Christ the King Sunday

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."

November 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen Church

Hell is a popular topic today, except for all the wrong reasons.

The theme song for the film *Cruella* tells us right up front that Ms. de Vil was "born to be bad." Estella Miller is a creative child with a talent for fashion but has a cruel streak, leading her mother Catherine to nickname her "Cruella." After a tragic series of circumstances Estella finds herself an orphan on the streets of London. She tries to be good, but when she befriends fashion legend Baroness von Hellman, she embraces her wicked side to become the raucous and revenge-bent Cruella.

The chorus to the theme song reads:

> Call me crazy, call me insane.
> But you're stuck in the past
> And I'm ahead of the game.
> A life lived in penance, it just seems a waste.
> And the devil has much better taste.
> And I tried to be sweet, I tried to be kind,
> But I feel much better now that I'm out of my mind.
> Well, there's always a line at the gates of Hell.

The truth is, almost everything about these lyrics is wrong. Penance is not a waste, when won through Christ. The devil does not have better taste. But the one area where the lyrics are spot on, there is a long line at the gates of hell.

We Praise and Confess

The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Worship ---from Psalm 24:7-8, 10

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns – Diadamata

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon ---based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10

Do not weep!
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.
With his blood he has purchased people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.
Thanks be to God!

Invitation to Praise

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall declare your praise.

*Praise: No. 273 ***He Is King of Kings*** – African American Spiritual

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. **12** As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. **14** I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down,

declares the Lord GOD. **16** 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, **22** I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. **23** And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. **24** And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken. [1]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, **16** I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18** having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might **20** that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **22** And he put all things under his feet and gave him as

[1] *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

head over all things to the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. [2]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 240
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks – Alleluia No. 1

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ St. Matthew 25:31-46

Hear the Gospel of Christ.
Glory to Christ our Savior.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. **34** Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' **37** Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? **38** And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? **39** And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' **40** And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you

[2] *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

gave me no drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' **44** Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' **45** Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' **46** And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." [3]

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Proclamation of God's Word Dr. Williams – "PD"

H E Double Hockey Sticks!

*Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

[3] *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Mt 25:31-46.

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Morning Prayer
Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by scanning the QR code with your camera

Offertory

*The Doxology: No. 606 ***Praise God!***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanks

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 264

At the Name of Jesus – King's Weston

We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people!

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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NOVEMBER 22, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
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WELCOME *VISITORS* ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE: At the Annual Meeting Pastor Dave offered a challenge to complete the pay-off for the Capital Campaign. He has placed in the Church Office a check for $100.00 and challenges 50 households of New Goshenhoppen to join him in this endeavor which will retire all indebtedness to the Meadows Fund for previous projects undertaken by the congregation. You may simply mark your check Capital Campaign and note it on your envelope or send to the Church Office. As we enter our 300th Anniversary Celebration, we will be debt free for the first time in 15 years! Praise the Lord!

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: *"Once-A-Day 25 Days of Advent"* by Kenneth Boa, with John Allen Turner, is a devotional booklet available to you this year. They are available at the Main Entrance as well as in the Narthex. Envision these words as you move forward in your Advent journey.

BLESSING BOX: Please keep the Blessing Box in your thoughts when you go to the grocery store. One item might be a blessing to a person in need. You can place the item in the Box at your convenience.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Open Link appreciates our yearly contributions of Christmas gift wrap such as wrapping paper, gift tags, tissue paper, bows, and tape. Please place your items in the container in the Social Room.

REFORMATION SISTERS' THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND FEAST – NOVEMBER 22: The Reformation Sister Congregations will gather for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Feast on **Sunday, November 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Lane beginning at 4:00 p.m.** This year, The Rev'd Paula Lebo, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, will be the guest preacher. Moyer's of Boyertown will cater the meal. We are asked to bring desserts.

THE GIVING TREE: Help share the joy of the Christmas season by adding to the Giving Tree. All the items on the tree will be given to Open Link and donated to needy families in our area.

The suggested gifts are:

- Stocking stuffers
- New toys
- Hats, gloves, and scarves for teens
- Gifts for preteens and teens (10 years and older)
- Movie passes for Grand Theater
- Gift cards to local stores and restaurants
- Gift cards for Weis, Walmart, etc.

