

CHRIST
the King
SUNDAY

Your Church for Worship and the Arts!

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Welcome to Mountain Reformed Church!

We are so grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today! The vision of our church is to provide an open door to relationship with God for all through worship, teaching God's Word, and by celebrating with music and the arts. Our mission is simple: All Glory to God! Our church is independent and non-denominational, with a theology based in the reformed way of being Christian. Please see our website at www.mountainreformed.org for more information about our church.

Prayer of Meditation

God of majesty, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise. You love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

NEW DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

Please pick-up your copy at the table located at the front of the sanctuary.

We wanna hear from you – SURVEYS ARE DUE TODAY!

The MRC Facilities committee would like to know your thoughts on our church and our future! Blank surveys are available at the ushers table. Please return your completed survey by the end of the service.

MRC CANTATA “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” December 3 at 9am & 11am

Make plans now to attend MRC's Advent cantata! Two special services will be offered on December 3rd at 9am and 11am. Come celebrate this joyous time of year as our Sanctuary Choir is joined by full symphony orchestra under the direction of minister of music, Ryan Gastonguay. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! If you would like to support this effort, please designate those gifts to the “music fund.”

MRC Men’s Breakfast

The men of Mountain Reformed Church will meet for their monthly breakfast on Monday, December 4 at Zeke's Eatin' Place in the Frontier Village Shopping Center at 8am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend this time of fellowship.

Flowers

Sheri Simpson coordinates our Flower Ministry. If you would like to commemorate a special occasion by providing flowers, please ask an usher to guide you to the flower sign-up chart.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 26, 2023 - 10:30 AM
Christ the King Sunday

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

- L: Blessings to you, servants of God.
C: **We lift up our hands and bless the Lord!**
L: This is the day that the Lord has made;
C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prayer of the Day

Prelude

Lead On, O King Eternal
Eileen and Jim Klein

arr. Hart Morris

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

- L: O come, let us sing to the Lord; *Ps. 95:1,3*
C: **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- L: For the Lord is a great God;
C: **a great ruler over heaven and earth!**

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #302

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where you lead.**

**You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne.**

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETorex)

Declaration of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

(Please be seated)

Anthem

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee;
not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Must die eternally,*

*Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n,
Or of escaping hell;*

*Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and
spear,
And manifold disgrace.*

*Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord!*

*E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my Eternal King.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

My Tribute

by Andraé Crouch

Kathleen Cuvelier, soprano

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(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

The Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

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

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please remain seated)

Response, Hymn #295

All Hail King Jesus

KING JESUS

Prayer for Illumination

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

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 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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The King and I”

Pastor Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #303

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

(Please remain standing)

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

L: Christians, what do you believe?

**WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
WE BELIEVE in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

(Please be seated)

Prayers for the People, concluded with The Lord's Prayer in unison:

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our 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.**

Sending

Charge

L: With the eyes of your heart enlightened,
receive the hope to which God has called you
in Jesus Christ.

Eph. 1:18

C: **Glory be to God!**

Benediction

Response

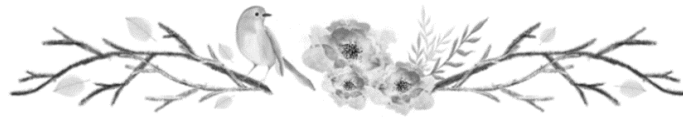
Threefold Amen

arr. Lloyd Larson

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Mark Hayes



Flowers today are in grateful thanksgiving to God for His love, mercy and grace.

Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Jim Klein

Liturgist: Lyndi Peacock

Acolyte: Rehab Gastonguay

Ushers: Mike Vest & Joe Stratford

Greeter: Karen Thorstad

MRC Bulletin and Weekly Email

Would you like to place an announcement in the Sunday bulletin or “This Week at Mountain Reformed Church” email? Please send your info to Ryan Gastonguay at ryan@mountainreformed.org. The deadline is Monday evening of each week for the coming weekend, but we always appreciate as much notice as possible.

Grand Duets For Christmas - A Two Piano Concert

Ezra Hawthorne and Dr. Craig Ralston are putting together a piano duet Christmas concert! The public performance is on 12/13 but they will be presenting a special FREE church family & friends concert on Sunday 12/10 at 7pm at the Jim & Linda Lee Performing Arts Center. This would be a great time to get the church family together and celebrate the Christmas Season! (In lieu of an admission charge a freewill offering will be collected.)

Fellowship Brigade: Coffee volunteers needed!

MRC Family, we are in need of volunteers to take care of the Coffee for December 2023 and February 2024. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Beth Wingate 970-456-8763 bbs5829a@gmail.com. The signup sheet is available in the binder where our coffee and snacks are located. **The coffee process is now easier than ever with a coffee maker conveniently located in our Event Spot kitchen!**

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MRC Name Badges

If you would like an MRC name badge, please send your name as it should appear to Ryan Gastonguay: ryan@mountainreformed.org and he will have one made.

Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry and prayer chain, please indicate this on your welcome card. Lyndi Peacock coordinates this ministry, and she will send prayer requests to you by email: lyndi@milehighlending.com. You can also call or text Lyndi at 928-899-2085. If you are seeking prayer please email Lyndi your request directly or fill out a prayer request card (available at the usher’s table) and place in the offering plate.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls serve as a tangible reminder of God's love for those who are walking through difficult times. A prayer shawl can bring great comfort! Shawls can also be given in celebration of milestones such as graduations, weddings, and new babies. Our shawls are lovingly created by Sharon Tom, Barbara Poland, Sheri Simpson, and Debra Ochoa. Please let us know if you have someone who needs a prayer shawl! Recipients do not have to be local. Anyone with a love for knitting or crochet is welcome to participate in this ministry as well. Please email Sharon: sharonctom@yahoo.com.

Card Ministry

Cards for encouragement, celebration, sympathy, get well, birthdays and more can be mailed out via our Card Ministry. Pam Rineholt, Amy Greenland, Beth Wingate, Carolyn Peterson, Sharon Tom and Sheri Simpson coordinate this ministry and can always use donations of cards and stamps. Please let us know if you have someone whose day would be brightened by receiving a card from Mountain Reformed Church! Please email Pam Rineholt: pueblodesign@gmail.com.

Pastor on Call

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm is the Pastor on Call. If you would like to get in touch, feel free to email eugenegrimm@me.com or call 928-925-6057.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers in several areas to help facilitate worship. If you would like to help, please let us know! We need Ushers, Liturgists, Coffee Fellowship Helpers, Setup Assistants, Sound Technicians, and Camera Operators.

***A LARGE PRINT VERSION OF THIS BULLETIN IS AVAILABLE AT THE USHER'S TABLE.**

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Forecast 2023

Mountain Reformed Church Financial Activity Summary (reflects our current operating expenses and general fund giving, not all designated giving & expenses)

	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
OFFERINGS (GENERAL FUND)	\$3,080.31	\$13,348.00	\$160,176.00
TOTAL FACILITY	\$793.00	\$3,436.00	\$41,236.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$1,575.00	\$6,828.00	\$81,920.00
TOTAL MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$462.00	\$2,002.00	\$24,020.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$213.50	\$930.00	\$11,160.00
Total Expenses	\$3,043.50	\$13,196.00	\$158,336.00

11/19/2023 Worship Attendance: 54

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