & tableware provided. Bring a dish to serve 12. Food assignments per last name: A-H vegetable or salad; I-P dessert; Q-Z side dish. Six people each needed to help set up and clean up. Contact the office if you can help.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER Dec. 16-22. Guests will arrive around 7 p.m. Volunteers needed for morning meals, bag lunches and overnight stays. At least one man and one woman needed each night. Contact the office if you can help in any way.

Christ the King
Reign of Love

November 26, 2017
10:45 a.m.

Thanksgiving Song

As the Great Dynamo who powers the wheels of seasons and years
Turns autumn once more into winter,
At this season of Thanksgiving,
We give thanks for all seasons.
For winter, who strips trees to their basic design,
For stark, minimalist winter, we give thanks.
May we let go, and grow bright as stars in a clear, frosty night,
The more we are stripped of what we thought we could not do without.

For the springtime that bursts forth,
Just when we think winter will never end,
For irrepressible springtime we give thanks.
May we never forget the crippled, wind-beaten trees,
How they, too, bud, green and bloom,
May we, too, take courage to bloom where we are planted.

For summer, when fruit begins to ripen more and more,
For the green, swelling high tide of summer we give thanks.
May we trust that time is not running out, but coming to fulfillment,
May we wait patiently while time ripens.

For autumn and its slow growing fruition
For that season of ultimate rise and fall we give thanks.
May we gracefully rise to the occasion of our own falling,
Giving ourselves just enough time to go beyond time

To the great Now
At the quiet center of the turning wheels.
We give thanks for all seasons
At this season of Thanksgiving.

Br. David Steindl-Rast O.S.B.

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(Says the Lord) I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. **Ezekiel 34:16**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. **Psalms 100:1-2**

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that 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." **Matthew 25:34-36**

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. **Ephesians 1:16**

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Joel Dillow

Jillian Dillow

Ethel Hornbeck

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare Available

In the nursery at the 10:45 service
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
Love before us...

Proclamation

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,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 643**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

GRACE ABOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and Mothering God, you hold us in the palm of your hand. And yet we fear the raging storm. We dread a future we cannot see or predict. Help us be still and know that you are with us always. Help us trust the promise of your new creation arising. Help us keep singing the song of hope.

Kyrie (2x)

Kyrie eleison

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah

Welcome

Blessing the World

Ghana, Nigeria

Hymn 48

"Rain Down"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Sermon

"The King and The Corrective"

***Hymn 509**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Uyai Mose (Come, All You People)"
Zimbabwe/ arr. K. Holland

Come, all you people. Come praise your maker! (3x)
Come now and worship the Lord.

Affirmation

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***Acclamation**

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.

***Response**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
Light before us...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

As life becomes harder and more threatening, it also becomes richer, because the fewer expectations we have, the more good things of life become unexpected gifts that we accept with gratitude. **Etty Hillesum**

Gratitude is the most passionate transformative force in the cosmos. When we offer thanks to God or to another human being, gratitude gifts us with renewal, reflection, reconnection.

Sarah Ban Breathnach

The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. He who has learned this knows what it means to live (and has penetrated the whole mystery of life: giving thanks for everything). **Albert Schweitzer**

Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Help someone's soul heal. Walk out of your house like a shepherd. **Rumi**

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