The Giving Tree is located in the Social Room from November 1 to December 1. If you are donating a gift certificate, gift card, or a pass, please fill out a "gift placeholder" and place on the Giving Tree. The "gift placeholder" can be found in a box near the Giving Tree or in the Church Office. The actual certificate can be handed into the Church Office or given to any Women's Fellowship officer--Sandy Hardy, Amy Treichler, or Delores Schuler.

WILL YOU PRAY? The Prayer Vigil is fast approaching, and so many need to be uplifted in prayer. Can you spare some time to help with this much needed ministry on Saturday, November 28th between the hours of 12 noon and 10:00 p.m.? The sign-up sheet is in the lower narthex. You can pick up the devotional booklet ("25 Days of Advent" by Kenneth Boa) when you sign up. If you would prefer to pray at home, please call the Church Office, and we will make sure you get the information you need. Any questions can be directed to the Friendship Committee members.

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP is Sunday, November 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you haven't had a chance to stop by the Social Room to sign up yet, just send an email to Denise Fox at d_foxucc@comcast.net to be added to the list of crafters. The cost is free; all are welcome! Activities include crafts for all ages, with leaders at each station to provide guidance. The afternoon begins at 1:00 p.m. with each session running for 45 minutes. There will be a short break in between sessions to enjoy refreshments. *Note: You do not need to attend both sessions if there is only one craft you're interested in making.* Young crafters, ages 3 to 6 years old, will be in the Bible Fellowship room with the opportunity to make one or more crafts suitable for their age. Parents are asked to stay with their children for the duration of the event. This is a wonderful opportunity for you or your children to make beautiful decorations or gifts for a special someone. We hope to see you there for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship!

TREE LIGHTING: On Sunday, November 29 beginning at 3:15 p.m., the Youth Group will be presenting **New Goshenhoppen's Fourth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** event! Please join us for carols and the reading of the Christmas story.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER & CONCERT at Camp Men-O-Lan, 1415 Doerr Road, Quakertown on December 8, 2026. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by an evening of music featuring singers from Lehigh University Choral Arts. Cost $20 per person or $140 for a table of 8. Please RSVP by November 30th to Delores Schuler at 610-395-1507. We can carpool from New Goshenhoppen Church. Join us for an evening of fellowship!

HANDBELL PLAYERS NEEDED: We are thankful for Peter Hemperly who has graciously offered to direct the handbells for this Advent/Christmas Season. We are now looking for "Ding-A-Lings" to play our beautiful Schulmerich Handbells. Rehearsal time to be based on availability of ringers. Please speak with Peter if you would be willing to play.

YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH-WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Youth Group is partnering with "A Women's Place", a domestic violence support organization. They will be collecting after school snack items for use in their safe houses for the children affected in this way. Please look for boxes in the Social Room and Fellowship Hall for your donations.

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CALENDARS FOR MEN AT PHOENIX PRISON. Collection boxes are in the Social Room and in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall entrance.

PRAYER REQUESTS: During the Sunday Church service at Phoenix prison, a time is provided for the men to write a prayer request. These prayers are then sent to Rev. Gates to be shared among many churches and individuals. We will be providing opportunities for you to pray for the men by putting a few of the prayer requests in the bulletins. *First prayer:* Give me power to overcome my addiction and pray I get my debt paid. *Second prayer:* Prayers for healing spiritually, mentally, as well as emotionally for the souls in this place, and help us to recognize one another, not as 'inmates,' but as brothers. We are men who God called as believers, to follow your Word in Jesus' name. Amen. Steve

BULLETINS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Harold (Butch) Steinman by wife, Diane; and sponsored by Deb & Tom Brauner.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Janet & Chris Weikel; and in honor or grandchildren, Ellie, Peter, Tommy, Kieran, Teagan, Kaidan by PopPop Fisher and in memory of wife, Bonnie by Conrad Fisher.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are remembering the wedding anniversary of parents, Carl & Dorothy Wahl and beloved husband, Darcy by Linda Sheaffer.

ATTENDANCE: 11/15/26 – 8:00 a.m. 59; 10:30 a.m. 38; Livestream 49; Sunday School 35.

OPERATING INCOME 11/15/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT $8,319; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT $522; Capital Campaign $3,750.

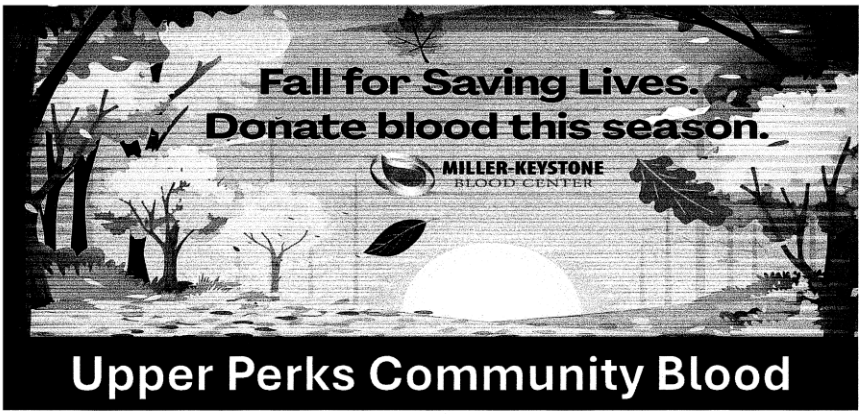
FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	$556,234.26
less transfers from investments	$39,446.00
Net	$516,788.26
Year to Date Expenses	$540,344.06
Special Income	$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	$24,090.34
Capital Campaign Income	$15,895.13
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	$23,200.00

SAVE THE DATES: 300th Anniversary Events

April 18, 2027 - Pastor Michael Jones will join us at both services.
April 18 and 25, 2027 - Rev. Dr. Deborah Clemens will be teaching lessons during the Sunday School hour on Gideon Moore, the slave owned by George Michael Weiss.
September 19 and 26, 2027 - Rev. Dr. Deborah Clemens will be teaching lessons during the Sunday School hour on the Weiser's, father and son pastors.
September 26, 2027 - Cornerstone opening, luncheon, crafts, history and other fun. Pastor Cydney Van Dyke will also be joining us. In the afternoon, there will be a concert with Abigail Chapman and Friends using period instruments from the 1700's.
October 15, 2027 - Tales from the Crypt (graveyard tour) and full moon campfire.
October 31, 2027 - 300th Anniversary Celebration. Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, President of the UCC, will be joining us. Organ concert in the afternoon.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION: If you purchased 300th Anniversary clothing, please stop by the Parlor after either worship service on November 22 or November 29 to pick up your order. The 300th Anniversary Committee will also have anniversary ornaments, cookbooks, and tote bags available for sale.



Goshenhoppen UCC

1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA

Wednesday, November 25th

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Each Donor will get a FREE MKBC T-Shirt!

To schedule your appointment please follow the link below or Scan QR Code or call MKBC at 1-800-223-6667 #2

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/91174

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo and/or Signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator about our complimentary MKBC Military Challenge Coin.

POINSETTIA ORDERS AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

How lovely the chancel and apse look when adorned with red poinsettia plants announcing the birth of our Lord and Savior. Orders are now being taken at a cost of **$11.00 per plant**. Kindly, only one plant per order form. Also, the money for each poinsettia order needs to accompany the order form. You may give the order forms/money to the Church Office (215-679-2041). **The deadline for ordering poinsettia plants is MONDAY, December 7.** *(The florist requires our order by December 8, so no add-ons will be accepted.)* **Anyone making memorial contributions to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin needs to do so by SUNDAY, December 13.** Please indicate on your check or on a piece of paper if you wish for your memorial contribution to be printed in the CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN; otherwise, it will be placed in the Sunday weekly worship bulletin.

In lieu of poinsettia plants, donations may be made toward supporting Open Link and Helping Hands, two local mission projects. Thank you for your support of these outreach endeavors and also for the beautification of New Goshenhoppen Church at this special time of the year.

NOTE: Poinsettia plants may be removed after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service OR picked up on Christmas Day (between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Enter through the Main entrance--nearest the elevators--and pick up poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary).

PLEASE, ONLY ONE PLANT PER ORDER FORM

Your Name_____Phone Number_____

Plant ( ) Mission Project ( )

Check One:

( ) In Memory of_____

By_____

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
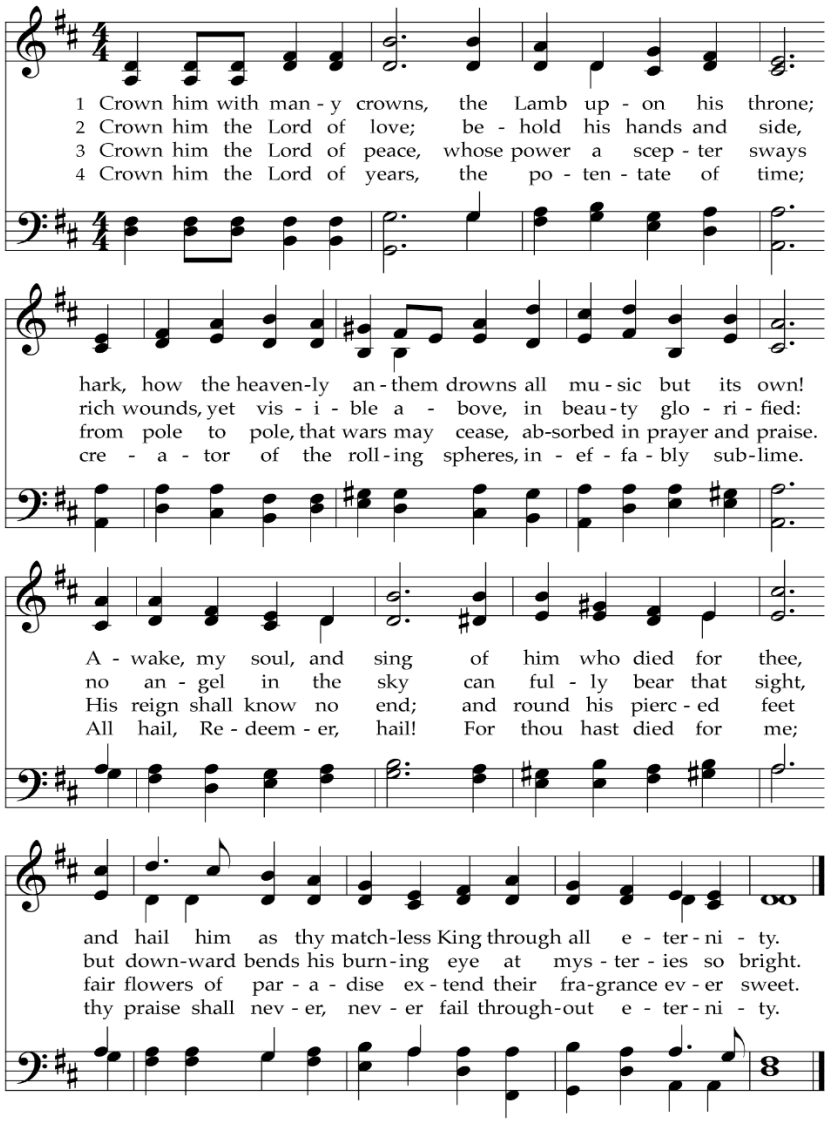
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	4:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service (St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Green Lane)
	5:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Meal (St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Green Lane)
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Consistory (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Blood Drive
Thurs.		Office Closed – ***Happy Thanksgiving!***
Fri.		Office Closed
Sat.	12:00 noon	Advent Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	11:30 a.m.	Advent Wreath making / Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
	3:15 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.
Narthex: Will Howe
Roberts' Church Office: Gene Basara
Elevator: Donna Fried
Upper Narthex: Randy Peterson
Liturgist/Acolyte: Melissa Jamison

10:30 a.m.
Narthex: Amy Hangey
Roberts' Church Office: Steve Lentz
Elevator: Cindy Roma
Upper Narthex: Denise Fox
Liturgist/Acolyte: Theodore Kutt

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268
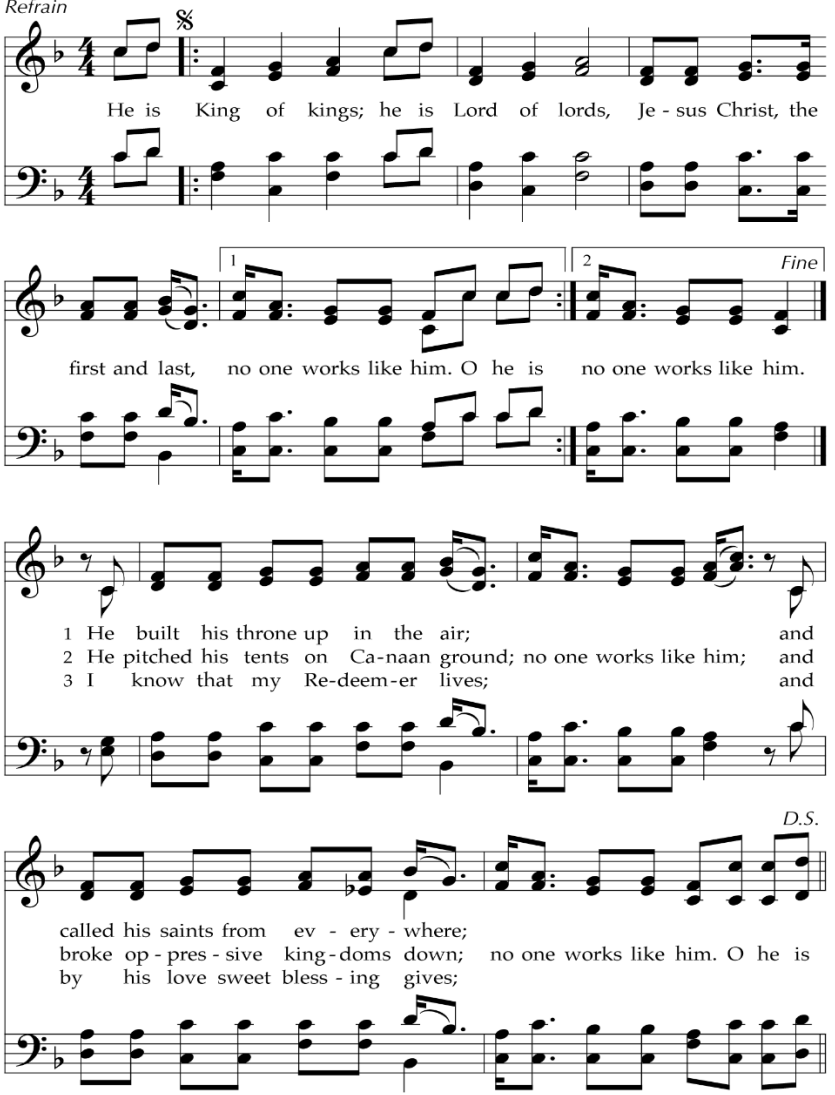


This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851
MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA
SMD

273 He Is King of Kings
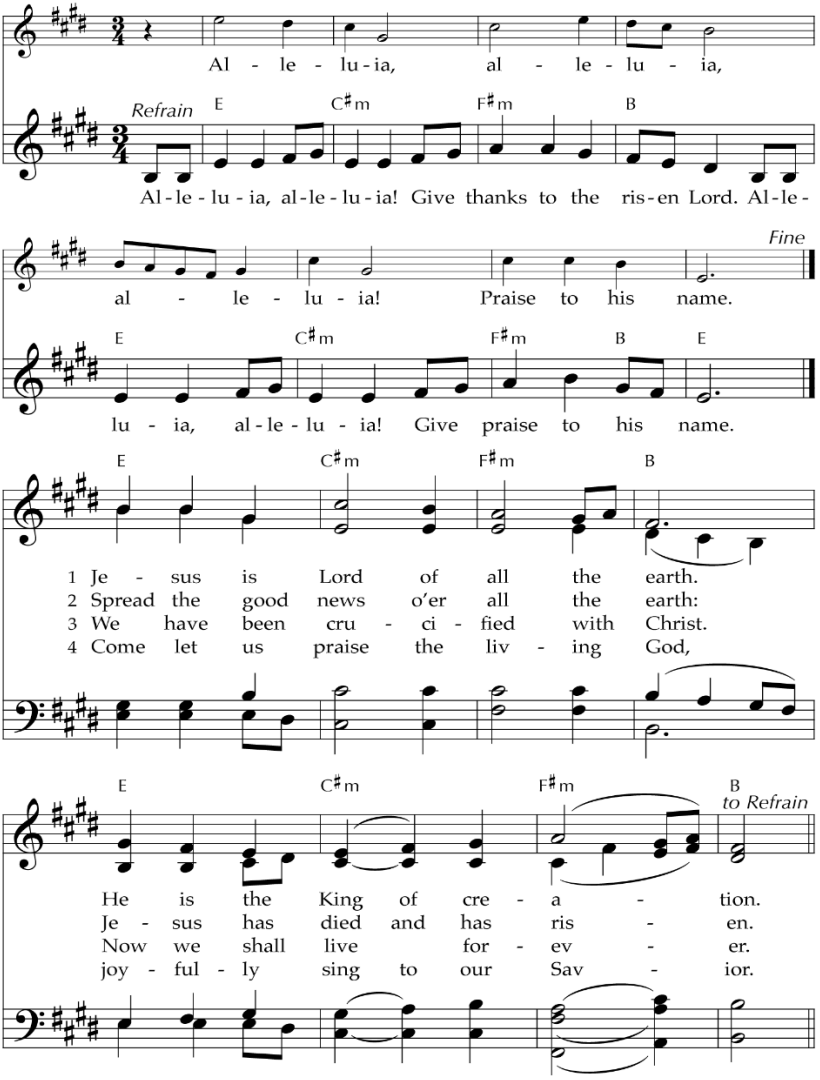


This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 1961; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989
Music Adapt. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

HE IS KING
8.5.8.5 with refrain

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
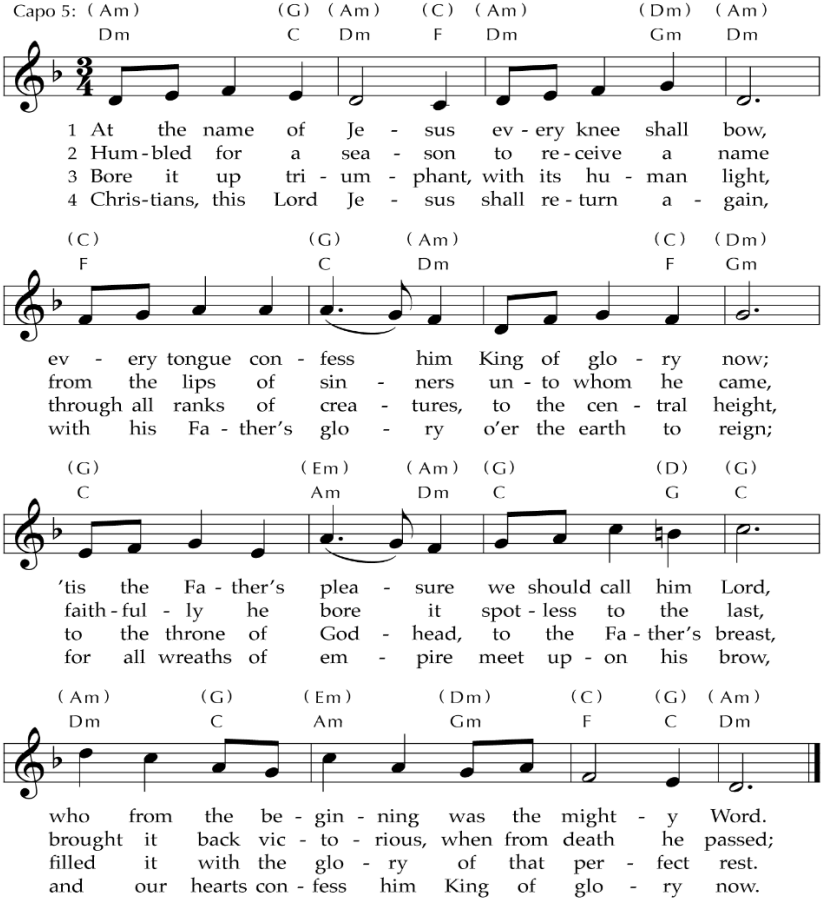


This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

TEXT: Donald Fishel, 1971
MUSIC: Donald Fishel, 1971; arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel, 1979
Text and Music © 1973 International Liturgy Publications

ALLELUIA NO. 1
8.8 with refrain

At the Name of Jesus 264



This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

TEXT: Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
Music © 1925 Oxford University Press

KING'S WESTON
6.5.6.5.D